WTVP-TV ASCERTAINMENT
PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2011

Government/Politics/Public Affairs

At Issue – Cumulative Voting
Peoria is the only municipality in the state of Illinois that uses cumulative voting. H and
his guests, NAACP State President Don Jackson and original lawsuit plaintiff Joyce
Banks, will discuss its impact and future in anticipation of the Peoria City Council’s
impending vote for or against its continuation.
Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011 4:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Washington Week
PBS' longest-running public affairs series, hosted by Gwen Ifill, features Washington's
top journalists analyzing the week's top news stories and their effect on the lives of all
Americans.
Fridays, Oct. 7-Dec. 30, 2011 7 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

Need To Know
This weekly series reinvents the television newsmagazine. Throughout the week, stories
are developed online and invite input and interaction from the online community. On air,
the hour-long Friday night television broadcast showcases documentary-style reports,
short features, studio-based interviews, and more.
Fridays, Oct. 7-Dec. 30, 2011 7:30 p.m. 60 minutes each PBS

At Issue–Legislative Veto Session
State Representatives Jehan Gordon and Dan Brady and Senators Dave Koehler and
Darin LaHood speak with H about the issues facing them in the upcoming fall veto
session, and also engage in a discussion of term limits. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue–Suburban Growth
The Village of Dunlap has fewer than 1,400 residents, yet is exploring a new park
district, waste water treatment plant, annexation, TIF district and a new master plan. H
and guests Dunlap Mayor Mark Fennell, Village Clerk Fraser Engerman, Village Trustee
Sheila Taylor and Village Attorney Scott Brunton look at how a community with just two
full-time employees is handling growth. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue–Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon
Illinois Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon and H discuss how many school districts the
state should have, a proposed new funding mechanism for community colleges, new
markets for local foods and improvements to the quality of the Illinois River. (Repeated
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP
Illinois Lawmakers
In this special 30-minute edition of Illinois Lawmakers, host Jak Tichenor talks with legislators about critical issues facing the state of Illinois.
Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 10 p.m. 30 minutes IPBC

At Issue–Veto Session Reaction
Host H Wayne Wilson talks state politics with Jim Nowlan and Charlie Wheeler from the University of Illinois in Urbana and Springfield, and William Hall from Bradley University in Peoria. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue – Bloomington/Normal Issues – A Live Call-in Special
The Mayors and City Managers from Bloomington/Normal answer viewer questions during this special that will be broadcast from 8:30-9 p.m., and continue exclusively online from 9-9:30 p.m. at wtvp.org. Questions may be submitted in advance via social media. Details can be found on www.wtvp.org. (Repeats Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Health/Science/Technology

Nature – Dogs That Changed the World-Part 1
From the tiniest Chihuahua to the largest St. Bernard, all dogs claim the wolf as their ancestor. Using DNA analysis and other research, scientists have now pieced together the puzzle of canine evolution, creating a fascinating picture of some of the essential dogs vital to the canine population. Part one chronicles the evolution of dogs and how they infiltrated human society.
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

At Issue–Nuclear Power Safety
Cindy Pederson, the Deputy Regional Administrator for the Midwest Division of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will discuss nuclear power plant safety in the wake of the earthquakes that affected the Fukushima-Daiichi, Japan, and North Anna, Virginia plants. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Some working dogs are able to use their skills to perform tasks they were bred for; there are still jobs today for herders, hunters and guard dogs. But as we multiply and transform the many breeds of dogs, honing their looks and their sizes, we also change our relationship with them, and theirs with us. How can we learn to cope with the hard-wired instincts of our pets, and what roles can they play in a world their ancestors would hardly recognize?
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA – Finding Life Beyond Earth
Scientists are on the verge of answering one of the greatest questions in history: Are we alone? Combining the latest telescope images with dazzling CGI, "Finding Life Beyond Earth" immerses audiences in the sights and sounds of alien worlds, while top
astrobiologists explain how these places are changing how we think about the potential for life in our solar system.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis: A Sit & Be Fit Special
DVT (deep vein thrombosis) is a largely preventable condition that claims 300,000 lives each year in the United States. This special Sit and Be Fit episode will help increase awareness of risk factors and symptoms; and most importantly will show viewers movement based strategies for preventing this potentially fatal condition.
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes NETA

NOVA – The Fabric of the Cosmos
In this four-hour NOVA special series, acclaimed physicist Brian Greene takes viewers on a mind-bending reality check and journey to the frontiers of physics to see how scientists are piecing together the most complete picture yet of space, time and the universe.
Wednesdays, Nov. 2-23, 2011 8 p.m. 240 minutes PBS

Steve Jobs – One Last Thing
To mark his passing, this special looks at Steve Jobs and provides insights into the man and the major influences that helped shape his life and career. Titled as a play on the famous catchphrase used by Jobs at his product launch presentations, the program takes an unflinching look at Jobs' difficult, controlling disposition, and offers unique insights into what made him tick.
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Interesting People
Host Ed Sutkowski talks with renowned epidemiologist Dr. Malcolm Pike of Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. (Repeated Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 10 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Journey of the Universe
Where do we come from? Why are we here? In Journey of the Universe, acclaimed evolutionary philosopher and storyteller Brian Thomas Swimme guides viewers through an exploration of life’s biggest questions with scientific discovery, ancient wisdom, and visually stunning images of Earth and the expanse of the cosmos.
Monday, Dec. 5, 2011 8:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

3 Steps to Incredible Health! With Joel Fuhrman, M.D.
This program offers a healthy, effective, and scientifically proven plan for shedding weight quickly and reclaiming the vitality and good health we all deserve.
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

At Issue–Ground Level Ozone
Host H Wayne Wilson talks with Dr. Stephen Smart, Physician, John Chambers of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and Rob Kaleel, Illinois EPA Air Quality Manager about the medical impact of ground level ozone and local efforts to reduce the levels of this primary ingredient of smog. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP
Business/Finance

Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
Hosted by Consuelo Mack, one of the most experienced business journalists in television, Consuelo Mack WealthTrack brings the best investment advice from the best brains in the business to public television viewers. The half-hour programs are devoted to the broad world of investing – from stocks and bonds to condos and collectibles.
Sundays, Oct. 2-Dec. 25, 2011 Noon 30 minutes each PBS

Market to Market
Hosted by Mark Pearson, nationally recognized for his agribusiness and rural expertise, Market to Market continues its tradition of solid reporting on the issues confronting farm country and expert analysis of major commodity markets that fuel the rural economy.
Sundays, Oct. 2-Dec. 25, 2011 1 p.m. 30 minutes each Iowa Public TV

Nightly Business Report 2011
A series designed to give viewers a context and analysis of the day’s business news so that they can make better financial decisions.
Monday-Friday, Oct. 3-Dec. 30, 2011 5:30 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

Interesting People
Host Ed Sutkowski interviews Tana Utley, Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of the Product Development & Global Technology Division at Caterpillar. (Repeated Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 10 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

America’s Heartland
This 22-part series celebrates United States agriculture by spotlighting the diverse group of men and women, who grow the country’s crops, raise its livestock, tend its nurseries and prepare its good. The series portrays the works of agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture through fascinating stores and characters, innovative ideas and enticing travel destinations.
Thursdays, Oct. 6-Dec. 29, 2011 11:30 a.m. 30 minutes each APT

At Issue–Peoria’s Warehouse District
Host H Wayne Wilson explores development of Peoria’s warehouse district with Chris Setti of the City of Peoria, City Councilman and Heartland Partnership Vice-President of Development Ryan Spain and developer Pat Sullivan. There will be a taped segment from Omaha with developers who were responsible for the growth of the Old Market warehouse district. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Frontline – Flying Cheap
Frontline investigates the 2009 deadly crash of Continental 3407 in Buffalo, NY, and discovers a dramatically changed airline industry, where regional carriers now account for half of the nation’s daily departures. The rise of the regionals and arrival of low-cost carriers have been a huge boon to consumers, and the industry insists that the skies remain safe. But many insiders are worried that now, thirty years after airline deregulation, the aviation system is being stretched beyond its capacity to deliver
service that is both cheap and safe.
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes WTVP

At Issue–The Future of Airports
Host H Wayne Wilson sits down with Gene Olson, the Director of Peoria International Airport, to discuss potential growth and possible challenges at local airports.
Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue–Business View of Illinois Economy
The president of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Doug Whitley, will discuss the corporate community's view of the Illinois business climate. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Environment

Suburban America: Problems & Promise
This program explores America's suburbs from their genesis to their ongoing developmental challenges. The documentary sheds light on issues facing suburbia including infrastructure, transportation, housing, economic development, environmental concerns, sustainability and community revitalization. It also details the shift to more suburban political campaigning and features a visit to areas where politicians confronted suburban problems and worked with citizens to enact positive change.
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 3 p.m. 60 minutes APT

Ribbon of Sand
The Outer Banks of North Carolina are a slim and moving line of sand in the open Atlantic. Many travelers think they know these islands, but south of Ocracoke Inlet there rises a luminous bar of sand 60 miles in extent, with no roads, no bridges and no hotels. These are the wild beaches of Cape Lookout -- one of the few remaining natural barrier islands in the world. At once an exaltation and elegy, "Ribbon of Sand" profiles this seascape and the transitory islands that are doomed to disappear. Meryl Streep reads excerpts from Rachel Carson's writings.
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2011 4:30 a.m. 30 minutes PBS

Nature – My Life as a Turkey
Based on his true story, this program recreates Joe Hutto's moving tale of raising wild turkey hatchlings in Florida's Flatwoods.
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Nature – Christmas in Yellowstone
As snow falls and Christmas lights glow in Jackson Hole, a holiday season of a different sort settles in just beyond the town, in the great winter world of Yellowstone. Breathtaking landscapes frame intimate scenes of wolves and coyotes, elk and bison, bears and otters as they make their way through their most challenging season of the year.
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS
NOVA – What Darwin Never Knew
What actually drives evolution and turns one species into another? And how did we evolve? On the 150th anniversary of Darwin's "On the Origin of Species," NOVA reveals answers to the riddles that Darwin couldn't explain.
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

The Botany of Desire
This program brings Michael Pollan's best-selling book of the same name to television, showing how human desires are an essential, intricate part of natural history. The program explores the natural history of four plants - the apple, the tulip, marijuana and the potato - and the corresponding human desires - sweetness, beauty, intoxication and controlling nature - that link their destinies to our own.
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 7 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Nature – Arctic Bears
Polar bears are living on borrowed time. The descendants of grizzlies, they long ago evolved to live and hunt on the frozen ice of the Arctic, eating a specialized diet of seal meat. But warmer winters have melted some of the ice and raising a family becomes much more difficult when hunting time is short and food is scarce. Grizzlies, on the other hand, are masters at living off the land, making a meal from a wide variety of foods - meats, seeds, berries, insects, fruit and honey. Their world is bountiful and expanding northward, converging with what was once the icy domain of the polar bear. Are the polar bears fated to become grizzlies once again?
Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Youth/Education

Design Squad
This series is designed to get 9- to 12-year-olds excited about engineering. For example, in the program "The Need for Speed," a professional racecar builder challenges teams of high school students to convert a red wagon and a tricycle into motorized dragsters.
Sundays, Oct. 2–Dec. 25, 5 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

Biz Kid$
A fast-paced series that teaches kids about money and entrepreneurship. Topics explored include "What Is a Biz Kid?"—a look at how anybody can be a Biz Kid with effort and the right attitude.
Sundays, Oct. 2-Dec. 25, 2011 5:30 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

Growing Hope Against Hunger
This one-hour special raises awareness of the widespread issue of hunger in the United States. The special speaks to both children and adults with a story that celebrates the importance of community as everyone works to help one another.
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011 6 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Independent Lens – Deaf Jam
This program showcases the beauty and power of American Sign Language (ASL) poetry through this portrait of deaf teen Aneta Brodski.
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS
Science Mission 101

SCIENCE MISSION 101 is an educational, competitive reality-style program geared to middle schoolers. Host Mike Lee challenges two teams of high school students - Team Awesome and Team Dominate - to unravel the scientific mystery of why only certain strains of the bacterium Salmonella make people sick. The teams perform their scientific investigations aboard the University of Pittsburgh's Mobile Science Lab, a converted 18-wheeler outfitted with the latest high-end equipment. Members of Pitt's Department of Biological Sciences judge each team's findings and evaluate them based on cooperation, creativity, interpretation of experimental data, presentation and scientific thought.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 3 p.m. 30 minutes APT

Nonna Tell Me a Story: Lidia’s Christmas Kitchen
In her first holiday special, public television's favorite Italian-American cook, Lidia Bastianich, tells her five grandchildren about the Christmases she celebrated in her native Italy.
Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 4:30 p.m. 30 minutes APT

Social Issues

Prohibition
Ken Burns' and Lynn Novick's new series tells the story of the rise, rule, and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the era it encompassed. The culmination of nearly a century of activism, Prohibition was intended to protect individuals, families, and society at large from the devastating effects of alcohol abuse. But a faith-driven moral code in the Constitution paradoxically caused millions of Americans to rethink their definition of morality.
Sunday-Tuesday, Oct. 2-4, 2011 7-9 p.m. each night 6 hours PBS

Frontline – Lost in Detention
More than one million immigrants have been deported since President Obama took office. Under his administration deportations and detentions have reached record levels. But it faces Republican critics urging stricter measures, and a growing backlash among Latino voters, a key 2012 electoral force. Correspondent Maria Hinojosa investigates Obama’s enforcement strategies and journeys into the secretive world of immigrant detention, with a look at who is being detained and what is happening to them.
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Independent Lens – Donor Unknown
This documentary tells the story of a group of young women and men conceived by artificial insemination who set out to discover their biological father and in the process meet their (many) siblings.
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

At Issue–Central Illinois Poverty
With 15% of Americans now living in poverty, host H Wayne Wilson and guests focus on Central Illinois’ efforts to assist those individuals in need of assistance. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP
Independent Lens – Lives Worth Living
Directed by Eric Neudel, this film looks at Fred Fay, a man who survived a devastating spinal cord injury when he was only 16, and turned his misfortune into a movement for disabled equality.
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

America in Primetime
Since its inception, television has served as a lens on American society, and in the expansive world of modern TV, today's heroes and villains have come a long way from their predecessors. This series showcases this art form, which has both reflected and shaped our national character.
Sundays, Oct. 30-Nov. 20, 2011 7 p.m. 240 minutes PBS

At Issue–Thanks to Those Who Give
During the season of Thanksgiving it's appropriate to hear from volunteers who give of their time and talents to help individuals in need. Host H Wayne Wilson visits with volunteers from both Peoria and Bloomington/Normal organizations to hear what motivates them to give. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)
Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Independent Lens – Troop 1500
At the Gatesville Prison in Texas, a unique Girl Scout troop unites daughters with mothers who have been convicted of serious crimes. Facing steep sentences from the courts & tough questions from their children, the mothers struggle to rebuild relationships as their daughters make their way through childhood with a mother behind bars.
Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

War/Terror/Crime

War of 1812
"The War of 1812" explores this significant event from divergent points of view. Leading historians, battle re-enactors and historic images help bring this defining conflict to life.
Monday, Oct. 10, 2011 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Frontline – The Anthrax Files
In the fall of 2001 envelopes carrying deadly Anthrax were delivered to U.S. Senate offices, network news divisions and a tabloid newspaper. Five people were killed, many more infected and the nation was terrorized. Seven years later, after mistakenly pursuing one suspect, the most expensive and complex investigation ever undertaken by the FBI ended when they identified Army scientist Dr. Bruce Ivins as the sole perpetrator of the attacks -- after Ivins had taken his own life. Now, new questions are being raised about the FBI's investigative methods and whether Ivins really did it.
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Women, War & Peace
This new five-part series focuses on the changing roles of women in war and peace. The vast majority of today's conflicts are not fought by nation states and their armies, but rather by informal entities: gangs, insurgent groups and warlords using unconventional weapons. The series reveals how post-Cold War
proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. Yet they are simultaneously emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict.

Tuesdays, Oct. 11-Nov. 8, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes each PBS

Frontline – Death By Fire
Several controversial death penalty cases are currently under examination in Texas and in other states, but it's the 2004 execution of Cameron Todd Willingham - convicted for the arson deaths of his three young children - that's now at the center of the national debate. With unique access to those closest to the case, FRONTLINE examines the Willingham conviction in light of new science that raises doubts about whether the fire at the center of the case was really arson at all.
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Nazi Hunt: Elusive Justice
Candice Bergen narrates new documentary providing a definitive account of efforts - official and unofficial - to locate, prosecute and punish fugitive Nazis around the world.
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Frontline – A Perfect Terrorist
It has been called the most spectacular terror attack since 9/11. On the night of November 26, 2008, ten men armed with guns and grenades launched an assault on Mumbai with a military precision that left 166 dead. India quickly learned the attackers belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani militant group associated with Pakistan’s secretive intelligence agency, the ISI. But what wasn’t known then was that a Lashkar/ISI operative had been casing the city for two years, developing a blueprint for terror. His name was David Coleman Headley, and he’d been chosen for the job because he had the perfect cover: he was an American citizen. Frontline investigates the mysterious circumstances behind Headley’s rise from heroin dealer and U.S. government informant to master plotter of the 2008 attack on Mumbai.
Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Unforgettable: The Korean War
This film recalls the "un-won" war that never ended...no one even wanted to call it a war: it was "the Korean conflict" or a "police action." Finally, it was called the Forgotten War. No matter the name, the Korean War killed tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers and affected many more lives at home.
Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Independent Lens – Lioness
Directors Meg McLagan and Daria Sommers give viewers an intimate look at war through the eyes of the first women in U.S. history sent into direct ground combat, despite a policy that bans them from doing so. Through harrowing personal stories, these women candidly share their experiences in Iraq as well as experiences from their lives back home to form a portrait of the emotional and psychological effects of war.
Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS
Minorities

Independent Lens – Wham! Bam! Islam!
This film explores the rocky road to acceptance and success for the first Islamic-themed comic book series featuring Muslim superheroes.
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Independent Lens – We Still Live Here - Âs Nutayuneân
Directed by Anne Makepeace, this film captures the return of the Wampanoag nation’s lost native language, the first time a language with no native speakers has been revived in this country.
Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011 8:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Independent Lens – The Reel Injun
With candid interviews with directors, writers, actors and activists, including Clint Eastwood, Jim Jarmusch, Robbie Robertson, Sacheen Littlefeather, John Trudell and Russell Means, and clips from numerous films, including "Stagecoach," "Little Big Man," "The Outlaw Josey Wales," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Atanarjuat the Fast Runner," this program traces the evolution of cinema's depiction of Native people from the silent film era to today.
Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Forgotten Ellis Island
As America wrestles once again with the issue of immigration, "Forgotten Ellis Island" provides a unique lens on this contentious debate. It is a powerful tribute to the best and worst of America's dealings with its new citizens-to-be.
Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami
This film explores the critical role that Miami played in the evolution of one of the significant cultural figures of our time: Muhammad Ali (nee Cassius Clay).
Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Communications/Media

Interesting People
In this special edition, host Ed Sutkowski talks with former NFL player and Coach Mike Ditka. (Repeated Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011 10 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Interesting People
Host Ed Sutkowski talks with Reverend Linda Butler, Chaplain and Director of the New Promise Center at South Side Mission. (Repeated Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 10 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP