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The top 6 Public Affairs Broadcast Issues/Programs addressed by WYMT-TV
Program Department: Government/Political, Health/Environmental, Economy,
Education, Tourism/Recreation, and Crime.

Issues: Health/Environmental

60 Minutes

7P-8P

10/06/13

"Disability USA" - a report on the state of the Federal Disability Insurance Program, which serves nearly twelve million people, up twenty percent in the last six years. Administered by the Social Security Administration, it could become the first government benefits program to run out of money – due in large part to aging baby boomers, the effects of a bad economy, as well as questions of fraud by legal, medical and judicial professionals. Includes interviews with: Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK), who is spear heading an investigation into the abuses of the system; Randy Frye and Marilyn Zahm, disability judges and, respectively, President and Vice President of the Association of Administrative Law Judges; Jenna Fliszar and Jessica White, former attorneys for Binder & Binder; Jennifer Griffith and Sarah Carver, disability claims processors at a Social Security office in West Virginia; and well-known disability lawyer Eric C. Conn of Kentucky.

10/06/13

"Cosmic Roulette" – Concern over the ability to detect asteroids and comets that come close to Earth grew after an incident in Russia in February 2013, when an asteroid crashed into the atmosphere. It is estimated there are a million asteroids in space big enough to destroy a city, however scientists only know where one percent of them are. Includes interviews with: Paul Chodas and his boss, Don Yeomans, scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California; Amy Mainzer, NASA scientist; Ed Lu, former astronaut.

10/20/13

"Dick Cheney's Heart" – an interview with former Vice President Dick Cheney about what he reveals in his new book, "Heart", co-authored with his cardiologist Dr. Jonathan Reiner. Cheney has battled heart disease over his entire political career and even penned a letter of resignation to give to President George W. Bush should anything happen to him while in office. Includes interviews with: Dr. Jonathan Reiner, cardiologist.

10/20/13

"Return of the Humpback" – a report on the ongoing effort to save the endangered humpback whale, focusing on two individuals. Activist and co-founder of Greenpeace, Paul Watson intervenes with what he considers illegal activity by the Japanese and a few others because they are still harpooning whales, even though commercial whaling is banned by international agreement. Nan Hauser, a marine biologist, spends her days swimming with and researching whales via small satellite transmitters in Rarotonga, of the Cook Islands. Includes interviews with: Paul Watson, founder of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society; Nan Hauser, marine biologist.

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12/22/13

"Rocky Mountain High" - a report on Colorado's state-legalized cultivation and sale of medical marijuana, a thriving industry -- and an activity still illegal under federal law. Includes interviews with: Matt Cook, former Colorado narcotics officer, now a consultant to the medical marijuana industry; Ean Seeb, owner of Denver Relief, a medical marijuana dispensary; Kristi Kelly, investor in a dispensary; Tripp Keber, CEO of Dixie Elixirs, which makes cannabis-laced edibles; Sam Kamin, law professor, University of Denver; Stan Garnett, Boulder County district attorney; James Cole, U.S. Deputy Attorney General.

12/29/13

60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Going to Extremes"

"The Birdmen" - a report on an extreme sport that has killed several of its participants, called birdmen, who wear specially-made wingsuits and jump off mountain tops and glide at speeds of 140 miles per hour. 60 MINUTES talks with some of the sport's top athletes and shows them in action in the Romsdal Valley of Norway. Interviewed: JT Holmes, an American professional skier from Lake Tahoe; Julian Boulle, a South African skydiver and aerial photographer; and Tom Erik Heiman, birdman. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Tom Anderson) (OAD: 10/11/09 on 60 MINUTES)

"Spy On The Ice" - a profile of British filmmaker John Downer and his innovative camera techniques, which have allowed him to show animals up-close in their natural environment. The report focusses on the "spy-cam" filming of polar bears for his new film, "Spy On The Ice", which will air on Animal Planet. Also includes comments by: Phil Dalton, Downer's producer; Geoff Bell, Downer's camera designer; Sir David Attenborough, naturalist. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael H. Gavshon) (OAD: 03/06/11 on 60 MINUTES)

"The Nile Crocodile" - a report on Africa's Nile crocodile. Includes an underwater dive in Botswana's Okavango Delta with wildlife filmmakers Brad Bestelink and his wife, Andy Crawford. The crocodiles are experienced up close in their natural habitat. Also includes an interview with Dr. Adam Britton, Australian zoologist. (C: Anderson Cooper - P: Michael H. Gavshon, Paul Bellinger) (OAD: 03/24/13 on 60 MINUTES)

Issues: Economy

60 Minutes:

7p-8p

10/20/13

"Washington's Open Secret" - a report on the current state of campaign financing and congressional ethics in Washington, DC. Members of Congress can and often do use funds donated to their Political Action Committees (PAC) for personal use, such as private trips and the hiring of family members. Since these are not campaign funds, this practice is legal. Includes interviews with: Peter Schweizer, author and fellow at the Hoover Institution; Trevor Potter, former chairman of the Federal Election Commission; Rep. Robert Andrews, D-NJ; Melanie Sloan, Executive Dir. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington; Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-LA; Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-CA

11/17/13

"The Giving Pledge" - a report on The Giving Pledge, an effort created to help address society's most pressing problems by inviting the world's wealthiest individuals (billionaires) and their families to commit to giving more than half of their wealth to philanthropy or charitable causes, either during their lifetime or in their will. Includes interviews with the founding trio: Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway, and Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, and his wife Melinda Gates. Also includes comments by members Jeffrey Skoll, eBay's first president and film producer; investor Pete Peterson; Dr. Precious Moloi-Motsepe, wife of Patrice; Sara Blakely, entrepreneur and creator of the undergarment "Spanx"; and AOL founder Steve Case and his wife, Jean Case. South African mining mogul Patrice Motsepe and investor Nicolas Berggruen, members of the Giving Pledge, appeared on camera, but did not speak. Also features comments from Randall Lane, editor at Forbes Magazine.

Issues: Economy Continued

60 Minutes:

7p-8p

12/01/14

"Amazon" – a report on Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, and how they are able to fulfill the requests of 225 million customers worldwide. Recently Amazon has introduced new services such as Amazon Fresh, Amazon Fashion, Amazon Web Services and Amazon original programming. 60 MINUTES was introduced to Amazon's latest venture, octocopters, autonomous drones to be used for delivery. This is still years away from a launch date. Includes an excerpt from Amazon's first web series, "Alpha House". Includes interviews with: Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon; and Dave Clark, Amazon Vice President.

Issues General

60 Minutes

7p-8p

11/03/13

"Guantanamo" – a report on the circumstances surrounding the preparations for the first war crimes tribunal of the accused al-Qaeda terrorists charged with plotting the attacks on September 11, 2001, which will be held at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Pre-trial proceedings have commenced amidst controversy over the location of the tribunal and the admissibility of statements obtained through the use of enhanced interrogation techniques by the CIA on the five defendants. Includes interviews with: Brigadier General Mark Martins, chief prosecutor; Cheryl Bormann, Walid bin Attash's attorney; David Nevin, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's (KSM) attorney; and Navy Commander Walter Ruiz, military attorney for Mustafa al-Hawsawi.

11/10/13

"210 Days of Captivity" – an interview with Matthew Schrier, an American war photographer who was kidnapped in Syria on December 31, 2012 by al-Qaeda-linked militant group Jabhat al-Nusra. Schrier was held captive in a rebel-controlled prison in the Syrian city of Aleppo where he was tortured and his bank accounts emptied, all while rebels pretended to be him in e-mails to his family. After 210 days as a hostage, Schrier escaped through a hole in his basement cell.

Issues General

48 Hours:

8p-9p

12/07/13

48 HOURS PRESENTS: "Nelson Mandela: Father of a Nation" (9:00-10:00p) – a review of the life of Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid leader and former president of South Africa. CBS News journalists who covered his story first-hand use CBS News' rich archive of material to explore the cultural, social and political impact his life had on the world. Includes: (1) Martha Teichner, who reported from South Africa during Mandela's years in prison, recalls Mandela's 1990 release. People rejoiced and celebrated the impossible: after 27 years in prison, Nelson Mandela greeted the world. Includes an historical perspective on Apartheid, Mandela's political life, his prison sentence, and the negotiations that led to his release. Interviewed: fellow political prisoner Mac Maharaj; former Time magazine editor/Mandela collaborator Rick Stengel; Archbishop Desmond Tutu. (2) Bob Simon reports on Mandela's journey from prisoner to president of South Africa, the end of Apartheid in South Africa and Mandela's legacy of forgiveness and reconciliation. Interviewed: former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young; Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis (D- GA). (3) Mark Phillips reports on the reaction to Mandela's passing. After long years of decline, the people were prepared for his eventual death. Today, they dance and sing for the man, his life and his legacy. (4) CBS News cultural correspondent Wynton Marsalis and South African musician Hugh Masekela talk about the importance of music in South Africa and how it became a catalyst to freedom. They perform the South African national anthem together. (5) Two young South African filmmakers, Nina Oosthuizen and Lulama Bongobi, one white, one black, reflect on Mandela's legacy to his country. (6) Anchor Scott Pelley discusses the schedules for the national memorial service and the funeral.

Issues: Crime

48 Hours:

8p-9p

10/19/13

48 HOURS: “aka Rockefeller” - a report about the mysterious life of Christian Gerhartsreiter, a con-man, who had pretended, since he came to America from Germany, to be a bond trader, a TV producer, a baronet and even Clark Rockefeller, a member of the famous and wealthy Rockefeller family. In 2008, Gerhartsreiter, then claiming to be Clark Rockefeller, made headlines when he abducted his 7-year-old daughter. The Rockefeller family made it clear that he was not a part of their family. What he was, according to police, was a killer on the run. His arrest in the kidnapping case blew the lid off a 30-year con. All the other identities he had used came to light including the alias he was living under in 1982 in San Marino, California: Christopher Chichester, the 13th Baronet of Chichester. San Marino police believe he murdered John and Linda Sohus, who disappeared in 1985. Years later, the bones of John Sohus were found in the backyard of the house where they lived. At the time, Christopher Chichester lived in the guest house on the property. He went on trial for the murder of John Sohus and was found guilty. **On-Screen Text Graphic:** “Rockefeller” fired his lawyers and filed his own petition for a new trial. The judge denied the motion. His daughter is now twelve-years-old. She has no contact with her father. Interviewed: Christian Gerhartsreiter; Vanity Fair reporter/48 HOURS consultant Mark Seal; journalist and former friend Walter Kirn; Linda’s best friend Sue Coffman; former boss Richard Barnett; Lt. Dan Allen of the San Marino, California Police Department; Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca; Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Tim Miley; FBI Special Agent Tammy Harty; forensic pathologist Dr. Frank Sheridan; prosecutor Habib Balica; John Sohus’ sister and brother, Ellen Sohus and Chris Sohus.

10/26/13

48 HOURS: “Loved to Death” (10:00-11:00pm) - an investigation into the rise of violence surrounding relationship breakups among adolescents, as detailed in the story of Wayland, Massachusetts teenager Lauren Astley, a popular teen whose last encounter with her football player ex-boyfriend proved to be fatal. She had had a tumultuous relationship with Nathaniel Fujita: they dated for three years, with continual breakups and reconciliations. At the end of their senior year of high school, Lauren had broken the relationship off for good and was looking forward to college and meeting new people. Fujita, too, was to go to college, but he struggled to come to terms with the breakup. His mother, worried about him, took him to a psychiatrist. Their relationship was discussed by their friends on social media. Lauren secretly visited Nathaniel one last time to see how he was doing -- the meeting proved fatal. Two families were forever changed. Through interviews with friends, police investigators, Nathaniel’s uncle and Lauren’s parents, their relationship is examined. Also discussed are several high school programs aimed at helping teens recognize the signs of a healthy or unhealthy dating relationship. **On-Screen Text Graphic:** The Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Fund has been created to help educate teens about healthy relationships. Interviewed: Lauren Astley’s parents Malcolm Astley and Mary Dunn; Lauren’s friends Chloe Jacques, Genevieve Flynn, Hanna Blahut; Nathaniel’s friends D.J. Henderson, R.J. Bolivar, Connor Murphy; Nathaniel’s uncle George Mattingly; Massachusetts State Police Investigator Tony DeLucia; District Attorney Gerry Leone, student Kate Elwell; Nathaniel Fujita’s psychiatrist Dr. William Sullivan.

Issues: Crime Continued

48 Hours:

8p-9p

11/16/13

48 HOURS: “The Devil’s Twin (10:00-11:00pm) - an investigation into the July 24, 2003 disappearance and murder of Heather DeWild, who was never seen again after a visit with her children to her estranged husband Dan DeWild’s house, and how television crime dramas may have given her killer enough information to keep police from quickly solving the case. Police immediately suspected Dan DeWild, but there was no murder weapon, no fingerprints, no blood. His identical twin, David DeWild quickly married his girlfriend, Roseanne. Heather’s body was found one month later, bound and buried on a canyon road. Police came to the realization that Dan DeWild and his identical twin brother David were most likely responsible for her murder, but the case grew cold due to lack of evidence. In 2009, Russ Boatright was assigned full-time to the circumstantial case. Investigation led to a sex tape, and Dan’s fascination with bondage and rope. Heather was found bound in a similar manner. In 2011, Dan DeWild, David DeWild and his wife Roseanne were arrested and charged with murder. David DeWild broke down and admitted that his brother Dan had killed Heather and that he had participated in the crime. Prosecutors then learned that the brothers had been watching television crime dramas and forensic shows. They believed that Heather had gone to the house to retrieve the sex tape and then was killed. David DeWild took investigators to the crime scene and re-enacted what happened. David had to pass a polygraph test in order to secure a plea deal. Roseanne’s charges were dropped due to lack of evidence. Dan DeWild’s trial hinged almost entirely on his brother’s testimony and with the lack of physical evidence, prosecutors hoped it was enough. In the end, it wasn’t. Jurors deadlocked on the first degree murder charge, but agreed on the lesser charges. Plans were started for a retrial, but a month after the conviction, Dan DeWild pled guilty to second degree murder in a plea deal. **On-screen text graphic:** The identical twins have been separated...they are housed in different prisons. David DeWild will be eligible for parole in less than four years. Interviewed: Dave and Carole Springer, Heather DeWild’s parents; Rebecca Barger, Heather’s sister; Mark Crider, detective, Denver Police Department; Al Nelson, deputy sheriff; Curtis Johnson, highway worker; Russ Boatwright, investigator-in-charge; Robert Weiner, prosecutor; Tom Ward, Dan DeWild’s defense attorney; jurors Vicki, Chris and Scott (no last names); Roseanne DeWild, Dave’s wife.

12/21/13

48 HOURS: “Highway of Tears” - A report on the more than twenty girls and women, who since 1969, have disappeared or been killed along the stretch of pavement in rural British Columbia, Canada, known as Highway 16. To locals, the road is now known simply as “The Highway of Tears”. Maddy Scott may be one of the roadway’s many victims. On May 28, 2012, the 21-year-old went to a party with 50 others at Hogsback Lake, not far from the highway, only to never be seen again. Just six months earlier, in the same town, 15-year-old Loren Leslie’s body was found on a logging road not far from Highway 16. Leslie was brutally beaten and molested. There are signs all along Highway 16 warning women not to hitchhike because a killer might be on the loose, but the murders have not ceased. Police arrested 20-year-old Cody Legebokoff in Leslie’s murder. A patrolman pulled him over, thinking he was poaching game. He had Leslie’s ID in his truck. Her body was just down the road. Legebokoff has since been identified as the alleged killer of three others, though police have not revealed how they’ve connected him to the murders that occurred in 2009 and 2010. Still, because of his age, police know Legebokoff couldn’t be responsible for all of the murders along Highway 16. Just two months ago, officials at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) got a break in some cases because they linked DNA samples from one of the highway’s victims, Colleen MacMillen, found murdered in 1974, to Bobby Jack Fowler. Police also believe Fowler, a Texas native who worked as a roofer in Prince George, may have killed as many as twenty people in the United States and Canada. Victims of Highway 16 mentioned in this broadcast: Alberta Williams, Delphine Nikal, Lana Derrick, Monica Ignas, Monica Jack, Ramona Wilson, Tamara Chipman, Gail Weys, Pamela Darlington. **On Screen Graphics:** Cody Legebokoff, accused of murdering Loren Leslie and three other women, is expected to stand trial in September 2013. Investigators believe Bobby Jack Fowler may have killed as many as 20 people across the United States and Canada. **12/21/13 Updated Text Graphic:** Investigators believe Bobby Jack Fowler may have killed as many as 20 people across the United States and Canada. Cody Legebokoff, accused of murdering Loren Leslie and three other women, is expected to stand trial in 2014. In the Madison Scott case, the Canadian police have cleared everyone at the lake party the night Maddy disappeared. Interviewed: Dawn and Eldon Scott, Parents of Madison (Maddy) Scott; Bob Friel, investigative reporter, *Outside* magazine, CBS News consultant; Sgt. Ken Floyd and Constable Tom Wamsteeker, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Amanda Fitzpatrick, Jasmine Klassen and Jordy Bolduc, Maddy’s friends; Doug and Donna Leslie, parents of Loren Leslie; Charleine Laing, Loren’s friend; Garrett Anatole, Cody’s friend; Sgt. Wayne Clary, RCMP; Claudia Williams, Alberta’s sister; Matilda Wilson, Ramona’s mother; Tom Chipman, Tamara’s father; Kevin and Shawn MacMillen, Colleen’s brothers; Ron Benson, Investigator.