

FACE THE STATE
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1/3/16 CBS Children's Programming

1/10/16 9:30a-10:00a

Host: Jay Kohn

Guest: Bill Mercer, former U.S. Attorney for District of Montana

Montana's top legal stories in 2015 & 2016 was today's topic, as former Montana U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer offered his expertise on the big stories on the state's legal landscape.

Topping that list: Gov. Bullock commuting the sentence of convicted murderer Barry Beach; new DNA evidence results in rape charges against a White Sulphur Springs man for a 1987 Billings rape that another man already served 15-years in prison for;

Author Jon Krakauer's lawsuit against the Montana University System involving access to records involving the reinstatement of UM quarterback Jordan Johnson who was accused of rape... this case is now before the Montana Supreme Court.

Other topics included future legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act, Same Sex Marriage - now the law of the land; and the impact of cell phones and cell phone cameras as evidence gathering devices.

1/17/16 6:30a-7:00a

Hosts: Dr. David Parker/MTN Political Analyst

Mike Dennison/MTN Chief Political Correspondent

Guests: Matthew Monforton/Republican House Member

Aaron Murphy/Political Consultant

Question and answer session with Republican and Democrat organizers about the upcoming races in Montana in 2016, including the races for Governor, U.S. House, Lt. Governor and Secretary of State. There was heated discussion between Republican Monforton and Democrat Murphy about linking Governor Steve Bullock to gun policies and energy policies promoted by President Barak Obama.

1/24/16

6:30a-7:00a

Host: Dennis Bragg

Guests: Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin from the University of Montana Bureau of Research

They discussed their annual Montana economy report card.

Topics: Montana economic outlook, impacts on the energy sector from falling oil prices, update on health care industry and growth in Bozeman and Kalispell, falling commodity prices and impact on agriculture industry, projections for 2016 and beyond.

1/31/16

6:30a-7:00a

Hosts: Dr. David Parker/MTN Political Analyst,
Mike Dennison/MTN Chief Political Correspondent

Guest: Greg Gianforte/Republican Candidate for Governor

On the program Gianforte was questioned about his reasons for running for governor, about his claims that Montana ranks 49th in the U.S. for wages per capita, how he would grow income for Montana residents, and about his proposals to attract more high paying, high tech jobs to the state. He was also asked about how his religious beliefs would reflect on his governance of the state and about his ideas for promoting business growth and limiting bureaucratic red tape, especially for environmental reviews.

2/7/16

6:30a-7:00a

Host: Tom Wylie

Guest: Scott Gragg

Topic: Life in and out of the NFL

Description: Scott Gragg was an All-American offensive lineman for the UM Grizzlies and was drafted in the 2nd round of the 1995 NFL draft by the New York Giants. He started 149 games in the pros. After leaving the NFL, he coached at UM until last year when he was not retained by new head coach Bob Stitt. Gragg had offers to coach out of state, but since he has kids in school in Missoula, he opted to stay in Montana and was hired as the principal of Fort Benton High School in 2015. He talks about his time in the NFL and his desire to coach. HE also talked about his life after football in his new role at Fort Benton.

2/14/16 6:30a-7:00a

Host: Dr. David Parker and Mike Dennison

Guest: Tim Warner, political consultant

MTN Political Analyst Dr. David Parker and Chief Political Correspondent, Mike Dennison along with Political Consultant Tim Warner discuss the results of the Iowa caucus and New Hampshire primary. They discuss the GOP front runners, the Democratic race and where Montana may fit into the primary landscape this year with its late primary in June.

2/21/16 6:30a-7:00a

Host: Chet Layman

Guest: Dan Wenk/Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park

Topic: Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk mostly talked about how the park will handle the crowding seen during last summer's tourist season, what led to the crowding and how the park can improve the visitor experience. Wenk also talked about management of bison in the park and the plan to capture and remove 600-900 bison from the northern park boundary in 2016.

2/28/16 6:30a-7:00a

Hosts: Dr. David Parker, Mike Dennison

Guest: U.S. Senator Steve Daines

Montana U.S Senator Steve Daines is interviewed by Montana Television Network (MTN) Political Analyst, Dr. David Parker and MTN Chief Capitol Correspondent, Mike Dennison during the weekly public Affairs program, Face the State. This program was broadcast on February 28, 2016. Topics included appointing a replacement U. S. Supreme Court Justice, a Republican presidential candidate and security and privacy concerns for U. S. citizens.

3/6/16 6:30a-7:00a

Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Susan Gilbertz, Director, MSU-Billings Environmental Studies Program; Kayhan Ostovar, Rocky Mountain College, Assoc. professor Biology & Environmental Science; Carrie La Seur, Author & Environmental Attorney

A symposium next week in Billings, sponsored by the Yellowstone River Conservation District Councils, takes a closer look at a 20-year study of the Yellowstone River, its habitat and wildlife, and the cumulative effects of various activities along the river corridor.

11 conservation districts have been involved for more than a decade working with federal, state and local partners in developing management recommendations for the river.

Today's program discussed the findings of the long term study, and what some of the major concerns and issues are facing this iconic river.

Part of the upcoming symposium also includes an interactive art exhibition hosted by MSU-Billings.

Environmental Attorney Carrie La Seur discussed the relatively new legal concept of long-term guardianship of the river, such as appointing a Yellowstone River guardian to help protect its rights as a "living thing."

3/13/16 6:30a-7:00a

Host: Mike Dennison and Dr. David Parker

Guest: Denise Juneau Dem. Candidate for US House

Mike Dennison, MTN's chief political reporter, and Montana State University political science professor David Parker, a political analyst for MTN interviewed Denise Juneau, Democratic candidate for Montana's U.S. House seat. Ms Juneau appeared as our guest to talk about her candidacy and her stands on the issues. She fielded questions about the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"), coal development and energy policies including the Keystone XL Pipeline, Middle East policy, Syrian refugees and how to combat ISIS and abortion rights and public funding of Planned Parenthood.

3/20/16 6:30a-7:00a

Host: Jill Valley

Guest: Olympian Jeff Galloway

Jill and Jeff talked about the importance of fitness for a healthy lifestyle. Jeff explained how people can start training for the upcoming Missoula Marathon and the importance of training in general for any sporting activities. They talked about fitness for people of all ages and how it is never too late to start an exercise routine that will improve your health and general well being.

3/27/16 6:30a-7:00a and 9:30a-10:00a

Host: Mike Dennison

Montana Television Network's Chief Capitol Reporter, Mike Dennison talks to State Senator Jennifer Fielder a Republican of Thompson Falls and State Senator Mike Phillips, a Democrat from Bozeman about whether the State of Montana or the Federal Government should control and manage public lands in the state.