

Public Affairs Broadcast Issues Address by the Program Department

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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

4/1/12

"Sugar" – This is a report on new studies which suggest that sugar contributes to heart disease and cancer, as well as obesity, diabetes and hypertension. This segment also includes interviews with: Dr. Robert Lustig, pediatric endocrinologist, University of California; Kimber Stanhope, nutritional biologist, University of California; Lewis Cantley, Harvard University professor and head of the Beth Israel Deaconess Cancer Center; Eric Stice, neuroscientist, Oregon Research Institute; Jim Simon, board member, Sugar Association.

4/29/12

"Hooked" - an interview with Dr. Nora Volkow, head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, who uses MRI scans on the brains of addicts to help explain the chemistry of drug addiction and other addictive behaviors, including eating. Dr. Volkow, who grew up in Mexico City, also discusses her family background, including her great-grandfather: Leon Trotsky, the Russian revolutionary who was killed in the house where she was raised. Also includes comments by Esteban Volkow, Nora's father; and Patricia and Natalia Volkow, Nora's sisters.

5/20/12

"Hard Cases" - an interview with Dr. William Gahl, who runs the Undiagnosed Diseases Program at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The program tries to diagnose illnesses which the best medical professionals have been unable to identify. Includes interviews with patients Christine Davidson, Matthew Parker, and Sally Massagee; and with Tara Bennett, mother of Bryce, a four-year-old patient.

Issues: Economy

60 Minutes:

7p-8p

4/1/12

"A Hard Landing" – This is a report on the impact that the termination of the Space Shuttle program, and the consequent loss of 7,000 jobs at the Kennedy Space Center, has had on those former employees and on the economy of Brevard County, Florida. This segment also includes interviews with former Kennedy Space Center employees Lou Hanna, Chris Milner, Joe Urich, Holly Petrucci, Mike Carpenter, Lucas Maxwell, and Sammy Rivera; Carole Bess, a bankruptcy attorney; and Bill Grillo, owner of Shuttles, a bar near the Space Center, once a gathering spot for astronauts and launch spectators.

4/22/12

"The Case Against Lehman Brothers" - a report on the factors involved in the 2008 bankruptcy declaration of Lehman Brothers, the fourth largest investment bank in the world, a bankruptcy which triggered the world financial crisis. The report features an interview with former U.S. attorney Anton Valukas, the bank examiner who investigated the collapse for the federal bankruptcy court. Also interviewed are: Matthew Lee, a former senior executive at Lehman; and David Kotz, former inspector general for the SEC. Among the topics of discussion are: the role of Ernst and Young, Lehman's accounting firm; Richard Fuld, the CEO of Lehman; and the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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5/20/12

“Final Resting Place” - a report on problems at some of America’s cemeteries -- including exhuming bodies so plots can be resold -- which are raising questions about whether the multi-billion dollar business needs more monitoring. A number of the cemeteries featured in the report belong to Service Corporation International (SCI), the largest provider of funeral and cemetery services in North America. Includes interviews with: Roxie Williams, Lucy Perez and Julie Ramirez, each of whom had reason to question the practices of a particular cemetery; Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff; Josh Slocum, Executive Director, Funeral Consumers Alliance; Michael Avenatti, attorney investigating SCI-owned facilities all over the country; Paul Elvig, former cemetery operator and regulator.

6/17/12

“Insiders” - a report on how members of Congress can legally take part in insider trading and buy stock based on their access to non-public information. Includes interviews with: Peter Schweizer, fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; and Brian Baird, former Washington State congressman. Also includes comments from former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and current House Speaker John Boehner, given in response to questions from Correspondent Steve Kroft at their individual news conferences.

Issues: Education

60 Minutes

7p-8p

5/13/12

“The Gulen Movement” – This is a report on the growth of a chain of charter schools in the U.S., all founded and run by immigrants from Turkey who are carrying out the teachings of a Turkish Islamic cleric, Fethullah Gulen, who lives in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. This segment includes interviews with: Julie Norton, administrator, Harmony school chain, Texas; Alp Aslandogan, businessman and chairman of a Houston foundation that advances Gulen’s teachings; Andrew Finkel, freelance reporter, Turkey; Bekir Aksoy, head of Fethullah Gulen’s retreat compound in Pennsylvania; David Dunn, Texas Charter Schools Association; Mary Addi, former teacher, Cleveland, Ohio.

5/20/12

“Dropping Out” - This is an interview / profile of Peter Thiel, a billionaire venture capitalist (co-founder of PayPal and the first investor in Facebook) who pays selected students with promising ideas a hundred thousand dollars each to drop out of college and develop those ideas. This report also includes an interview with: Vivek Wadhwa, professor, Duke and Stanford Universities; and comments by several of Thiel’s beneficiaries: Eden Full, Sujay Tyle, and Alex Kiselev.

6/24/12

“Greg Mortenson” - a profile of best-selling non-fiction author Greg Mortenson, and an investigation into questions being raised about the veracity of certain aspects of his works, including “Three Cups of Tea”, and about the use of the nearly sixty million dollars donated to his nonprofit organization, the Central Asia Institute, whose mission is to promote education in remote parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Includes interviews with: Jon Krakauer, author and mountaineer; Mansur Khan Mahsud, research director of an Islamabad think tank; Daniel Borochoff, president, American Institute of Philanthropy; Ted Callahan, anthropologist.

Issues: Tourism/Recreation:

60 Minutes

7p-8p

4/1/12

“Art Market” – This is a report on the booming market in contemporary art, as seen in a visit to Art Basel, Miami Beach’s premier contemporary art fair. This segment includes an interview with Tim Blum, partner, Blum & Poe, a Los Angeles gallery; and comments by Dennis and Debra Scholl, contemporary art collectors; Jennifer Stockman and Alexandra Munroe, Guggenheim Foundation; Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art; Larry Gagosian, gallery owner; and footage and comments from Art Basel attendees / collectors Eli Broad and Maria Baibakova.

Issues: Crime

60 Minutes:

7p-8p

6/30/12

“The Murder of An American Nazi” - a report on the murder of Jeff Hall, a leader in the National Socialist Movement (NSM), the largest neo-Nazi group in the country. He was killed in his Riverside, California home by his ten-year-old son, Joseph, who used his parents’ loaded gun. The report examines the circumstances that led Hall to become a Nazi, and the motivation of his son to murder him. Also includes interviews with: Joann Patterson, Jeff Hall’s mother; Greg Rowe, police detective; Michael Soccio, prosecutor; Jeff Schoep, commander, National Socialist Movement; Megan Hall, Jeff Hall’s sister.

Issues General

60 Minutes

7p-8p

4/15/12

“Remembering Mike Wallace” - a retrospective on the career and life of the late 60 MINUTES Correspondent Mike Wallace, who died on April 7 at the age of 93. In a series of one-on-one interviews with Wallace conducted by his 60 MINUTES colleagues, interspersed with footage from his many interviews, Wallace discusses his interviewing style and techniques; his family background; the many highlights of his career; and his bouts with depression, including his attempted suicide. Also included are excerpts of Wallace’s final on-camera interview, in which he talks with his grandson Eames Yates about his life and career.

5/6/12

“Cleaning Up Whitley County” – This is a report on how Adam Sulfridge, a young newspaper reporter for the Times-Tribune in Whitley County, Kentucky, and his editor, Samantha Swindler, were able to successfully expose the corruption of the County Sheriff, Lawrence Hodge. Hodge’s activities included involvement with drug dealers, gun trafficking, taking payoffs, and extorting money from defendants. Others interviewed in this segment include: Todd Tremaine, special agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF); Rick Benson, retired social worker and an extortion victim of Sheriff Hodge.

5/27/12

“Never Seen the Like” - an interview with Dakota Meyer, a 21-year-old Marine awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts to save four members of his unit who were trapped by a Taliban ambush in the Ganjgal Valley in Afghanistan. After many requests for help had been denied by his superiors, Meyer took matters into his own hands, going through a gauntlet of Taliban fire five times in an attempt to save his comrades. Also interviewed: Col. Richard Hooker (Ret.), whose investigation into the incident found the officers in charge to be negligent in refusing to send help; Susan Price, mother of Sgt. Aaron Kenefick, who was killed at Ganjgal; Charlene Westbrook, widow of Sgt. Kenneth Westbrook, who also died as a result of his injuries at Ganjgal.

Issues: Crime

48 Hours:

8p-9p

4/21/12

“Mystery on Twin Peaks Drive” - a report on the December 16, 1998 death of Ronda Reynolds, whose husband found her lifeless body with a gunshot wound to the head in her home on Twin Peaks Drive in Toledo, Washington. The death was quickly ruled a suicide. Refusing to accept the findings, Ronda's mother, Barb Thompson, launched her own investigation. She enlisted the help of world-famous true crime writer Ann Rule, who eventually wrote the bestseller *“In the Still of the Night”*, about the case. Their investigation led Washington State authorities to revisit the case by holding a coroner's inquest -- a rare and unusual proceeding -- to determine the cause of death and who might be responsible. The inquest resulted in the death being reclassified as a homicide and it determined that she had died at the hands of either her husband Ronald A. Reynolds and/or Ronald's son, Jonathan A. Reynolds. However, the Lewis County prosecutor announced he would not prosecute either man because most of the evidence had been destroyed after Ronda's death. The case remains an open investigation. **On Screen Text graphic:** The Reynolds family is contemplating suing Barb Thompson, Ann Rule and the Lewis County Coroner. Changes were proposed to Washington State's law following the Reynold's case. A judge or prosecutor would have to approve any coroner's arrest warrant. Interviewed: Barb Thompson, Ronda Reynolds' mother; Ann Rule, author; Ron Reynolds, husband; Jonathan Reynolds, Ron Reynolds' son from a previous marriage; Detective Jerry Berry and Detective Sergeant Glade Austin, members of the Lewis County Sheriff's Department; Coroner Warren McLeod

5/12/12

48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Ransom” – This is a report on the mysterious 2008 disappearance of Robert Wiles, the son of millionaire business owner Tom Wiles, who received an e-mail ransom note demanding \$750,000 for the safe return of the 26-year-old, who had been working at the family business, National Flight Services in Lakeland, Florida, an aircraft maintenance company with offices and clients worldwide. On April 3, Tom Wiles opened an e-mail from his son Robert. It was a ransom demand signed, “Group X”, and asked for Tom to put \$750,000 in Robert's office if he ever wanted to see his son alive again. Robert was last seen by his co-worker Stobert (Toby) Holt on April 1, 2008, and the kidnappers set a deadline of April 8th to receive the money. Tom involved the FBI with the ransom note, and when Tom arrived in Florida they set up a sting operation in Robert's office to try to find out who the kidnappers were. After monitoring a box placed in Robert's office filled with coffee that weighed the same as \$750,000, days started to pass by with no one entering the room. Toby Holt, Operations Manager, was handpicked by Tom to assist the FBI in monitoring Robert's office. There were no leads in the case until agents tracked Robert's phone records to see which cell towers were used, and this lead them to subpoena the Florida Turnpike Authority to view video of toll booths on the Polk Parkway. When Tom viewed the tape, he recognized Toby Holt's car pass through a toll. In the picture Toby's right arm looks to be in a position of holding a phone, and when agents went through Holt's phone record, it showed his number was not in use while going through the tolls, piquing the FBI's interest. This is when the investigation, which had been focused on the Wiles' family and an alcoholic ex-employee, Steve Lindsey, turned solely towards Toby Holt. When agents brought Holt in for questioning they determined his whereabouts on the night of Robert's disappearance were unsubstantiated and he lied when he said he didn't have any guns in his car when they found a handgun under the hood. Moreover, Holt was cheating on his wife with at least a dozen women. The FBI called in reinforcements to help move along the case with local police and detectives, and this group discovered Holt and Robert's phones were traveling together to make for a good circumstantial case. On December 19, 2009 agents arrested Toby Holt for extortion, kidnapping, and first-degree murder. 48 HOURS MYSTERY spoke with Holt while he was in South County Jail through television cameras and monitors, and he maintained his innocence. The trial opened in January 2012 and the prosecution used phone records as evidence in addition to work e-mails, showcasing a contentious relationship between Robert and Holt as a motive. Holt's lawyer said he was taking a sip of Diet Dr. Pepper when the photo was taken of him going through the toll booth, not using a phone; he pinned everything on ex-worker Steve Lindsey. However, Steve Lindsey died of lung cancer while the case was under investigation. The jury spent four hours deliberating and the judge read, “...the defendant is guilty of manslaughter.” Holt was sentenced to 30 years in prison for manslaughter and extortion. Robert's body has yet to be found

Issues: Crime

48 Hours:

8p-9p

6/9/12

48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Redemption Song” – a report on the 1985 death of Natalie Antonetti, a woman who was part of the Austin, Texas music community. She was found beaten at home by her son, Johnny Goodie, and remained in a coma for two weeks before she died. The police investigation at the time focused on Marty Odem, a restaurant manager and sometime male stripper, who had a track record of violence. Police just did not have enough to go on, and he was never charged. He was later convicted of an unrelated rape and sent to prison; police then considered the case closed. In 2007, Austin Police Detective Tom Walsh reopened the cold case when an anonymous call came in naming Dennis Davis, a well-known name in the Austin music scene as a suspect. Davis had dated Antonetti, and at the time had what seemed like a solid alibi. But now, his wife, Becki Davis, was the one who called the police.

Detective Walsh has found several women who have become key players in the investigation: Davis’ then-girlfriend Ampour Garcia-Crow is certain he was not with her on the night in question; Linda Bless, who has seen his anger; and an ex-girlfriend Gelinda, who says that Dennis Davis confessed the murder to her. In 2009, 24 years after the murder, Davis was arrested. In April 2011, the case went to trial. Though the prosecution’s case was largely circumstantial, they had the phone call that started it all. Dennis Davis was found guilty of the murder. At the sentencing hearing there was another shock: Becki and Dennis Davis had reconciled. He was sentenced to 36 years behind bars. The defense team still insisted they had a solid rebuttal but were unable to present their case. **On screen graphic:** Dennis Davis will be eligible for parole in 2028. He will be 78. He is appealing the verdict. **The 06/09/12 v/o epilogue:** A year after the verdict, the DA’s office decided to take another look at the physical evidence in this case, and compare it to two similar crimes in Austin from the 1980s. They will search for DNA to see if it matches that of a suspect in those cases. ADA Mark Pryor says he’s “happy to have a look” but, he says, he’s confident the jury convicted the right man for murdering Natalie Antonetti.

Included interviews with: Natalie Antonetti’s son and musician Johnny Goodie; Mark Pryor, Austin Assistant District Attorney; Mark Hallman, Antonetti’s friend; Austin Police Detective Tom Walsh; Dennis Davis, the suspect; Davis’ former girlfriends, Amparo Garcia-Crow and Linda Bless; defense attorneys Wade Russell, Efrain De La Fuente.

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Local Programming:

Local Issues Addressed By WYMT-TV Program Department:

4/15/12

12p-6p

Cardinal Hill Telethon – WYMT participates in this telethon each April with sister station, WKYT-TV. Local news talent is used to help raise money for Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital.