

# **WTVP-TV ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2008**

## **Government/Politics/Election**

PBS NewsHour Debates 2008: A Special Report #102

This Vice Presidential Debate—broadcast live from Washington University in St. Louis—will be moderated by Gwen Ifill, senior correspondent for *The NewsHour* and moderator/managing editor of *Washington Week*.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

American Experience

Jimmy Carter

A look at the ascent of a former Naval officer, peanut farmer, born-again Christian and one-term governor of Georgia to the Oval Office in 1976, his dramatic fall from grace—and his remarkable resurrection as a humanitarian.

Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 8 p.m. 180 minutes PBS

PBS NewsHour Debates 2008: A Special Report #103

This second Presidential Debate—a town-hall meeting to be broadcast live from Belmont University in Nashville—will be moderated by Tom Brokaw, special correspondent for *NBC News*.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Latinos '08

A look at the 2008 election through the prism of ethnic politics.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

At Issue—18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Race (Part 1) #2103

A discussion with two of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional candidates—Democrat Colleen Callahan and Green Party candidate Sheldon Schafer. (Republican Aaron Schock declined the invitation to participate.)

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

For the People—Energy

As the election season enters the home stretch, WTVP will broadcast two WILL-TV productions on how the positions of presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain will affect people in Illinois.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 2 p.m. 30 minutes WILL

American Experience

Nixon

A reassessment of Richard Nixon's life and political career, chronicling his achievements and defeats from his boyhood in California to his presidency, including his historic overtures to China and the Soviet Union, his divisive

handling of the Vietnam War, and his resignation in the face of the Watergate scandal.

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 8 p.m. 180 minutes PBS

#### Frontline

##### The Choice 2008

A look at one of the most memorable presidential elections in decades—the race that pits the iconoclast John McCain against the newcomer Barack Obama. For two hours, the 20<sup>th</sup>-anniversary broadcast of “The Choice” examines the rich personal and political biographies of these men and goes behind the headlines to discover how they arrived at this moment and what their very different

candidacies say about America. (Repeats)

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

#### PBS NewsHour Debates 2008: A Special Report

This third Presidential Debate—broadcast live from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.—will center on foreign policy and will be moderated by Bob Schieffer, *CBS News* chief Washington correspondent and host of *Face the Nation*.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

#### At Issue—18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Race (Part 2) #2104

A discussion with two of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional candidates—Democrat Colleen Callahan and Green Party candidate Sheldon Schafer. (Republican Aaron Schock declined the invitation to participate.)

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

#### For the People—Economy

A look at how the positions of presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain on the economy will affect people in Illinois.

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008 2 p.m. 30 minutes WILL

#### American Experience

##### LBJ

A two-part special on LBJ, beginning tonight with Lyndon B. Johnson's childhood in impoverished rural Texas, his rise to political power on the strength of his public assistance message, and John F. Kennedy's assassination. (The profile will conclude next Monday.)

Mondays, Oct. 20 & 27, 2008 240 minutes PBS

#### Independent Lens

##### Chicago 10

A mixing of animation with archival footage to explore the build-up to and unraveling of the conspiracy trial of the protest leaders at the 1968 Chicago Democratic Convention.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

At Issue—Peoria County State's Attorney Race #2105  
Interviews with Darin LaHood (R) and Kevin Lyons (D).  
Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

For the People—Constitutional Convention  
A look at the ballot question on whether Illinois needs a Constitutional Convention.  
Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008 2 p.m. 30 minutes WILL

At Issue—92<sup>nd</sup> Illinois House Race #2106  
Interviews with Joan Krupa (R) and Jehan Gordon (D).  
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

The NewsHour Election Night Coverage 2008  
The NewsHour Team provides extensive coverage of Election Night.  
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 8 p.m. 240 minutes PBS

Frontline  
Boogie Man: The Lee Atwater Story  
In the wake of yet another hard-fought and bitter presidential campaign, *Frontline* presents a spirited and revealing biography of Lee Atwater, the charming, Machiavellian godfather of modern take-no-prisoners Republican political campaigns.  
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Frontline  
The Hugo Chavez Show  
To coincide with regional elections in Venezuela scheduled for Nov. 23, *Frontline* looks at Venezuela's controversial and outspoken president Hugo Chavez and the revolution he claims is turning his country into an anti-capitalist beacon for Latin America and the world.  
Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 9 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Illinois Lawmakers #2401  
A recap of the Fall Veto Session.  
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 10 p.m. 60 minutes IPBC

At Issue— Congressman Ray LaHood #2111  
A look at LaHood's 14 years in Congress and what topics he thinks need to be addressed in the near future.  
Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue—Congressman-Elect Aaron Schock #2112  
A visit with the nation's youngest Congressman-to-be and a look at the areas where he thinks he can have an impact.  
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue—Illinois's Political Future #2113

State Sen. Dale Risinger (R), State Sen. Dave Koehler (D), and State Rep. Dave Leitch (R) join At Issue host H Wayne Wilson to talk about Illinois's political future.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008 9 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

## **Environment**

Richard Bangs' Adventures with Purpose New Zealand

Hosted by modern explorer Richard Bangs, this special features a 1,000-mile trek that uncovers pristine natural beauty, alluring culture and enigmatic mythology.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes APT

e2

This series outlines the advantages and necessities of being environmentally conscious.

Sundays, Oct. 5-Dec. 28, 2008 2:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

Nature

The Beauty of Ugly

A look at how the bizarre can not only be attractive in the natural world, but can also provide the edge a creature needs to succeed in a difficult environment.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

P.O.V.

Up the Yangtze

An exploration of lives transformed by the biggest hydroelectric dam in history, a hotly contested symbol of the Chinese economic miracle.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

At Issue—The Future of Illinois Coal

With nearly two-thirds of the state having coal reserves, what is the future of Illinois coal? Is CO2 sequestration part of the answer? Tonight's guests will come from the State Geological Survey, State Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the SIU Coal Research Center.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America

A timely, solutions-oriented look at one of America's most pressing environmental challenges: energy.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes NETA

Liquid Assets: The Story of Our Water Infrastructure  
The history and engineering challenges of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems.  
Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 9 p.m. 90 minutes NETA

NOVA  
Ocean Animal Emergency  
San Francisco veterinarian Dr. Frances Gulland is committed to saving sick marine mammals, but she's also desperately trying to figure out what's killing them.  
Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Health/Science/Technology**

Bold Visions: Women in Science and Technology  
A glimpse into the lives of extraordinary women working in the fields of science and technology.  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008 2 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

Everyday Edisons  
The second season of this PBS reality series follows 12 new inventions and their inventors—selected from open casting calls in five cities—as their inventions are taken from great ideas to products on store shelves.  
Sundays, Oct. 5-Dec. 28, 2008 5 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS Plus

P.O.V.  
In the Family  
A filmmaker tested positive for the “breast cancer gene” at age 27, necessitating heart-wrenching decisions about the life that lay ahead of her.  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

NOVA  
Arctic Dinosaurs  
A look at a unique field expedition to Alaska's North Slope to defrost a jackpot of new fossil clues—and breathe life into the polar dinosaurs' lives and environment in vivid detail.  
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Secrets of the Dead  
Doping for Gold  
In the 1970s, female East German athletes came from nowhere to dominate international sport, and tonight's program looks at the secret, state-sponsored doping program that lay behind their success.  
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### NOVA

##### Hunting the Hidden Dimension

A look at a revolutionary new branch of math called fractals, which has changed the way we see the world and opened up a vast new territory to scientific analysis and understanding.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

##### The Journey to Palomar

A look at American astronomer/scientist George Ellery Hale (1868-1938), whose giant telescopes led to the discovery of the wider universe.

Monday, Nov. 10, 2008 9 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

#### NOVA

##### Alien from Earth

Exclusive coverage of new excavations undertaken in the summer of 2007 at the site of Ling Bua on the island of Flores, Indonesia—the first investigations of the cave site since the sensational discovery of tiny and bizarre human fossil bones at the site in 2004.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

##### The Brain Fitness Program

Tips to get your brain in better shape by strengthening it and making it perform with more agility, speed and comprehension.

Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

##### Independent Lens

##### The Atom Smashers

A film that examines 15 months at Fermilab as it scours the subatomic world for the Higgs boson particle.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

##### Brain Fitness 2: Sight and Sound

A look at the two important senses of vision and hearing, how they change throughout life, and what we can do to keep them healthy and fully functional.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 8:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

##### Pioneers in Aviation: The Race to the Moon

This three-part series details the era of flight, from the birth of American aviation to the race to the moon.

Tuesday, Dec. 9-23, 2008 8 p.m. 180 minutes APT

NOVA

Absolute Zero

A two-hour program that re-creates groundbreaking discoveries across four centuries that expanded our knowledge of low temperatures and led ultimately to today's cutting edge "cold technologies."

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008 7 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

NOVA

Is There Life on Mars?

The latest scientific results from the Mars rovers and *Phoenix* probe, which are poised to reveal provocative new clues in the tantalizing search for water and life on the Red Planet.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

The Transformation Age:

How To Survive a Technology Revolution with Robert X. Cringely

Technology author Robert X. Cringely introduces the people poised to take advantage of information-based technology.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **Business/Finance**

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 food. The series portrays the works of agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture through fascinating stories and characters, innovative ideas and enticing travel destinations.

Thursdays, Oct. 2-Dec. 25, 2008 11:30 a.m. 30 minutes each APT

American Consumer

From "best buys" to product recalls, testing, reviews and travel alerts, American Consumer has the information necessary to help viewers purchase the best goods at the best prices.

Mondays, Oct. 6-Nov. 24, 2008 11:30 a.m. 30 minutes each EPS

Small Fortunes: Microcredit and the Future of Poverty

This program explores the issues of poverty and microcredit as it profiles numerous recipients of small loans in locales ranging from India to the Philippines to New York City. It tells the stories of how short-term loans of even a few dollars have resulted in dramatic lifestyle changes for families who otherwise would have no means of lifting themselves out of poverty. Those interviewed in the film include bankers, economists, scholars and other experts on past, present and potential successes of microcredit programs.

Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 2 a.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### Frontline

##### Heat

A look at what some businesses are doing to fend off new environmental regulations and how others are repositioning themselves to prosper in a radically changed world.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

#### American Experience

##### The Crash of 1929

A program that captures the unbounded optimism of an age, at a time when the stock market promised permanent prosperity — until the boom went bust.

Monday, Nov. 10, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### At Issue—Funding Peoria's Downtown Museum #2108

A look at funding Peoria's Downtown Museum with special guests including Brad McMillan, Museum Collaboration Group Co-chair, and Michael Bryant, CEO Roundtable Chair.

Thursdays, Nov. 13, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

#### At Issue—Hotel Growth in Peoria #2109

A look at the role for both downtown and outlying hotels in relationship to the Peoria Civic Center. Guests include Mark Twain Hotel Owner Bud Grieves, Civic Center Authority Chair Peter Couri, The Ramada Co-owner Kim Fady, and Peoria Economic Development Director Craig Hullinger.

Thursdays, Nov. 20, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

#### You Can Do It! A Boomer's Guide to a Great Retirement

Financial expert Jonathan Pond takes an upbeat view of the retirement prospects of baby boomers and answers their important financial and lifestyle questions.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008 2 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

#### Timeless Tractors

A look at the history of the tractor through the events that have shaped the evolution of farming, explores how tractors have changed over the years, and compares the modern big and expensive machinery with that of the past.

Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes Iowa PTV

#### Frontline

##### Can You Afford to Retire?"

A look at how the baby boomer generation is headed for a shock as it hits retirement—being long on life expectancy but short on income.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS



## **Youth/Education**

### **Biz Kid\$**

A fast-paced new 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. 5–Dec. 28, 2008 5:30 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

### **At Issue – Re-defining Peoria Manual High School #2107**

Peoria Manual High School is re-defining itself in the wake of No Child Left Behind requirements, and this program looks at how the school is becoming a community center now serving 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Guests include Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Manual High School Principal; Taunya Jenkins, Assistant Principal; Valeria Pierce, Manual Academy Leader; and Betty Zilkowski, Manual Academy Leader. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVF

### **Lights: Celebrate Hanukkah Live in Concert**

This special features a distinguished, diverse and dynamic ensemble of musical performers in celebration of the Jewish Festival of lights.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008 3:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### **Ballet Shoes**

Set in 1930s London, this enchanting tale centers around family, fame and realizing your dreams.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes APT

### **Chanukah Stories**

This program celebrates the true meaning and enduring spirit of the holiday.

Monday, Dec. 15, 2008 8 p.m. 30 minutes APT

## **Social Issues**

### **P.O.V.**

#### **Soldiers of Conscience**

Eight U.S. soldiers reveal the tension between spiritual values and military orders.

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

### **Secrets of the Dead**

#### **Battle for the Bible**

The gripping stories of faith, flames and martyrdom that led to the Bible's translation into English.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### 9 to 5 No Longer

A look at the latest innovations in workplace flexibility.

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### GardenStory: Inspiring Spaces, Healing Places

A series on the power of gardens to transform our lives and strengthen our communities.

Sundays, Nov. 2-Dec. 28, 2008 2 p.m. 30 minutes each APT

### America at a Crossroads

Dissonance and Harmony: Arabic Music Goes West

Middle Eastern musicians collaborate with other gifted musicians from the West, finding common ground between two cultures in conflict.

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### American Experience

The Berlin Airlift

A striking look at the first battle of the Cold War and the world's largest humanitarian campaign.

Monday, Nov. 10, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### NOVA

The Bible's Buried Secrets

This two-hour story of science, history, and faith breaks exciting new ground in investigating the origins of the ancient Israelites, their faith in a single, omnipotent God, and the creation of the Bible.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 7 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

### Jews & Christians: A Journey of Faith

A look at the common beliefs, traditions, rituals and mutual roots shared by Judaism and Christianity.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 9 p.m. 120 minutes APT

### The Boomer Century 1946-2046

A look at the forces that shaped a generation and the changes and challenges that still lie ahead.

Monday, Dec. 8, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

### P.O.V.

Inheritance

The story of Monika Hertwig, the daughter of Nazi mass murderer Amon Goeth, who has spent her life in the shadow of her father's sins, trying to come to terms with her "inheritance."

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

A Room Nearby

A meditation on loneliness.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

The Life a House Built: The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project

A look at the extraordinary story of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carters' 25-year involvement with Habitat for Humanity.

Monday, Dec. 22, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## **War/Terror/Crime**

America at a Crossroads

The Trial of Saddam Hussein

A look at the state of the world and America during the rise, fall and criminal trial of Saddam Hussein.

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA

Missing in MiG Alley

A look at the efforts of family members to trace what happened to pilots who disappeared more than a half-century ago when Russian and American fighters clashed over Korea in one of the fastest dogfights ever seen.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Secrets of the Dead

Dogfight Over Guadalcanal

Detailed accounts of an air battle in which an American airman was shot down behind enemy lines but escaped before he was captured.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Medal of Honor

A profile of America's greatest heroes—recipients of our country's highest honor for military service.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Air Group 16: We Came to Remember

The story of the last reunion of Air Group 16, the pilots and gunners who served on the USS Lexington in the Pacific in World War II.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

Secrets of the Dead

Escape from Auschwitz

The true story of the spectacular escape from the camp in 1944 by two young Slovak Jews.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 9:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### Independent Lens

#### Lioness

The story of a group of female Army support soldiers who ended up fighting in some of the bloodiest counterinsurgency battles of the Iraq war.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

### American Experience

#### Oswald's Ghost

A look at the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, the public's reaction, and the government investigations into the tragedy.

Monday, Nov. 17, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

### The Rape of Europa

The epic and miraculous tale of how Europe's art treasures survived the systematic theft and deliberate damage perpetrated by the Third Reich during World War II.

Monday, Nov. 24, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

### Frontline

#### The War Briefing

A hard, inside look at the real foreign policy challenges the next president will face including an overstretched military, frayed alliances, and wars on two fronts.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## Minorities

### Independent Lens

#### March Point

Three teens from the Swinomish Tribe make a film about the threat their people face from two local oil refineries.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

### Chicano Rock! The Sounds of East Los Angeles

The little-known story of how kids from East Los Angeles who struggled to find a musical identity of their own.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

## Communications/Media

### Get Ready for Digital TV

*This Old House's* Kevin and Norm join forces with *NOW on PBS's* Maria Hinojosa to convey what viewers may need to do to keep receiving television signals after the analog spectrum shutoff in February.

Premieres Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008 8 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

#### ABCs of HDTV

A new look at the confusing world of digital television.

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes KET

#### Independent Lens

Dinner with Musharraf

Pakistan's former president, Pervez Musharraf, converses with the filmmakers about his political past and vision for the future.

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

#### Interesting People #402

An interview with Gail Fosler, president of The Conference Board, Inc., a global research and business membership organization.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008 8 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

#### Interesting People #403

An interview with British trumpet virtuoso Crispian Steele-Perkins while he was in Peoria in October as soloist for the Peoria Symphony Orchestra Concert "Beyond Baroque!"

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008 3 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

#### Interesting People #106

An encore of an interview with the late General Wayne Downing, a Peorian and highly decorated combat veteran who retired after a 34-year career in the U.S. Army and later served the White House as National Director and Deputy National Security Advisor for Combating Terrorism.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008 3:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP