

**WTVP-TV ASCERTAINMENT
PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2008**

Social Issues

Wide Angle

Heart of Darfur

Wide Angle's season premiere presents an account of what the U.N. Secretary-General has called "the largest humanitarian crisis in the world."

Tuesday, July 1, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Appalachians

A three-part historical and cultural overview of the vast Appalachia region, which stretches across 13 states and is home to more than 23 million people.

Tuesdays, July 15-29, 2008 8 p.m. 180 minutes PBS

Wide Angle

Birth of a Surgeon

In Mozambique, a bold grassroots initiative is training midwives in advanced life-saving surgery and reducing the maternal death rate by half.

Tuesday, July 15, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Wide Angle

Iraqi Refugees

A report from the frontlines on the staggering refugee crisis that is unfolding in the Middle East as Iraqis flee their war-torn country at the rate of up to 50,000 people per month.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Happy for No Reason with Marci Shimoff

Hosted by *New York Times* best-selling author and renowned motivational speaker Marci Shimoff, this new special provides a powerful, proven 7-step program that will enable you to be happier right now—no matter where you start.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 6 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Stay Rich Forever & Ever with Ed Slott

An IRA expert shares strategies that viewers can implement right now to safeguard more of their retirement savings—for themselves and their beneficiaries.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008 7 p.m. 90 minutes WLIW

The Last Lecture

"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," an upbeat, funny, inspiring, and moving talk by Carnegie Mellon Professor Randy Pausch, who just died July 25 from pancreatic cancer.

Friday, Sept. 12, 2008 9 p.m. 90 minutes EPS

American Masters

You Must Remember This: The Warner Bros. Story

Narrated by Clint Eastwood, this new series chronicles the legacy of Warner Brothers and examines the history of 20th-century America on the big screen. Tonight: "You Ain't Heard Nothin' Yet (1923-1935)," an introduction to the four brothers and their new motion picture company, and "Good War, Uneasy Peace (1935-1950)," a look at how Warner Bros. becomes home to celebrated stars and faces the twin catastrophes of the Depression and World War II. (The series will continue tomorrow from 8-10 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 p.m.) Tuesday-Thurs., Sept. 23-25, 2008 8 p.m. 300 minutes PBS

Environment

Disaster Detectives - Water

Avalanche photographer Steve Kroschet is fearless in his quest to learn more about snow pack.

Tuesday, July 1, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes APT

Nature

Cloud: Wild Stallion of the Rockies

The harrowing struggles and adventures of one extraordinary wild stallion in the mountains of western Montana.

Sunday, July 6, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Making Sense of Place

This two-part series looks at man's effect upon his environment. The first program, "Phoenix: The Urban Desert," explores the impact of rampant development, which provides homes but threatens the region's ecology. The second, "Cleveland: Confronting Decline in an American City," examines issues of urban decline and some hopeful opportunities for neighborhood revitalization. Tuesdays, Aug. 12 & 19, 2008 8 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

NOVA

Storm That Drowned a City

Three years after Katrina, *NOVA* reexamines why the flood defenses and disaster relief failed in New Orleans.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Nature

A Mystery in Alaska

A look at one of the world's most complex ecosystems and at one of the greatest wildlife mysteries—how many animals decline dramatically in number with no clear explanations why.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Gates of the Arctic: Alaska's Brooks Range

A journey to this pristine natural treasure to explore the region's inhabitants, culture and history.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes APT

Health/Science/Technology

NOVA scienceNOW

The implications of personal genetic profiles, using computers to authenticate art, carbon sequestration, and a profile of Harvard professor Pardis Sabeti, a researcher on the genetics of malaria.

Wednesday, July 2, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA scienceNOW

Hubble Space Telescope, early primates, Iraqi bacteria, and a profile of Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, a former farm worker who is now an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins.

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Nature

Oceans in Glass: Behind the Scenes of the Monterey Bay Aquarium

A visit to one of the world's most spectacular aquariums.

Sunday, July 27, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA scienceNOW

Phoenix Mars mission, mammoth mystery, and a look back at the accomplishments of famed "cancer warrior" Judah Folkman.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 8 p.m. 60 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, Aug. 3-Sept. 28, 2008 5 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS Plus

The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's

A sweeping and intimate look at how Alzheimer's disease affects nearly five million Americans and their loved ones—plus information on the race to find a cure. Then, a new half-hour program that focuses on the latest developments in the fight against Alzheimer's disease and leads viewers to local and national resources.

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 8-10 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

NOVA

Dimming Sun

As global warming turns up the heat, researchers are stunned to discover that our planet is actually growing dimmer.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA scienceNOW

A new way to think about inheritance and our genes, a story about a sculpture on the CIA campus, a discovery about T-Rex by housewife-turned-scientist Mary Schweitzer; and a profile of Arlie Petters, who holds a joint appointment in math and physics at Duke University.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA

The Ghost in Your Genes

A look at new findings that call into question the long-held belief that all inherited traits are passed on by our genes.

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 3 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

ABCs of HDTV

A look at the new and confusing world of digital television. Viewers will have to be ready for the conversion from analog to digital broadcasting on Feb. 17, 2009.

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 4:30 p.m. 30 minutes KET

Nature

Animals Behaving Worse

A look at how the natural inclinations of wild animals take amusing turns in our increasingly confined world—from sea lions living on sailboats and chickens invading houses, to foxes stealing newspapers and bears rummaging through garbage.

Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Dr. Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond—New Wisdom for Women

A leading expert on women's health and wellness refutes old stereotypes about menopause and offers positive new guidance for women about hormones, diet and sensuality.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 4 p.m. 120 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 8:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

P.O.V.

Freedom Machines

A new look at disability through the lens of assistive technology and at the gap between the promises of the Americans with Disabilities Act and everyday reality for 54 million Americans with disabilities.

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOVA

Einstein's Big Idea

A dramatization of the remarkable story behind the world's most famous equation, $E=mc^2$ —and the myriad of ways that it has changed the world.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008 7 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Killer Stress: A National Geographic Special

A look at how stress is manifested in our daily lives, its causes, and what we can do about it.

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

But You Still Look So Well ... Living with Multiple Sclerosis

An in-depth look at the emotional, social and physical challenges of MS on the personal and working lives of the participants as well as how they have learned through the years to both live and thrive with MS.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes NETA

NOVA

Sputnik Declassified

The untold story behind that moment 50 years ago when the world changed as the U.S. public heard the shocking news that the Soviet Union had successfully launched the first satellite, Sputnik I, into space.

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

P.O.V.

Critical Condition

A program that examines the nation's growing health care crisis by capturing the harrowing struggles of four critically ill Americans who discover that being uninsured can cost them their jobs, health, home, savings, even their lives.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Rx for Change

A look at issues explored in "Critical Condition," set against the healthcare platforms of the two presidential candidates.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes PBS

Government/Politics

P.O.V.

Election Day

An entertaining, inspiring and sometimes unsettling tapestry of citizens determined to make their votes count.

Sunday, July 6, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Chasing Churchill: In Search of My Grandfather

Hosted by his granddaughter Celia Sandys, this new three-part series follows Winston Churchill's footsteps to re-live his dreams, understand his anxieties and examine his inner-most thoughts. Tonight: Churchill's life at Sandhurst Military Academy and his journey in search of adventure and danger.

Mondays, July 21-Aug. 4, 2008 9 p.m. 180 minutes PBS

P.O.V.

Campaign

This insider's view of Japanese electoral politics profiles a man plucked from obscurity to run for a critical seat on a suburban city council.

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

PBS Convention Coverage: A NewsHour Special Report

Democratic Convention

From tonight through Thursday night, The *NewsHour* team provides the only wall-to-wall primetime broadcast television coverage and analysis of the Democratic National Convention from Denver, Colorado.

Monday-Thur., Aug. 25-28, 2008 7 p.m. 3 hours each night PBS

PBS Convention Coverage—A NewsHour Special Report

Republican Convention

From Tuesday through Thursday night, The *NewsHour* team provides the only wall-to-wall primetime broadcast television coverage and analysis of the Republican National Convention from St. Paul, Minnesota.

NOTE: Coverage was planned for Monday, but cancelled nationally due to Hurricane Rita making landfall.

Tuesday-Thur., Sept. 2-4, 2008 7 p.m. 3 hours each night PBS

Lincoln and Douglas at Galesburg—The Great Debate

A new Knox College/WTVP production on the three-hour, October 1858 debate between U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas and challenger Abraham Lincoln on the issues of slavery and popular sovereignty. While the State Legislature returned Douglas to Washington, the debate projected Lincoln onto the national political stage.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 8 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

American Experience—The Presidents
Reagan

A two-part portrait of one of the most popular presidents of the 20th century—and one of the most controversial. Tonight: “Lifeguard,” a look at the influence of family, religion, and anti-communism on Ronald Reagan, from his youth in Illinois and his rise and fall in Hollywood to his stormy governorship of California and his triumphant ascendancy to the presidency in 1981.

Mondays, Sept. 22 & 29, 2008 8 p.m. 270 minutes PBS

At Issue—Peoria City Issues

A look at city-wide issues with Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis, Peoria Public Works Director Dave Barber, and ELM Investment CEO Lee Graves.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Presidential Debate

This first Presidential Debate—broadcast live from the University of Mississippi in Oxford—will center on domestic policy and will be moderated by Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of *The NewsHour*.

Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, 8 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Business/Finance

AMERICA’S HEARTLAND 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 22-part series portrays the works of agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture through fascinating stories and characters, innovative ideas and enticing travel destinations.

Thursdays, July 3-Sept. 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, July 7-Aug. 4, 2008 11:30 a.m. 30 minutes each EPS

P.O.V.

9 Star Hotel

A look at the plight of young Palestinians working illegally as construction laborers in an Israeli city.

Sunday, July 27, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Suze Orman: Women & Money

A best-selling author, financial expert and Emmy winner, Suze Orman inspires women to take charge of their financial futures.

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 2 p.m. 120 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, July 6– Sept. 28, 2008 5:30 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

Wide Angle

China Prep

A story that follows four Chinese students through their final high-pressure year at an elite high school in Sichuan Province, where 1,800 teenagers are competing for 59 spots in China’s top two universities.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Where We Stand: America’s Schools in the 21st Century

A look at the major challenges for U.S. schools in the face of global competitiveness. (Repeated Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

War/Terror/Crime

The War of the World

A two-part examination of the horrors of the Second World War and a look at how, in order to win, the allies had to act with the same savagery as their enemies. Part two, “The Icebox” looks at how the Cold War was a continuation of the war of the world—and how the end of the Cold War led to great new dangers, challenges, and presaged the rise of the East.

Mondays, July 7 & 14, 2008 9 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Wide Angle

Japan’s About-Face

A remarkable view of the Japanese military’s shifting role in post-war Japanese society.

Tuesday, July 8, 2008 8-10, 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Wide Angle

18 With a Bullet—Update

A riveting portrait of six months in the life of a notorious Central American gang, updated since the original broadcast in 2006.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

P.O.V.

The Judge & the General

The story of Chilean judge Juan Guzmán, who was assigned the first criminal cases against the country's ex-dictator, General Augusto Pinochet.

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Minorities

P.O.V.

The Ballad of Esequiel Hernandez

The tale of a young man, mistaken for a drug runner and killed by U.S. Marines patrolling the Texas-Mexico border.

Sunday, July 13, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

P.O.V.

The Last Conquistador

El Paso splits along lines of race and class over a monument to the Spanish conquistador Juan de Oñate.

Sunday, July 20, 2008 11 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami

A look at the critical role that Miami played in the evolution of one of the most significant cultural figures of our time: Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay).

Monday, Aug. 11, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Los Lonely Boys Cottonfields and Crossroads

The story of three Mexican-American brothers from Texas who create a signature music style they call "Texican."

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008 8:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

At Issue—Birth of NAACP

One hundred years ago, race riots in Springfield in August 1908 became the catalyst for the formation of the NAACP in January 1909. Tonight's program includes discussion on why this particular riot—in the hometown of Abraham Lincoln, the man who freed the slaves—was instrumental in the birth of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

P.O.V.

Calavera Highway

Two Mexican-American men reunite with five brothers and try to piece together their family's shattered history.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 10:30 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Communications/Media

Documenting the Face of America

Narrated by Julian Bond, this program brings to life the remarkable stories behind the legendary group of New Deal-sponsored photographers who captured the face of Depression-era America.

Monday, Aug. 18, 2008 9 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

NOW on PBS

Women, Leadership, and Politics: A Rising Tide?

In this one-hour special, senior correspondent Maria Hinojosa embarks on her own personal journey to discover the struggles women face—both internally and in society—as they embrace power and seek to change the world.

Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 7:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

ABCs of HDTV

A new look at the confusing world of digital television.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes KET

Interesting People

An interview with Dr. Al Bowman, president of Illinois State University. (Repeated Sunday at 9:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008 8 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP