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Crime & Public Safety:

Prostitution Sting (Aired 7/2/2010) – A sting in Layton nets dozens of men trying to pay for sex, including an a police officer from Farmington. KUTV looked at the process by police trying to clean up sex crimes, and how this arrest ruined the career of the officer.

Thieves Targeting your Mirrors (Aired 7/6/2010) – First it was stereos... then air bags and catalytic converters. Now crooks are going after your side-view mirrors. High tech mirrors on newer vehicles come with everything from heaters to dimmers, and they cost hundreds of dollars each. KUTV followed recent rashes of thefts and what police hope to do about it.

Concert Aftermath (Aired 7/6/2010) – When 45,000 people showed up for a free concert in liberty park, police and resources were pushed to the max. KUTV looked at what was missed by promoters of the band Modest Mouse. The area for the concert was only large enough for a few thousand concert goers.

Big Pot Farm Bust (Aired 7/22/2010) – A growing trend of big pot farms in Utah. A bust in Garfield County seized hundreds of the illegal plants. Agencies across the state are seeing more of these intricate farms, often being tended by illegal immigrants.

Kiddie Porn Bust (Aired 9/17/2010) – The arrest of a Cedar Hills man shows authorities are going hard against potential child molesters. The Internet Crimes Against Children taskforce determined the man had visited child porn websites. Based on that, police moved in before the man took the next step from the web to real life.

Health/Healthcare:

One size fits all Allergy Vaccine (Aired 7/1/2010) – More and more people are finding themselves developing allergies. Some drug companies are trying to change that. KUTV focused on one Utah company that is developing an allergy vaccine that uses synthetic DNA to trick the body into fighting allergies.

Circus Fitness Fun (Aired 7/1/2010) – A new approach to overcoming the fitness duldrums. A Utah fitness club is using a circus theme to create a lively atmosphere to keep people from getting bored while working out. Also using the stretching and gymnastics utilized in circus performances.

Budget Cuts Could Hurt Disabled (Aired 7/5/2010) – Deep cuts and layoffs at the Utah Development Center in American Fork may hurt disabled patients. The cuts mean fewer staff are available to help those that can't help themselves.

Energy Drink Dangers (Aired 8/18/2010) – There are numerous new energy drinks on the market, and they're popular with Utah teens. But health experts warn parents against them. They contain huge amounts of stimulants and can actually dehydrate children. KUTV talked to ER docs who say they see many young people coming in with tremors and medical problems blamed on the drinks.

Hypnobirthing (Aired 9/1/2010) – There's a new alternative for women who want to give birth without the use of drugs. Nurses are trained at McKay Dee hospital to help with a process called hypnobirthing. Prior to the birth, women are taught relaxation techniques. The father of the baby is also taught how to help women focus more on breathing and less on the pain.

Bionic Knee (Aired 9/15/2010) – There's a new device that is keeping more and more people out of the operating room. It's called the bionic knee, or the O-Active knee device. The device administers pulsed electrical stimulation to the knee. The electrical signals stimulate the body to grow cartilage that has been damaged by injuries or age.

Cataract Surgery (Aired 9/22/2010) - It's almost inevitable; if you live long enough you will likely get cataracts. It's build up of proteins in your eye that clouds the lens. Cataracts can lead to blindness. The good news though, the loss of vision can be reversed with an outpatient surgical procedure. Doctors can replace the cloudy lens with a new one. The procedure takes maybe 30 minutes and the patient can go home the same day.

Youth & Family:

Family Matters Special (Aired 7/4/2010)

Grandparents Raising Kids (Aired 7/1/2010) – New statistics show more and more of Utah's senior citizens are raising their grandchildren. The main reason... drug use by the childrens' parents. KUTV focused on one family, and introduced the audience to an organization that assists Grandparents raising children in their golden years.

Pristeen Magazine (Aired 7/7/2010) – A local woman has launched a new magazine geared towards Utah teens. Pristeen Magazine features a local teen on the cover and has everything you would typically find in a teen magazine (makeup tips, music). However, the editor is keeping her magazines more on the conservative side. Heather Nielson says she wanted to create a magazine that any teen could pick up.

Back to School Eye Exams (Aired 7/14/2010) – Even though it is still summer, parents need to start thinking ahead to the upcoming school season. Experts say an eye exam should be on that "back to school" list for kids. Studies show that 86% of kids under the age of 12 have never had an eye exam. If not corrected, vision problems can cause trouble in the classroom. Kids are likely not to want to study or participate in classroom exercises if they can't see the chalkboard.

Myfirstbaby.com (Aired 7/28/2010) – There are many questions that first-time moms will have before and after their baby is born. Now a new website is providing those answers. The advice however is not from doctors but from other first-time mothers. Myfirstbaby.com covers a wide range of topics from how to have a healthy pregnancy to questions you should ask at your baby's first doctor's appointment.

Family Fun Night (Aired 9/29/2010) - Finding activities the whole family can enjoy can be a little bit of a challenge. But experts say you don't need to stress too much. Sometimes a simple roll of the dice is the perfect way to spend an evening together. When planning a game night, you should pick a game that is fast moving and keeps players involved from start to finish. Also, be sure the game is age appropriate for everyone at the table.

Education:

Dwizzle Dee (Aired 7/8/2010) – Kids are spending more time in the classroom without leaving their play rooms. “Dwizzle Dee” is a new education DVD developed in Utah, created to entertain and educate preschool children.

New ADHD Test (Aired 8/2/2010) – Doctors have a new tool for diagnosing and treating ADHD. It's a testing device that provides specific data about attention and hyperactivity. It's called the Quotient ADHD System. A computer and a 15-minute task oriented test that includes a motion tracking system around the head.

Bush on Utah Schools (Aired 8/24/2010) – Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush visited Utah with a plan to bring up test scores in the Beehive state. It's a plan that worked in Florida, and it doesn't require smaller class sizes or special tutoring. It's called the “A to F Grading Scale”.

Rejecting Education Funding? (Aired 8/24/2010) – Utah lawmakers are wary of accepting 100 million dollars from the Federal Government. They may even sue to keep it from coming into Utah schools. They are concerned that the money won't be there next year, and any jobs created due to the new money would have to be cut.

Education Changes (Aired 9/29/2010) – Utah educators score a win on capitol hill. Governor Herbert's commission on excellence in education passes a list of recommendations to help schools. They are meant to help schools become focused and disciplined. Educators say Utah schools are the worst funded in America and most improvements will need money.

Government / Politics:

Take Two: Economics (Aired 7/18/2010) – Political interview on economic stability and politics in Utah.

Take Two: Immigration List (Aired 7/18/2010) – Political discussion on illegal immigration and the list mailed from Workforce Service to police and news outlets. The discussion talked about the politics of the issue, with interviews from Democrats and the Utah Coalition on Illegal Immigration.

Take Two: UofU PAC 10 (Aired 7/25/2010) – Political talk show about the advancement of the University of Utah to the PAC 10 and the ramifications it holds for Utah.

Take Two: Warren Jeffs (Aired 8/1/2010) – Utah Attorney General on political talk show to discuss the appeal of convicted Polygamist Warren Jeffs and political pressure surrounding the case.

Take Two: Education (Aired 8/15/2010) – Governor Herbert on political talk show to discuss education reform and spending in Utah.

Gubernatorial Debate (Aired 9/30/2010) – 30 minute live debate between candidates for Utah Governor. Incumbent Republican Gary Herbert and Democratic challenger Peter Carroon battled over ethics, education, and election reform.

Consumer Affairs:

Illegal Fireworks (Aired 7/2/2010) – Many Utahans head to the Wyoming border to buy fireworks for the 4th of July holiday. What they don't know is if they're caught by Utah authorities, they lose a ton of money. Not only will all of the fireworks be confiscated, which is often hundreds of dollars worth, they receive a hefty fine. Utah authorities will actually sit in the parking lots of firework stands in Evanston, and call-in Utah license plates to waiting troopers on the other side of the border.

Copier Keeps Your Info (Aired 7/8/2010) – When you photocopy a document, the copy machine often holds the image on a hard drive. If that machine is ever sold, your information, which could include personal data, could be found by the next owner. KUTV warned the audience of the issue, showed them how to delete the info, and what company IT people need to do to keep your machine from storing information.

Haggling for Healthcare (Aired 7/8/2010) – Many Utah consumers are finding they can save money on healthcare with simple, old-fashioned haggling. KUTV talked to one father who says he saved thousands by haggling down prices with doctors and dentists. A recent survey found 74% of consumers say they got a discount when they asked.

Recalled Items for Sale (Aired 9/1/2010) – There are thousands of dangerous consumer products sitting in homes all across America. KUTV discovered that you can still buy recalled items, like cribs and high chairs, with the click of a mouse. Many are available on auction sites like eBay... but you can also buy these dangerous products from clearing houses and overstock websites.

Engineered Salmon (Aired 9/20/2010) – New report on government approval of genetically engineered salmon to be sold for human consumption. KUTV looked at fears and myths of what this means to consumers.
