

FACE THE STATE 2nd QUARTER 2017

30 Minute Program

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Face the State

Sunday

6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Detective Brett Lapham, Billings Police Dept. and Kris Good, CTA Architects & Engineers

Today's show focused on some of the new scams targeting business – and some of the new advances in technology that can help better secure your home, building and business.

Det. Lapham discussed the Business email scam (BEC) that has now spread around to all 50 states and 100 countries. It targets business' that regularly perform wire transfer payments. Detective Lapham talked about some common sense safeguards that can be used, and talked about the new world of financial scams that make up a good deal of his detective work these days.

Kris Good focused his comments on the latest fiber optic technology now being installed in the 911 center in Billings, as well as Billings School District 2. The new GPON Optical Network has major implications for workplace safety and network security.

This fiber optic system is used in new "Smart Buildings" across the country. Billings is the first city to use it for its 911 center, and School District 2 is the first school system in the country to install the system. Major cost savings, space savings, and less support time make this new technology state of the art.

We also discussed easy things people can do to prevent themselves from falling victim to scams – changing passwords frequently, hanging up on questionable phone calls, and being extra cautious when fielding solicitation calls.

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6:30 am and 9:30am

Hosts: Dr. David Parker Montana Television Network Political Analyst and Mike Denison, Chief Political Reporter

Guest: Rob Quist Democratic Candidate for US House of Representatives

They discussed the upcoming special election that will be held on May 25 to replace Ryan Zinke. This is Quist's first run for public office at the national level. Subjects of discussion included his personal background and problems with health-care debt. Parker and Dennison also questioned Quist about his views on public land policy, health care policy, military policy, gun rights and tax policies.

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6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Dennis Bragg

Guest: Bob Norbie President/CEO of Special Olympics of Montana

Discussion touched on last year of Summer Games' stay in Missoula and the transition to Great Falls next year. We also talked about volunteer and athlete experiences and how the interaction between volunteers and athletes helps lead to healthy communities. We also talked about Special Olympics of Montana's program designed to counter bullying in the schools and its success.

4/23 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Hosts: MTN Political Analyst Dr. Bruce Parker and MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison

Guest: Jeremy Johnson Associate Professor of Political Science Carroll College

Jeremy Johnson, Associate Professor of Political Science at Carroll College in Helena, joined Mike Dennison and Dr. David Parker to talk about the status of major issues before the Legislature, which was in its final 10 days, and the status of the campaigns for the May 25 special congressional election. Legislative issues included the state budget, infrastructure spending, election law, the influence of Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock on the GOP-controlled Legislature, and health care. The special-election discussion focused on the campaigns of the three candidates (Greg Gianforte, Rob Quist, Mark Wicks), spending by outside groups, and the likely outcome.

4/29 US House of Representatives Debate Saturday 7-8pm

Jay Kohn moderated the only US House of Representatives congressional debate. Questions for the candidates came from a panel of three MTN journalists; Tim McGonigal, anchor/producer KRTV/KXLH; Mikenzie Frost, anchor/reporter KTVH; and Mike Dennison, MTN Chief Political Reporter. The debate featured candidates Greg Gianforte, Republican, Mark Wicks, Libertarian and Rob Quist, Democrat.

For only the third time in Montana history, a special election was held this year to fill a vacancy in the state's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. That vacancy occurred when Congressman Ryan Zinke was selected to become the new U.S. Interior Secretary.

After nominating conventions were held by the Republican, Democrat and Libertarian Parties, three candidate names were put on the ballot to fill the vacancy: Republican Greg Gianforte, Democrat Rob Quist, and Libertarian Mark Wicks.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock set the special election for May 25.

The Montana Television Network held a one hour televised debate with the three candidates on Saturday April 29, 2017. The debate held at the KRTV studios in Great Falls, Montana and broadcast live 7-8pm. It was also rebroadcast the following morning April 30, 2017 9:30-10:30am.

Each candidate was provided equal time for an opening and closing statement.

The topics covered in the debate covered a wide variety of issues facing Montana. Those topics included; funding Planned Parenthood, National Monument designation, how to address unemployment on Montana's Indian reservation, support or opposition to President Trump's tax reform proposals, the proposed border wall with Mexico, what are Montana values, is a vote for the Libertarian candidate a wasted vote, support or opposition to legalizing marijuana, positions on gun control and establishing a gun registry, and would the candidate's support military action against North Korea.

Following the debate, the journalists involved took part in a 20-minute Facebook Live session, analyzing the debate and the performance of the three candidates.

4/30 US House of Representatives Debate Repeat Sunday 9:30-10:30am

See information above

5/7 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Hosts: Dr. David Parker Montana Television Network Political Analyst and Mike Denison, Chief Political Reporter,

Guest: Congressional candidate Greg Gianforte, R-Bozeman.

Gianforte faces Democrat Rob Quist in a special election on May 25th. Gianforte answered questions about Health Care, the economy, protection of federal wild lands, job creation, agriculture, and how much time he would spend in Washington compared to Montana.

5/14 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Hosts: Mike Dennison MTM Chief Political Reporter and Mikenzie Frost KTVH News Anchor

Guest: Mark Wicks Libertarian candidate for U.S. House

Wicks answered various questions about his stance on Health Care the economy, the legalization of marijuana, gun rights, public land policies and agriculture. He is running in a state special election to determine the state's lone representative in the US House of Representatives. We had previously hosted the other two candidates on Face the State, Democrat Rob Quist was a guest on the program Sunday 4/9 and Republican Greg Gianforte was a guest on the program Sunday 5/7.

5/21 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Shannon Newth

Guests: Cascade County Undersheriff John Stevens, Great Falls Police Department Chief David Bowen, Montana Highway Patrol Captain Chad Dever

It's been a difficult, emotional, and heavy week for many Montanans as communities across the state mourn the loss of Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy Mason Moore. Deputy Moore was killed in the line of duty, shot multiple times during an early morning traffic stop on Tuesday May 16, 2017. His death has touched many lives and hits hard for Montana's law enforcement community.

During "Face the State," MTN's Shannon Newth sat down with members of three different law enforcement agencies to talk about Deputy Moore's death and the relationship between those who wear the badge and those they vow to serve.

"The first thing we did Sheriff Edwards and one of our deputies went to Townsend because again we were there, we felt it. It's sad because it's been fairly recent for us, but what can we do? We all wear the badge. Men, women, it doesn't matter, brother, sister, whatever, what can we do? That was instantly on our mind. Let's get down there. It's a tough time for Broadwater County, but let's pull together and do what we can do," explained Cascade County Undersheriff John Stevens.

Undersheriff Stevens, along with Great Falls Police Department Chief David Bowen and Montana Highway Patrol Captain Chad Dever shared their reactions to the death of Deputy Moore and what they're seeing in Montana on Face the State.

5/28 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Chet Layman

Guest: Dan Wenk, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park

We talked with Dan Wenk about his place of work. What makes Yellowstone so special? We also talked about the fact that during certain times of the year Yellowstone has more people that it can handle. We looked at the problem and at some of the possible solutions that may have to be used to keep Yellowstone from being loved to death.

6/4 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Darrell Ehrlich, Editor, Billings Gazette; Jackie Yamanaka, News Director, Yellowstone Public Radio, Jon Stepanek, News Director KTVQ

Our guests talked about the changing role of media in 2017. In light of accusations from the White House about fake news, and with Montana's Special U.S. House election ending with

Republican candidate Greg Gianforte body slamming a reporter, the relationship between the media and our public officials is under review. Today's program took a closer look at that relationship in Montana.

Darrell Ehrlich described how the Lee Newspapers decided to rescind its endorsement of Greg Gianforte after his assault on a reporter. Their decision was unprecedented, and Ehrlich described the soul searching that went on in making that decision. Jackie Yamanaka spoke about her experience on the campaign trail in Montana's special U.S. House election, and whether face to face debates matter in this new day and age. Jon Stepanek spoke about the changing role of campaigns and the influx of inflammatory press releases from both sides of any given campaign.

The panel also spoke about the changing landscape for journalism in the 2017, and whether they would advise someone to enter the profession. We also discussed the speed at which news is disseminated in the new age of social media, and the impact on the main stream media.

6/11 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Host: Julianne Dellorso

Guests: Vince Mattson of Chester MT, Jack Holden of Valier MT and Chris Christiaens of the Montana Farmers Union

We spoke with Montana agricultural leaders about the Montana Ag Summit held by Senator Steve Daines. Topics included the impact of federal budget proposals on Montana agricultural producers, the upcoming Farm Bill, beef exports to China and the future of agriculture in Montana.

6/18 Face the State Sunday 6:30am and 9:30am

Hosts: MTN Political Analyst Dr. Bruce Parker and MTN Chief Political Reporter Mike Dennison

Guest: Political Consultant Tim Warner and former radio Talk Show host Aaron Flint

They discussed the political landscape in Montana (and the nation). They focused on the recent special congressional election, the future prospects of Rep. Greg Gianforte, and the upcoming 2018 election cycle and Sen. Jon Tester's re-election bid.

6/25 CBS Religious Special Sunday 6:00am and 9:30am

In the wake of one of the most contentious elections in recent history, BEYOND TOLERANCE, a CBS Interfaith Special, tackles where we are as a country and ways to overcome prejudice and bigotry in communities across the United States.

Faith leaders from Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist traditions discuss this unprecedented moment in

history and how this period of divisiveness is an opportunity to bring systemic change for the good of society. This discussion includes: Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism (the largest Jewish movement in North America); Imam Khalid Latif, executive director and chaplain for the New York University (NYU) Islamic Center, and chaplain at the New York Police Department; and Rev. angel Kyodo Williams *Sensei*, an ordained Zen Buddhist priest, author, activist and founder of Center for Transformative Change in Berkeley, Calif.

Also in this program is Rachel Brown, executive director of Over Zero and author of *Defusing Hate: A Strategic Communication Guide to Counteract Dangerous Speech*, a publication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. Brown discusses how the power of speech and hateful rhetoric affects communities.

Antony McAleer is the executive director of Life after Hate, a non-profit created by former members of the American violent far-right extremist movement. The organization supports and counsels individuals who wish to leave extremist groups and create a new life for them. McAleer talks about why he joined the movement and was finally able to leave. He offers insight into why these groups continue to attract new members.

Central Christian is a non-denominational church in Springfield, Ohio. Senior Pastor Carl Ruby is spearheading its congregational effort to get to know their Muslim neighbors, a pursuit they are calling "Beyond Tolerance". Ruby talks about what led to the decision to reach out to members of the Miami Valley Islamic Association's Masjid Al-Madina and why this kind of local community engagement is vital in today's polarized environment. Also appearing are Imam Yunus Lasania, Dr. Akber Mohammed and Samina Ahmed of Al-Madina mosque.

John P. Blessington is senior executive producer and Liz Kineke is producer. In creating the topics and content for this series, they sought input from religious scholars, clergy and others including Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, Sikh and various interfaith organizations.