

WNIN-TV Program Topic Report

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Topic: Legislature
Program: Lawmakers 2006
Length: 30 Minutes
Type: Interview/Discussion
Aired Fridays at 8pm and Sundays at 11am

This weekly program featured state Representatives and Senators as they discussed the weekly events and news from the Indiana State House. Each week a representative from WEHT (the local ABC affiliate) and the Evansville Courier and Press talked with different Lawmakers.

Topic: Education
Program: EVSC Efficiency Review: A WNIN Forum
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Forum
Aired 2/1/06 at 8pm

This live forum focused on the recent Efficiency review and report on the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. School board members and staff had the opportunity to inform the public of the review findings and discuss what they propose doing to make the corporation more efficient. Viewers had a chance to call in with questions and talk directly to the participants.

Topic: Education
Program: EVSC Community Link
Length: 30 Minutes
Type: Magazine
Aired 2/18 at 6pm, and 3/25 at 6pm

This monthly program is produced by local high school students and presented to WNIN for air. Each episode features events, news, and the people of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Topic: Culture
Program: The New Harmony Project
Length: 30 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 1/13/06 at 2:30pm

This locally-produced documentary highlighted the writers, actors and participants of the annual "New Harmony Project". Bringing together people from across the nation, the project allow artists to express themselves in the historic environment of New Harmony Indiana to discuss techniques and gain experience from others.

Topic: Local Politics
Program: Shively and Shoulders
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Interview/Discussion
Aired Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm

Each week, hosts Les Shively and Pat Shoulders discuss the National, State, and local political news. Each program features one or more guests discussing local topics such as education, environmental issues, local government, etc.

Topic: Local Government
Program: County Council and Commissioner's Meetings
Length: Varies
Type: News

Council meetings are aired delayed on Sundays at 6am and the Commissioner meetings are aired delayed Sundays at 11pm each week.

Topic: Political History
Program: American Experience Program Title: Reagan
Length: 150 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 1/2/2006 8:00pm

When Ronald Reagan's first term reached its halfway point, he was challenged with tremendous economic strife, the recession and unemployment had battered Reaganomics. As the Pentagon spent \$34 billion per year on building up U.S. military forces and nuclear weapons, the deficit increased. However, an economic transformation in 1983 and the slow return of Americans to work secured a second term for Reagan -- a term that would afford him his greatest triumphs and his most difficult blows. "The American Experience" chronicles Reagan's last four years in office -- from the loss of his closest advisors and the Iran-Contra scandal, to the dawning of the fall of Communism in Europe.

Topic: Business
Program: Frontline Is Wal-Mart Good for America?
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 1/3/06 at 8:00pm

FRONTLINE offers two starkly contrasting images: one of empty storefronts in Circleville, Ohio, where the local TV manufacturing plant has closed down; the other, a sea of high rises in the South China boomtown of Shenzhen. The connection between American job losses and soaring Chinese exports? Wal-Mart. For Wal-Mart, China has become the cheapest, most reliable production platform in the world, the source of up to \$25 billion in annual imports that help the company deliver everyday low prices to 100 million customers a week. But while some economists credit Wal-Mart's single-minded focus on low costs with helping contain U.S. inflation, others charge that the company is the main force driving the massive overseas shift to China in the production of American consumer goods, resulting in hundreds of thousands of lost jobs and a lower standard of living here at home.

Topic: Crime
Program: Independent Lens Sheriff
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 1/3/2006 10:00pm

With the help of God, guns and the hundreds of blood relatives that populate his jurisdiction, Sheriff Ronald E. Hewett oversees Brunswick County, North Carolina--a rural region fraught with murder, robbery and the occasional theft of ceramic lawn ornaments. SHERIFF is pure cinema verite, an unexpected portrait of a man trying to do good in a bad world.

Topic: Drug Abuse
Program: Frontline The Meth Epidemic
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 2/14/06 at 8:00pm

On the street, methamphetamine has many names. What started as a fad among motorcycle gangs in the 1970s has become big business, largely due to the efforts of two Mexican drug runners who began smuggling ephedrine -- the same chemical used to make over-the-counter cold remedies -- into California by the ton. Hundreds of illegal meth labs are now operating in the western United States, and the effects are sweeping the nation. From coast to coast, meth abuse is on the rise, but who's responsible? Is the government doing enough to crack down on this latest drug craze? In a reporting partnership with The Oregonian, FRONTLINE investigates America's addiction to meth and exposes the inherent conflict between the illegal drug trade and the legitimate three-billion-dollar cold remedy business.

Topic: Minorities
Program: African American Lives Listening to Our Past
Length: 60 Minutes
Type: Documentary
Aired 2/1/2006 9:00pm

Hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., W.E.B. Du Bois professor of the Humanities and chair of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES, an unprecedented four-part PBS series, takes Alex Haley's Roots saga to a whole new level through moving stories of personal discovery. Using genealogy, oral history, family stories and DNA analysis to trace lineage through American history and back to Africa, the series provides a life-changing journey for a diverse group of highly accomplished African Americans: Dr. Ben Carson, Whoopi Goldberg, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Mae Jemison, Quincy Jones, Dr. Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, Chris Tucker and Oprah Winfrey.