

PROGRAMS ISSUES LIST

3rd Quarter 2005

The third quarter included some very specific issues for which program focus took place. The economy continues to be a focus of issues in this market. And the start of the school year along with continual funding issues makes education a focus. More specifically in this quarter issues surrounding the devastating hurricane on the gulf coast brought science and technology into focus along with energy concerns and national politics. National politics was also critical in light of the nomination of John Roberts first as a replacement for Sandra Day O'Connor and then his elevation to chief justice nominee following the death of William Renquist.

ECONOMY

Charlie Rose

M-F 11 pm 60 min

7/6—Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner discuss their book "Freakonomics."

8/4—Author Jim Collins and architect Santiago Calatrava share their views on business, the stock market and our great cities.

NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

M-F 7 pm 60 min

7/21—Ray Suarez leads a discussion on China's decision to no longer link its currency to the US dollar and move to a more flexible exchange system.

7/22—Essayist Roger Rodriguez considers the North American Free Trade Agreement.

7/27—Ray Suarez looks at the debate over the Central American Free Trade Agreement with John Murphy vice president of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the US Chamber of Commerce and Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizens' Global Trade Watch.

8/5—Ray Suarez speaks with Lisa Lynch, former Labor Department chief economist, about Friday's report on the growth of jobs in July.

8/15—Paul Solman speaks with Clyde Prestowitz about the emerging power of China and India in the world market.

8/16—Jeffrey Brown talks with Mantill Williams of AAA, and Mark Zandi, Chief Economist for Economy.com, about what is causing the jump in gas prices.

9/7—Jeffrey Brown discusses the vast economic effects of the hurricane with Douglas Holtz-Eaton, head of the congressional budget office, and Jim Richardson, an economics professor at LSU.

THE NEW HEROES

7/5 8 pm 60 min

Viewers are introduced to Muhammed Yunus, known as the “banker to the poor”, and one of the fathers of the concept of social entrepreneurship.

NOW

7/8 8:30 pm 30 min

With the US government projecting a \$426 billion deficit this year, critics are blaming some of the red ink on the Medicare prescription drug benefit which President Bush signed into law in December 2003. NOW looks at what the Medicare law is costing America.

WIDE ANGLE

9/13 9 pm 60 min

Over the past decade, India has emerged as the leader in the global market for white collar “outsourcing” jobs—a notable component of India’s rapid economic growth. This film explores the experiences of young Indian men and women who have been recruited into these new jobs.

EDUCATION

CHARLIE ROSE

M-F 11 pm 60 min

7/29—Kim Clark, Dean of the Harvard Business School, discusses his ten-year post at one of the nation’s top business schools, and his faith and future endeavors.

THE NEW HEROES

7/5 9 pm 60 min

How do you provide an education for slum children whom society doesn’t value? Inderjit Khurana, an Indian schoolteacher who took the train to work, could not help noticing the children who spent their days begging from the train passengers rather than attending school. Her solution was to bring a school to the train platforms, where she could earn the trust of children and introduce them to an education.

THE NEWS HOUR WITH JIM LEHRER

M-F 7 pm 60 min

8/5—President Bush recently entered the debate over how to best teach the origins of human beings by voicing support for teaching intelligent design alongside evolution in public schools. Jeffrey Brown leads a discussion on the

debate over teaching evolution, creationism or intelligent design in public schools.

8/24—Ray Suarez leads a discussion on state concerns and criticisms over No Child Left Behind.

8/30—Ray Suarez discusses how prepared high school seniors are for college with Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland Baltimore County; Pat McGuire, president of Trinity College in Washington, DC; and Sandy Shugart, president of Vanencia Community College.

9/8—Margaret Warner leads a discussion about the challenges of relocating students, who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, in schools throughout the country.

9/28—A report on New York City's efforts to improve its public schools, featuring an interview with NYC Department of Education Chancellor Joel Klein.

POV: THE HOBART SHAKESPEAREANS

9/6 10 pm 60 min

Teacher Rafe Esquith has a point of view about educating the children of immigrants. Teaching in Los Angeles at one of the nation's largest inner-city grade schools, Esquith leads his class of fifth graders through an uncompromising curriculum of English, math and literature. He inspires them with cross-country trips to learn history firsthand. And, at the end of the semester, every student performs in a full-length Shakespearean play: in this case Hamlet, with advice from actors Ian McKellen and Michael York. Despite language barriers and poverty, these "Hobart Shakespeareans" move on to attend outstanding colleges, motivated by a teacher honored with the National Medal of Arts.

NOW

9/2 8:30 pm 30 min

NOW profiles Los Angeles teacher Rafe Esquith whose story is told in the POV episode described above.

ENERGY

NEWSHOUR

M-F 7 pm 60 min

7/29—Kwame Holman examines the final flurry of activity in congress, including the passage of a new energy bill and highway spending bill, as it prepares for the month-long August recess. Ray Suarez assesses the likely impact of the legislation with Dena Wiggins, a member of Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board, and Philip Clapp, president of the National Environmental Trust.

8/12—The price of crude oil hit a record \$67 a barrel as reports of new US refinery outages rekindled fears of a gasoline shortage. Margaret Warner speaks about skyrocketing costs of crude oil and gasoline with Fadel Gheit, senior vice president for oil research at the investment firm Oppenheimer and Co., and Robert Lieber, professor of government and international affairs at Georgetown University.

8/16—Jeffrey Brown talks with Mantill Williams of the AAA and Mark Zandi, Chief Economist for economy.com, about what is causing the big jump in gas prices.

8/24—The Bush administration proposed a new set of fuel efficiency standards for SUVs, minivans and pick-up trucks. Jeffrey Brown speaks with Alex Kaplun, a reporter for Environment and Energy Daily, on the recommendations.

8/25—Ray Suarez reports on the tensions and violence rising in Nigeria as Shell Oil seeks the rights to drill there. Ray speaks with NPR's Morning Edition co-host Steve Inskeep, who is just back from the region.

NOVA: MAGNETIC STORM

9/27 8 pm 60 min

On March 13, 1969, the lights went out across Canada and the eastern seaboard of the United States as far south as New York. The most serious power grid failure in American history was caused by a magnetic storm in the earth's upper atmosphere, itself triggered by the eruption of a huge flare from the surface of the sun. Unusual as this event may seem, many scientists today are beginning to worry that it may be a harbinger of things to come, and that changes to the planet's magnetic field could make earth more vulnerable from space. This film explores one of the least-known but most serious threats to life on earth.

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNEMENT

CHARLIE ROSE

M-F 11 pm 60 min

7/1—David Boes comments on the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor, and Ralph Neas and Jay Sekulow discuss opposing opinions about the impact of choosing her successor. Nina Totenberg, Charles Lane and Jeffrey Rosen talk about the potential Senate opposition to Supreme Court candidates.

7/19—A discussion on John Roberts with Laurence Tribe and Charles Fried, Harvard Law School; William Barr, former Attorney General; Ralph Neas, President and CEO of People for the American Way, Tom Fitton, President of Judicial Watch.

7/20—A discussion about John Roberts and the future of the Supreme Court with Burt Neuborne, NYU Law School, and Samuel Issacharoff, Columbia Law School.

8/19—An hour with Donald Rumsfeld.

9/5—An hour with Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

9/6—Linda Greenhouse reflects on the legacy of Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

9/12—Anderson Cooper talks with Charlie about the response to Katrina. Richard Stevenson, David Brooks, Mark Halpern and Mike Allen all discuss Bush's response to Katrina and its affect on his presidency.

9/28—Terry Moran, ABC News, and William Kristol, The Weekly Standard, discuss the recent charges against Tom Delay and what they mean for the future of the Republican Party.

NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER

M-F 7 pm 60 min

7/1—Ray Suarez discusses Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's legacy with Pam Karlan from Stanford Law School, John Yoo from the University of California, and Ronnell Anderson Jones—a former O'Connor clerk.

Jim Lehrer discusses the resignation with Mark Shields and National Review senior editor, Ramesh Ponnuru.

7/4—Gwen Ifill speaks with Bruce Gordon, new president of the NAACP, about the changes to come with his leadership and his background in business before politics.

7/5—In a prelude to the expected battle over the next Supreme Court justice nomination, Gwen Ifill leads a discussion with Ellen Fitzpatrick from the University of New Hampshire about the selection and confirmation process.

7/15—Kwame Holman reports on the debates that have already begun on who Bush might nominate to take Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's seat.

7/19—A special edition of the NewsHour with interviews and analysis of President Bush's nomination of Judge John Roberts for the Supreme Court.

7/20—Kwame Holman reports on John Roberts' first day as Supreme Court nominee. Then, Ray Suarez speaks with Jan Crawford Greenburg of the Chicago Tribune about Roberts' legal ideology and why President Bush selected him for the nomination.

7/20—Gwen Ifill discusses John Roberts' chances of getting Senate confirmation with Sen. Charles Schumer—a democratic member of the judiciary committee. She then speaks with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card about the nomination.

7/21—Kwame Holman reports on the debate in Congress over renewal of the Patriot Act.

7/22—Ray Suarez leads a discussion on John Roberts' legal record as solicitor general, private lawyer and federal appellate judge. Then Mark Shields and David Brooks join Jim Lehrer for a discussion of the nomination.

8/1—Jim Lehrer leads a discussion over the nomination of John Bolton as US Ambassador to the UN with Edward Luck, professor of International Affairs at Columbia University and Abraham Sofaer, fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

8/5—Mark Shields and David Brooks join Jim Lehrer to discuss the Bolton nomination.

8/11—Kwame Homan looks at what Supreme Court nominee John Roberts said in interviews on the NewsHour about abortion, affirmative action and several Supreme Court cases. Then, Margaret Warner talks with Douglas Kmiec, from Pepperdine and Peter Rubin from Georgetown about the Roberts nomination.

8/19—Jeffrey Brown speaks with Jan Crawford from the Chicago Tribune about the release of thousands of documents from Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' days in the Reagan Administration.

8/19—Tom Oliphant of the Boston Globe and Bill Kristol of the Weekly Standard join Margaret Warner to discuss past writings by John Roberts.

8/24—Gwen Ifill talks with Senate judiciary committee chair, Arlan Specter, about the confirmation hearings on John Roberts slated to begin when the Senate returns from its summer recess in early September.

8/29—Gwen Ifill interviews Senate Judiciary Committee ranking Democrat Patrick Leahy about the upcoming Roberts confirmation hearings.

9/5—Chief Justice William Rehnquist, whose conservative philosophy guided the court for nearly 20 years, died Saturday. President Bush on Monday nominated John Roberts to succeed him as chief. David Lietch, a former clerk for Rehnquist and colleague of John Roberts, and Pam Karla, a Stanford professor who has argued numerous cases before the court, consider the chief justice's legacy and how Roberts at the helm may change the high court.

9/9—Mark Shields and David Brooks look at the upcoming confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Chief Justice nominee John Roberts.

9/12—Margaret Warner leads a discussion with Douglas Kmiec of Pepperdine and Kathleen Sullivan of Stanford about the direction the Supreme Court

nomination hearings will take during the week. Kwame Holman then reports on the first day of the hearings and the day's statements.

9/13—Kwame Holman reports on the confirmation hearings. Then Margaret Warner speaks with Ted Olson, attorney with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher and former US Solicitor General, and Pam Karlan from Stanford about Roberts' answers from the first day of questioning.

9/14—Kwame Holman reports on day three of John Roberts' confirmation hearings for chief justice. Then, Margaret Warner leads a discussion about the candidates' responses to senators with two constitutional law scholars and professors, Akhil Amar of Yale Law School and Lillian DeVier of the University of Virginia School of Law.

9/15—David Brooks and Tom Oliphant join Jim Lehrer to discuss the Roberts hearings. Kwame Holman reports on the final day of the hearings.

9/16—David Brooks and Tom Oliphant take a look at the week of confirmation hearings for chief justice nominee John Roberts, President Bush's speech about rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina and the latest on Iraq.

9/19—Margaret Warner speaks with former president Jimmy Carter and former secretary of state James Baker about their newly released recommendations for federal election reform.

9/22—The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 13-5 on Thursday to approve John Roberts' nomination as US chief justice. The Senate is expected to vote on his confirmation next week. Kwame Holman reviews the committee's action.

9/23—Mark Shields and David Brooks discuss the Senate's stamp of approval for John Roberts to become chief justice of the Supreme Court.

9/29—Kwame Holman reports on the confirmation of Chief Justice John Roberts.

9/30—Jim Lehrer speaks with Mark Shields and David Brooks about the confirmation of John Roberts and the indictment of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

NOW

7/1 8:30 pm 30 min

Legendary graphic artist and marketer Milton Glaser on politics in wartime—what's the spin and what's the truth? A David Brancaccio interview.

WASHINGTON WEEK

7/1 8 pm 30 min

Washington Week brings together top reporters to contemplate changes in the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON WEEK

7/8 8 pm 30 min

A look at how advocacy groups are responding as the battle over the Supreme Court vacancy heats up.

WASHINGTON WEEK

7/15 8 pm 30 min

A discussion over whether or not the next Supreme Court justice will come from outside the roster of sitting judges.

WASHINGTON WEEK

7/22 8 pm 30 min

A closer look at the selection of federal appellate judge John Roberts to serve on the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON WEEK

7/29 8 pm 30 min

Pete Williams of NBC News considers the recently-released documents from John Roberts' early years as a government attorney.

WASHINGTON WEEK

8/26 8 pm 30 min

Iraqi leaders again missed the deadline to reach a compromise on the constitution. The Hill gears up for the Roberts confirmation hearings. Connecticut challenges No Child Left Behind.

WASHINGTON WEEK

9/9 8 pm 30 min

The death of William Rehnquist and the lightning quick renomination of Judge John Roberts to be successor were discussed from the standpoint of witnessing the potential for a lot of history to be made at the court.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

CHARLIE ROSE

9/27 11 pm 60 min

David Remicks of the New Yorker discusses the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL

7/11 10 pm 60 min

The first episode proposes that a society's potential for advanced development was not determined by race or creed, or by time and experience, but by access to domesticated animals and cultivated plants.

GUNS GERMS AND STEEL

7/18 10 pm 60 min

The third episode examines the development and colonization of Africa by South Africans and Europeans, and explains why geography is still a factor in forming the divide between those with money and resources and those without.

NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER

M-F 7 pm 60 min

7/4—Ray Suarez speaks with NASA's Deep Impact Project Manager Rick Grammier about the past weekend's launch of the meteor diffusing Deep Impact satellite.

7/12—the space shuttle Discovery is set to launch Wednesday afternoon weather permitting. Spencer Michels looks at the safety improvements made to the program since the Columbia tragedy in February 2003.

7/26—NASA space shuttle Discovery launched successfully Tuesday. Gwen Ifill talks with Kieth Cowing, editor of NASA Watch, about Discovery's launch.

7/28—NASA announced that future shuttle flights will be grounded because foam continues to peel off the fuel tank, potentially damaging the shuttle during lift off. Ray Suarez leads a discussion on the future of space shuttle programs with Kieth Cowing and Alex Roland, professor of space history at Duke University.

7/29—Senate Majority leader Bill Frist said Friday he would back broader federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, a split from President Bush's stance on the subject. Susan Dentzer looks at the latest developments in the controversial field.

8/1—NASA weighed a decision Monday on trying an in-space repair to the shuttle. Ray Suarez speaks with Keith Cowing about new safety concerns and whether a spacewalk is needed to repair damage to the shuttle's underside.

8/2—Paul Davies of Independent Television News reports on how terrorists are using the Internet.

8/3—An astronaut gently plucked two protruding and potentially dangerous fiber strips from the space shuttle's underbelly Wednesday in an unprecedented emergency repair. Jeffrey Brown talks with former astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first woman to complete a spacewalk, about the mission.

8/5—President Bush recently entered the debate over how best to teach the origin of human beings by voicing support for teaching intelligent design in public schools. Jeffrey Brown leads a discussion on the debate over evolution, creationism or intelligent design.

8/9—Jeffrey Brown talks about the shuttle Discovery's safe return and what comes next in NASA's space program with John Logston, a member of the Columbia accident Investigation Board, and Robert Park, a professor of physics at the University of Maryland.

8/12—Jeffrey Brown discusses NASA's newest mission to Mars with its chief scientist—Michael Myer.

8/16—Tom Bearden looks at the debate over scientific research that involves transplanting human stem cells into animal brains.

8/24—Essayist Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune considers the power of the cell phone.

NOVA: WELCOME TO MARS

7/19 8 pm 60 min

ON January 3, 2004, a tiny rover named Spirit crash-landed on the dusty surface of Mars and sent its first message home. The elation of the assembled scientists, as well as the behind-the-scenes engineering story leading up to the landing, was captured by NOVA in "Mars: Dead or Alive." That elation is the starting point for this sequel which follows the adventures of Spirit and Opportunity on the Red Planet. This program presents a compelling inside story of triumph and technical ingenuity, full of scientific and human drama, with stunning fresh images from an alien world.

NOVA: SCIENCE NOW

7/26 8 pm 60 min

Tom and Ray Magliozzi join Robert Krulwich to explore what could be the wave of the future—fuel cells.

NOVA: SECRET OF PHOTO 51

8/9 8 pm 60 min

NOVA investigates the life of Rosalind Franklin and her unsung contribution to one of science's greatest discoveries—the double-helix structure of DNA. Through eyewitness accounts and the replication and re-enactments of numerous experiments, viewers see the tragic story of a brilliant young woman and the male-dominated race to find the scientific secret of life.

NOVA: BATTLE PLAN UNDER FIRE

8/16 8 pm 60 min

IN an exclusive collaboration with the New York Times television reporters, NOVA investigates the impact of advanced technology on President Bush's war-fighting machinery. With fresh analysis of key battles in the Iraq conflict, the Times reporters pose searching questions such as: how far will the next

generation of hi-tech weapons prove effective against elusive enemies such as terrorists and civilian militias?

NOVA: ORIGINS

Earth is Born/How Life Began

8/23 8 pm 60 min

Astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, leads viewers on a cosmic journey to the beginnings of time and to the depths of space, in search of the first stirrings of life and its traces on other worlds.