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Community Needs and Issues List – WKCF – CW18, Hearst Orlando

Based upon **CW18's** involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, **CW18** has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

1. **CRIME**
Below the surface of everyday life, mischief and mayhem plague America's urban cities and counties.
2. **PERSONAL/PUBLIC SAFETY:**
With a high murder rate and crimes on the rise in Central Florida, viewers need to be informed of the dangers and how they can protect themselves and their children. Plus, with more and more people on city streets and highways, viewers need to be aware of driving risks and ways to avoid them.
3. **ECONOMY**
As the economy recovers, communities are growing but hesitant. Our viewers are interested in how to participate in better economic times while keeping investments safe. They are also very observant of how our leaders and local companies are being responsible with their spending.
4. **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**
Local, State, and Federal Governments struggle to meet the needs of constituents amidst a tough economy and with intense parties that are in political battles.
5. **HEALTH**
Knowledge is the key to long life and discipline is the way to healthy living. Experts work out the minds and bodies of the American people.
6. **COVID-19**
Facing new surges of rapid spreading COVID-19 variants, like the Delta variant, which are crushing hospitals and medical providers, it has never been more important for us to concentrate our efforts on bringing up-to-date information to our community. We inform viewers with the latest details on how to stay safe and the actions to take to keep us all protected. The reported numbers are staggering with information on the amount of people, from the elderly to infants, with or without underlying health issues, infected with or dying from the coronavirus. This pandemic has affected everything from the Stock Market, large and small business, travel, and more and it has fueled controversy in our communities.
7. **SOCIAL-FAMILY**
As Central Florida expands and grows, so comes growing pains. It is important that the process of development includes collective actions and solutions generated by leaders and residents in our communities. Our stations provide information and stories that bring those issues and proposed changes to the public, so they can be a part of the narrative.
8. **PROJECT CommUNITY:** Focusing on timely issues like bullying, race relations, gun violence, and the environment, this initiative dives deep into the issues that divide communities. It celebrates the residents who are leading the call to unite people. Specials and news stories highlight the differences and bring people together.
9. **EDUCATION**
Central Florida's education is a hot topic in Florida government and viewers are concerned about overcrowding, funding, and ways to get parents more involved. Education is the key to preventing crimes and drug and alcohol abuse.
10. **WEATHER**
Central Florida is known as the "Lightening Capital of the World." The weather continues to be an intense topic because of the danger's tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, thunderstorms, lightening, and flooding can impose.

**A SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PROGRAM VEHICLES
THAT REGULARLY DEAL WITH
COMMUNITY ISSUES-PROBLEMS AND NEEDS
4th QUARTER 2023**

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 regularly communicates public affairs program segments that deal with local issues, problems, and needs in the News. These service and integrated additional segments are as follows:

<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	4AM-5AM
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<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	5AM-6AM, Monday-Friday
<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	7AM-9AM, Monday-Friday
<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	10AM-11PM, Monday-Sunday
<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	9AM-10AM, Monday-Friday

TRAFFIC REPORTS: As a service to commuters, WESH 2 presents LIVE traffic reports which give viewers a visual location of traffic congestion, fires, and severe weather, which accompany the audio reports.

FRIDAY FURRY FRIENDS: Every Friday, a pet that is available for adoption is featured; this is in partnership with the Seminole County and Orange County Animal Services.

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<i>WESH 2 News Sunrise (simulcast)</i>	6AM-7AM, Monday-Friday

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COMMITMENT 2023: A daily commitment to viewers to devote a large amount of time to political coverage in WESH 2 News reports, programs, and on-line.

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ISSUES PROGRAMMING

WESH 2 Project CommUNITY: Creating Hispanic History

Air Date and Time: October 1, 2023 at 11-11:30pm and on October 8 at 6-6:30pm on Estrella

WESH 2 Project CommUNITY: Creating Hispanic History: In Celebration of Hispanic History Month, WESH 2 introduces you to Latinos and Latinas who are carving their own path in Central Florida. They are barrier-breakers who are creating Hispanic History in Orlando and beyond.

WESH 2 Orlando Half Marathon

Air Date: December 2, 2023 at 7-10am

WESH 2 Orlando Half Marathon: For the very first time, WESH 2 broadcasted LIVE the annual OUC Orlando Half Marathon, one of the top road races in the Southeast and an Orlando tradition. Over 4,000 runners ran through scenic Downtown Orlando and finish at beautiful Lake Eola.

WESH 2: Year of Champions

Air Date: December 25, 2023 at 12-1pm

WESH 2: Year of Champions: A look at some of 2023's CommUNITY Champions. People and organizations making a difference in the lives of others in Central Florida.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 – CRIME

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Developing this morning, two people under the age of 18 are recovering after being shot at a football practice. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live from the Apopka Athletic Complex. Tony, are both victims expected to be okay?

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Orlando police say close to 2am, they received a call, about a man who'd been shot. They believe that shooting happened in or near the parking lot at this Walgreens. The person who was hit went about 2 blocks away and called for help. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the police station with the details.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Investigators believe at least 2 people were shooting that day at the Mercy Drive Apartments. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports from the jail.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: New from overnight in Volusia County, Deputies released bodycam footage showing the moment they took down a man accused of stabbing someone to death in Deltona. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. Tony -- deputies initially thought there had been a shooting.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: A search is underway this morning for this Lake County man who deputies say is possibly armed and dangerous. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live this morning. Tony, the 37-year-old is accused of aggravated assault.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Jury selection gets underway today for an Orlando man accused of killing his wife. Shanti Cooper-Tronnes was killed in their East Copeland Drive home in Delaney Park, back in 2018. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is LIVE at the Orange County Courthouse and tells us the Detectives say David Tronnes lied when they interrogated him.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Deputies in Orange County are working to learn more about a deadly shooting at an apartment complex. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports officers say they are still looking for the shooter.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: The Poinciana community is coming together to honor three kids and their grandmother who died in a car crash last month. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports, the family wants officials to have more safety measures in place.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:20

Summary: Developing this morning in Seminole County. A 3-year-old is dead after getting pulled from a pond. This happened yesterday in Sanford. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports that both parents face manslaughter charges.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: We have new information this morning about two people found dead overnight in Marion County. Deputies said they believe this was a murder-suicide. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is LIVE at the Sheriff's Office this morning. Tony, you just heard from investigators in the last 15 minutes.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:30

Summary: There's a high stakes court hearing set to take place this morning in Seminole County. It centers around a man convicted of a violent crime and new evidence in the case. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us -- Anthony Walker already spent 16 years in prison.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:30

Summary: Back in the states in Polk County, a drive to work on I-4 ended with a man dead and the search for his killer. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us deputies put out a reward to help find the shooter.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: :55

Summary: A woman is dead after a shooting overnight; the person accused of pulling the trigger is her HUSBAND. Let's get over to WESH 2's Tony Atkins whose at the police department this morning with the details.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Developing this morning in Seminole County. Police say this man ran into the back of a motorcycle with his pick-up truck and killed 2 people. WESH 2's Megan Mellado reports that Sanford man faces DUI manslaughter charges.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Deputies shot and critically injured someone after they say he reached for a gun. WESH 2's Bob Hazen joins us live this morning. Bob, this all started as a traffic stop.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Two teens are set to face a judge today after police say they shot and killed another teen at a Sanford apartment complex. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports police believe the suspects and the victim knew each other.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: :55

Summary: The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating this morning after a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper shot a woman in Flagler County. WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains what investigators say started with a traffic stop that led to a chase.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Today, the man convicted of killing a Daytona Beach police officer will learn his fate. Othall Wallace is expected to face a judge. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the Volusia County Courthouse where his attorneys are asking for a lower sentence.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Opening statements start today in the trial of the woman accused of shooting and killing her husband in their Casselberry home more than two years ago. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us it's likely Sherry Fitzpatrick will take the stand in her own defense.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Four people are recovering after 3 separate shootings in Orlando. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is following the investigations and Tony one of the people who got shot is in critical condition.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:37

Summary: Lake Minneola High School is mourning the loss of a seventeen-year-old student. Senior Sherman Vannoy was hit by a school bus while riding his bike this morning. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme tells us about the school's football game tonight where they're honoring Vannoy.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:32

Summary: A coastal flood warning is in effect for Brevard County through tomorrow as officials there assess and clean up from heavy rain over the weekend that led to flooding and a washed out road. WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to neighbors in Palm Bay about what happened and what lies ahead.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:37

Summary: Gun violence continues to be a major issue in Orlando and one street in particular has been at the center of several investigations in recent months. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith has been digging into the violence on Mercy Drive and what has been tried in the past.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:44

Summary: Brightline is partnering with a tech company to develop artificial intelligence software to keep trespassers off the railways. WESH 2's Megan Mellado tells us this is part of a growing push to incorporate A-I into transportation safety.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:10

Summary: An Orlando man has been arrested for aggravated child abuse after his 3-month old ended up in the hospital. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme tells us the baby is still in critical condition.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:15

Summary: An 11 year old, accused of shooting two fellow Pop Warner football players, will remain locked up in jail tonight. At a hearing today, the boy's defense attorney pleaded for his release. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel tells us why that request did not work.

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: An Edgewater man is in custody after police say he killed one person and shot two others on Thursday night. WESH 2's Liv Johnson is live from the Edgewater Police Department right now. Liv, did the police also arrest the man's fiancé in connection to the murder?

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:20

Summary: While people are often trying to get out of jail, one man was trying to break in to jail. It happened in Lake County Thursday night. WESH 2's Luana Munoz explains.

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Tonight we're hearing from the father of 8-year-old Jayden Miranda. The boy was killed Thursday in Apopka when a burglary suspect hit his mom's car as they were on their way to school. Victoria, Jayden's mom, was in surgery today at ORMC where her husband talked to WESH 2's Nancy Alvarez about how their lives changed in an instant.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:00

Summary: Breaking tonight at 10, a teacher at a Seminole County High School has been arrested.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: David Tronnes was convicted of first degree murder.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Family and friends of an eighteen-year-old shot and killed in Orange County over the weekend are remembering her tonight.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:20

Summary: FDLE is investigating after a Florida Highway Patrol trooper shot a female suspect.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: One person is dead and three others were taken to the hospital after a shooting led to a police chase in Orlando.

Date: 10/28/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:57

Summary: A new ice cream shop is opening at a historic location in Orlando. The beloved "Goff's Drive In" closed last year after a suspected arson.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a

Length: 1:15

Summary: New this morning, Ocala police arrested two people in connection to a shooting in a Burger King parking lot. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports Police are still searching for the shooting suspect, but they say the two people they arrested are involved.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a

Length: 1:15

Summary: A former pro-wrestling star is set to learn her fate following a deadly crash last year. Tamara Sytch pleaded no contest to several charges related to the crash. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live this morning. Tony, police say she was drunk when that crash happened.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Trial is expected to begin in a matter of weeks for the Marion County woman accused of killing her neighbor during an argument. Susan Lorincz is still in jail after deputies say she shot and killed A.J. Owens this summer. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins tells us she pleaded not guilty.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:16

Summary: The trial for the Casselberry woman charged with her husband's murder will continue later this morning. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us, the defense team for Sherry Fitzpatrick, suggests it's a case of self-defense.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: A competency hearing is happening this morning, for the man accused of killing a Daytona Beach couple during bike week. WESH 2's Bob Hazen EXPLAINS that in February, Jean Macean was found incompetent because of his mental health.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Attorneys and court officials are still trying to determine if the man accused of killing a couple during "Bike Week" last year is mentally competent to stand trial. As WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us, prosecutors argued the convicted killer may not actually live with a mental illness.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:20

Summary: New at 9, Kissimmee police have arrested this man in connection with a fire at the Osceola County Salvation Army building. They say Cordearo Lee Mable admitted to starting the fire last night. He has now been charged with arson and burglary. WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains that no one was inside when the fire started.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Developing this morning, a woman is in critical condition after police shot her in Ormond Beach. WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains this happened after police officers say the woman came at them with a knife.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:25

Summary: This morning a young woman will be in Orange County Court after she's accused of derailing the sentencing trial of a convicted killer. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, she's the reason a judge declared a mistrial, at Bessman Okafor's re-sentencing.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: :50

Summary: In Orange County, we're covering new developments in an Ocoee shooting; authorities are telling us a man is dead. It happened near the corner of East Silver Star Road and North Clark Road. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports police say the victim was shot multiple times.

Date: 11/15/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:20

Summary: Loved ones will gather for a vigil in memory of 5-year-old Aiyanna McCoy. She died in a hit-and-run over the weekend. This happened on Orange Blossom Trail and Lee Road. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, police are still looking for the driver who slammed into the car Aiyanna was riding in.

Date: 11/20/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:10

Summary: It was a tragic ending to a week-long search. Someone reported a smell inside of a storage unit which led deputies to find Shakeria Rucker on Saturday. The Winter Springs mother of 4 was found at the storage facility off Wiggins Road and North Orange Blossom Trail in Apopka. Let's start with Tony who explains investigators have named Shakeira's estranged husband as the prime suspect in the investigation.

Date: 11/11/1023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:53

Summary: Tonight, family members are pleading for your help to find a shooter who killed a veteran in Ocoee. The man was found with multiple gunshot wounds in a Publix parking lot earlier this week.

Date: 11/25/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:32

Summary: Officials have identified the man shot and killed by Citrus County deputies after a chase that ended in Marion County.

Date: 11/26/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:45

Summary: Thousands of people were in Downtown Orlando this weekend celebrating different cultures at the "6th Annual Fusion-Fest."

Date: 11/30/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:15

Summary: We're getting you back to that breaking news out of Pine Hills where Orange County Sheriff's deputies are still at the scene of a shooting. We now know that that shooting was deadly.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:21

Summary: There's a sense of peace tonight for an Orlando family that has been more than two years in the making. An arrest has now been made in their daughter's death. WESH 2's Liv Johnson spoke with the victim's family tonight.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Nearly eighty years after a Leesburg man was killed during World War II, his remains have been identified. U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Franklin P. Hall was just 21 when the plane he was a gunner on was attacked by Germans and went down over France. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme spoke with his nephew tonight who's been keeping his Uncle's memory alive waiting for his remains to be found.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:48

Summary: Today, Florida's Supreme Court ruled police officers who use deadly force do NOT have the right to remain anonymous.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:45

Summary: They were beloved in their Mt. Dora community and three years ago they were shot and killed during an armed robbery. They were known as Ken and Tina now detectives say they have persons of interest in the double murder but they need more help from the community to deliver justice. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has the latest on the investigation, and how the couple is still being fondly remembered.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:23

Summary: Cold and flu season is in full swing and cases are rising across the country. More people are getting the flu here in Florida as well, according to data from the State Department of Health, WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke with a doctor about the best ways to avoid getting sick.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Saturday at 7:15, the horn will blare, then four-thousand people will start their trek through downtown Orlando for the OUC Half Marathon.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:49

Summary: A Eustis teacher's aide is accused of slapping a teenage student in the face. The Lake County School District says she was hired as a teacher's assistant and family-school liaison in 2022. She's now facing child abuse charges. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme breaks down what investigators say led up to the incident.

Date: 12/2/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:08

Summary: Playing video games to help hospital patients. It's a new program that Nemours Childrens Health in Orlando rolled out this year. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez sat down with their "gaming tech specialist" who shows us how playing Mario Kart helps kids on their road to recovery.

Date: 12/3/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 3:30

Summary: It's 12 squares miles of what SHOULD be prime real estate in Brevard County. But instead, the area known as "The Compound," is a magnet for criminal activity.

Date: 12/3/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:00

Summary: In Volusia County, mothers are coming together calling for action and finding strength in each other after losing their children to gun violence and drug use. The "Turnaround Foundation" held a Unity Day yesterday at New Saint James Missionary Baptist Church.

Date: 12/3/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 3:17

Summary: A local woman has made a HUGE impact on the lives of our men and women serving overseas. She started a nonprofit in 2010 with the hopes of sending something special to American troops.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:36

Summary: In Titusville, Police are trying to figure out why a man allegedly drove to a house, destroyed Christmas decorations, then along with his 17-year-old friend, tried to stab and shoot the owner of the house.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:18

Summary: With the approaching storm, officials in Sanford and Winter Springs already announced they are canceling holiday events.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:09

Summary: Volunteers spent weeks wrapping thousands of gifts for residents at assisted living facilities around Central Florida. For this morning's Project Community, I spoke to people at one Lake Mary holiday party where Santa delivered some of those presents.

Date: 12/17/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:16

Summary: The storm threw a wrench in many people's travel plans.

Date: 12/17/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 3:07

Summary: One of the Orlando Science Center's most sought after exhibits is dressed up in shining lights this holiday season. The Dinosaur Exhibit got a festive makeover.

Date: 12/17/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 3:18

Summary: A young teen from Central Florida survived a freak accident when he was just 7 years old. Parker Giuliani is this week's WESH 2 CommUNITY Champion.

Date: 12/24/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:42

Summary: Developing in Ocala, a shooting at the Paddock Mall leaves one man dead and a woman hurt. As WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda reports, this was a targeted attack.

Date: 12/31/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:04

Summary: We're also on the tail end of a busy travel weekend at the Orlando International Airport. Many people are heading home after the holidays and that means big wait times are possible. WESH 2's Liv Johnson checked out the crowds at the Orlando International Airport.

Date: 12/3/2023

Newscast: 6a

Length: 1:16

Summary: The family of a Winter Springs woman who was found dead in a storage unit last month is celebrating her life. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda explains they are keeping her legacy of love and light alive.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 7a

Length: 1:00

Summary: The search continues for the man accused of shooting and killing someone at an Ocala Mall Sunday. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports, police are also now looking for a man they say took evidence from the scene.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15a

Summary: Developing this morning, Orange County deputies are investigating a deadly shooting in Pine Hills. Someone shot and killed a man at the Southern Oaks Apartments on Silver Star Road. WESH 2 's Bob Hazen reports, this all started with reports of a stolen car.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:20

Summary: This morning, search efforts are ramping up in Lake County for a missing mother of three in Mount Dora. Nicole Baldwin's family, friends, and strangers in the community spent the weekend looking for her. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, Nicole has been missing for more than a month.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Marion County Sheriff's deputies are looking for whoever shot two people outside of a club early yesterday morning. They say one of the two victims is a deputy who was off duty when the shooting happened. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live this morning telling us that investigators say more people could've been hurt.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: The Marion County sheriff's office is trying to find a person of interest in a deadly shooting from over the weekend. 17-year-old Sophia Lugo has been identified as the victim. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports deputies say she was found dead inside a house where her boyfriend lived.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:25

Summary: We've told you about Nicole Baldwin, the Mount Dora mom whose family reported her missing. This morning, her husband is behind bars. But police say his arrest is not connected to the disappearance of his wife. As WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us, they say this case has to do with Homeland Security.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: :45

Summary: We begin in Marion County where Ocala police say someone shot two people at the Parkside Apartment complex in Ocala. WESH 2's Tony Atkins explains, police are still trying to find the shooter.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:45

Summary: Deputies in Volusia County are in a standoff with an armed and barricaded suspect. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is live at the scene. Bob, the Sheriff's office says this suspect shot at a deputy.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:35

Summary: We're now seeing the chaotic moments, when a Volusia County man was captured, at his burning house after an hours long standoff. WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains, investigators say it started when the suspect stole cigarettes!

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: In Marion County, Ocala Police are still looking for the gunman who killed a man and terrified shoppers at Paddock Mall over the weekend. Police say Albert J. Shell shot and killed 40-year-old David Barron. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports the victim's family is now demanding justice.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: This morning, police are increasing the reward, to find the man accused of the deadly shooting at an Ocala mall right before Christmas. They're now offering 10-thousand dollars for information that helps them arrest Albert Shell, Jr. WESH 2's Bob Hazen shows us a video of shoppers trying to get away from the gunfire.

Date: 12/28/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: More than 2-weeks after a teenage girl was killed in an Ocala home, a man is in jail. Saul Garcia Macias went in front of a judge for the first time this morning. WESH 2's Bob Hazen joins us live...Bob, investigators say they believe Macias should stay in jail.

Date: 12/31/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Now to a Rossen in 60 where we get the latest consumer headlines in 60 seconds or less. Many of you are making travel plans for the next year and there are apps you may not know about that could help you on vacation. Here's our Chief National Consumer Correspondent Jeff Rossen.

Date: 12/31/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 2:36

Summary: We know so many parents and students struggled to adjust to learning at home during the pandemic, but the founder of a local non-profit was determined to help kids in the Apopka area succeed.

Date: 12/9/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:57

Summary: An Orlando man accused of shooting and killing a man in August, last year, is no longer behind bars. That's after a judge dismissed his murder case. Rafael Villaverde was initially charged with the murder of Dylan Jimenez. Deputies responding to the scene then shot Jimenez's brother, after they said he refused to put a gun down. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke to an attorney representing the family of the two brothers who died to see how they're reacting to the news.

Date: 12/10/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:44

Summary: A Marion County deputy and one other person are recovering tonight after being shot in a parking lot on Southeast Maricamp Road in Ocala. Officials say it happened shortly after 2:00 this morning. WESH 2's Liv Johnson explains what happened and how the sheriff's office is responding to the news.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 – PERSONAL PUBLIC SAFETY

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Today, parents are meeting with leaders of the Apopka Pop Warner football program. The parent meetings comes in the wake of a shooting that ended with an 11-year-old arrested, and two 13-year-old players in the hospital. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is live at the North West Recreation Complex. Tony, the team also put a message out to parents as well.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1;10

Summary: Pop Warner Football practice is set to resume today, after an 11-year-old allegedly shot two 13-year-olds at practice earlier this week. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us live this morning. Tony, are new safety measures implemented to keep everyone safe?

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/90a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Citizens is supposed to be the insurance company of last resort, but because so many companies have backed out of Florida; it now has more policies than any private company.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a

Length: :50

Summary: More than one-hundred people gathered in Brevard County to pray for Israel. They met last night outside of Temple Beth Sholom. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us now in the studio this morning and Tony, people showed up to pray for their friends and loved ones caught in the middle of this war.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: A Volusia County commissioner is pushing for new rules to crack down on sex offenders. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports, this is part of a proposal to change WHERE convicted sex offenders can live.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Breaking news out of Flagler County this morning. A historic theatre went up in flames. Flagler Playhouse was set to debut a new production this week. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the scene right now. Bob, Firefighters arrived overnight and saw a huge black smoke cloud rising from the building.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Trick or Treating safety interview with the Orlando Police department.

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:05

Summary: A very busy stretch of I-4 will soon be able to better accommodate traffic. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado reports, I-4 through Osceola County and Polk County will be just about doubling in size.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Tonight, Orlando Police are out in force making sure people celebrating Halloween do it responsibly and safely.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:20

Summary: The Israel-Hamas War has caused an increase in hate crimes across the United States. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports that the Flagler County Sheriff's office is taking proactive steps to fight those crimes.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: A 5-year-old is dead after a hit-and-run in Orange County. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports, Orlando Police say the child was in a car with 4 people including 2 other children.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Today marks 100 days since Governor DeSantis removed Monique Worrell from the office and put Andrew Bain in charge of the State Attorney's office in Orange and Osceola Counties. He made several promises when he took the job. As WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us, later this morning, we expect to hear from Bain about what he accomplished in the last few months.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: In Orlando, people who live near the Milk District are back in their homes this morning after a gas leak forced them to evacuate last night. It happened on East Jefferson Street and Bumby Avenue. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports that crews are still working to figure out what caused this leak.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Police say the estranged husband of a Winter Springs mother is a person of interest in her disappearance. WESH 2's Tony Atkins tells us Shakeira Rucker's family hasn't seen her since Saturday.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Both Police and Shakeria Rucker's family are still trying to find her this morning. No one has seen her since Saturday evening. WESH 2's Tony Atkins tells us investigators put out a new picture as the family is desperately trying to find their loved one.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Shakeira Rucker is the Winter Springs mother of four who vanished nearly a week ago. The search for her now spans four local counties. We want to start with WESH 2's Tony Atkins with more about how this search has expanded.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Shakeira Rucker's family and friends gathered for a candlelight vigil in her honor yesterday. WESH 2's Bob Hazen continues our coverage and reports State attorney Andrew Bain was at the vigil to show support for the family.

Date: 11/22/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:15

Summary: This morning, we have NEW information about the mother and her baby, who burned in a house fire in Daytona Beach. Police say someone stabbed the mother before starting the fire. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports from the apartment complex where that family lived. Bob listened to some of the 9-1-1 calls and tells us what do they reveal.

Date: 11/4/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:13

Summary: A retired Seminole County Firefighter jumped into action to help rescue a motorcyclist thrown into the water after an accident on a bridge.

Date: 11/12/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:21

Summary: Sanford Police say a medical episode sends a driver to their death and the vehicle they were driving went straight into a home. That car went right into a child's playroom. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme spoke with the family that lives there about the frightening moment.

Date: 12/14/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:10

Summary: Now to Orange County where a shooting and a fire happened on the same street, in one neighborhood. Investigators are still working to get more details about both incidents, which happened hours apart. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports it's still unclear if there might be a connection between the shooting and the fire.

Date: 12/22/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:20

Summary: Developing this morning near Apopka, this fire broke out around 8 last night on Ridge Terrace. Firefighters found 2 people dead inside the home. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is LIVE at the scene this morning and tells us neighbors say they tried to help but couldn't get inside.

Date: 12/18/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:15

Summary: This morning students at one Orange County school are going through extra screenings before their classes start. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at Wekiva High School this morning where they're testing out a new weapons detection system.

Date: 12/13/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Guns at airports interview.

Date: 12/2/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 2:14
Summary: Mothers are coming together and calling for action as they find strength from each other after losing their children to gun violence and drug use. The Turnaround Foundation held a Unity Day at New Saint James Ministry Baptist Church.

Date: 12/3/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:28
Summary: Friends and family of Nicole Baldwin are still searching for the missing mother of three who hasn't been seen or heard from for more than a month. WESH 2's Liv Johnson caught up with the family today.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 - ECONOMY

Date: 10/5/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:10
Summary: From 2022 to 2023, Osceola County saw a 27-percent increase in people experiencing homelessness. Over the past five years, the county saw a 67-percent increase. Hope is hoping to lower that number by turning the Crown Motel on Vine Street into affordable housing. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is there with the details.

Date: 10/2/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Student loan payments are back interview.

Date: 10/27/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 2:30
Summary: Interview with Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:27

Summary: A heads up for Florida homeowners. Progressive Insurance announced it will not renew around 115-thousand policies. WESH 2's Anika Hope went to the experts to learn more about other options for people who get dropped.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:30

Summary: Now a WESH 2 Investigates exclusive! We are focusing on the I-4 express toll lanes. You know how we see all of those signs on the interstate warning drivers they're going to be fined if they don't have a transponder? Well forget it, because apparently, drivers are not being penalized. As Investigative Reporter Greg Fox uncovered, millions of dollars in fines that could have been reinvested in the toll road, will never be collected.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:30

Summary: Travel cost saving interview.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:31

Summary: It's small business Saturday and stores in Downtown Mount Dora took advantage of the crowds. People say they're out celebrating the holidays and supporting local business.

Date: 12/31/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Now to the Rossen in :60 seconds report where we get the latest consumer headlines in :60 seconds or less. Many of you are making travel plans for the next year and there are apps you may not know about that could you while you are on vacation. Here's Chief National Consumer Correspondent, Jeff Rosen with the latest.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:05

Summary: Later today, Orange County Commissioners are set to talk about possible upgrades for Camping World Stadium. We're talking some pretty significant changes, if approved. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is live at the County Administration Center and tells us the proposed price tag is roughly 400-million dollars!

Date: 12/27/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Student loan interview.

Date: 12/15/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 2:28
Summary: Fake reviews are a bigger problem than ever, so who do you trust? NBC's Noah Pransky explains how to spot the fakes, and what to be aware of while doing your holiday shopping.

WESH 2 News on CW18 – POLITICS

Date: 10/6/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 3:10
Summary: Commitment 2023 brings us an up close look at the race for Orlando Mayor. Voters will decide next month if Buddy Dyer deserves another term. But WESH 2's Political Reporter Greg Fox talks with Dyer's challengers about why THEY believe the City Beautiful needs new leadership at the top.

Date: 11/7/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:10
Summary: In Commitment 2023, today is Election Day! One of the biggest races we're watching is the race for Mayor of Orlando. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports Mayor Buddy Dyer led the City Beautiful longer than any mayor in history and is looking to continue that streak.

Date: 11/9/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 2:15
Summary: Marc Sandalow debate talkback.

Date: 11/4/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 2:20
Summary: In Kissimmee, Republican Presidential candidates including Ron DeSantis and former President Donald Trump spoke at the Florida Freedom Summit as the 2024 election season inches closer. Other GOP hopefuls also spoke, Doug Burgum, Chris Christie, Asa Hutchinson, Rick Scott, and Tim Scott.

Date: 11/5/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:14

Summary: The Florida Legislature meets tomorrow for a special session. They're considering a number of bills dealing with hurricane relief to Florida's relationship with Iran. WESH 2's Liv Johnson spoke with politicians on both sides of the aisle.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:30

Summary: A devastating legal blow tonight for Rudy Giuliani. A jury has awarded 148 million dollars in damages to two former Georgia election workers who sued him for defamation and they say this is just the beginning.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 - HEALTH

Date: 10/3/2023

newscast: 9a

length: 4:00

summary: Medicare open enrollment interview.

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Breast Cancer awareness interview.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: "World Mental Health" day interview.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Breast cancer scalp treatment interview.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Breast Cancer Reconstruction interview.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The City of Orlando has struck a deal to buy the Pulse nightclub property.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Lung cancer awareness interview.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: PFF Summit interview.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Police mental health interview.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 - SOCIAL FAMILY

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:20

Summary: The City of Orlando has struck a deal to buy the Pulse Nightclub site. WESH 2's Bob Hazen joins us and tells us some families and survivors spent years fighting and praying for this.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:25

Summary: Orlando City Commissioners will vote in JUST a few hours on spending 2-million dollars to buy the Pulse Nightclub site. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports officials say the purchase is part of the process to develop a permanent memorial.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Plans are coming together to build a permanent memorial to the victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting. Seven years ago, gunman walked into that club and killed 49 people and left more than 50 others hurt. WESH 2's Bob Hazen joins us live this morning and tells us even though city commissioners approved buying the property, the mayor says they don't have ALL the details yet.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Harbor House DVA Luncheon interview.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 2:10

Summary: WESH 2 is the proud media partner for the OUC Orlando Half Marathon presented by Land Rover. We're not just broadcasting the race through Orlando this year, some of us are running it. We hope some of you at home are getting ready to run it with us. Part of the process is wearing the right shoes! WESH 2's Sheldon Dutes stopped into Track Shack to learn what goes into a running shoe fitting.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: "Walk to End Alzheimer's" interview.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 6:00

Summary: For so many women expecting a baby, pre-natal and post-natal care is so important. But what do you do if you are uninsured or underinsured? In this week's Community Champion, we meet a midwife who's making sure you and your baby get the proper care.

Date: 10/6/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Halloween crafts interview.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Science of it – Solar Eclipse breakdown.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: *Blind Kitchen Orlando* interview.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:40

Summary: Training for the OUC Orlando Half Marathon continues for me, Stewart Moore, and Michelle Imperato as we get ready for race day in December. This week the team at Track Shack is helping Michelle stay limber with foam rolling techniques to improve stretching.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:30

Summary: The "Science of It" – Solar Eclipse viewing.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:45

Summary: "The Science of It" – Rockets.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: National College Fair interview.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Race for Inclusion interview.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Jazz concert for Jones High School band interview.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:00

Summary: LIV Golf Championship interview.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 6:00

Summary: A local woman is giving back and helping people who have cardiovascular problems through her volunteer work with mended hearts. This week's Community Champion is using her own health journey to support others.

Date: 10/23/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: "Reading Between the Wines" interviews.

Date: 10/24/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: "Festival of Trees" interview.

Date: 10/25/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:05
Summary: RFR proper nutrition.

Date: 10/26/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Halloween movie night interview.

Date: 10/26/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 5:05
Summary: Central Florida Lewy body interview.

Date: 10/27/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Cans over Candy interview.

Date: 10/30/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Orlando International Fashion Week interview.

Date: 10/30/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 2:45
Summary: "The Science of It" - Science in our backyards interview.

Date: 10/30/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:30
Summary: Birthplace of Halloween.

Date: 10/1/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:50

Summary: More than a month after a fire ripped through a part of the Center Arena Church in Orlando, the congregation still doesn't have a permanent place to hold services.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:08

Summary: The Orlando Magic is excited about the young core they've constructed. But for a pair of first round draft picks, juggling a big new time job, and a new stage of life can be a challenge. WESH 2's Sport Reporter Kristen Lago gives us the latest from "Media Day.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:48

Summary: WESH 2 is the proud media partner for the OUC Orlando Half Marathon presented by Land Rover. We're not just broadcasting the race through Orlando this year, some of us are participating in it. Part of the process is wearing the right shoes! WESH 2's Sheldon Dutes stopped by Track Shack to learn what goes into a running shoe fitting.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Tonight in Brevard County, more than a hundred people gathered at Temple Beth Sholom for a prayer gathering for Israel.

Date: 10/28/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:18

Summary: If you were anywhere near Sanford this afternoon, chances are you caught at least a glimpse of some incredible jets flying overhead; they're part of this weekend's Air Show. WESH 2's Liv Johnson was there and told us some of the sights and sounds from the exciting display.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Local churches wanted to make sure our kids had a safe way to celebrate on a school night.

Date: 11/22/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:00

Summary: The Orlando Airport is expected to hit record numbers for travelers. Officials predict that 175-thousand passengers will travel in and out of the airport today alone! Our Traffic Expert, Meaghan Mackey, is at one of the terminals at the Orlando International Airport and tells us she's keeping an eye on the roads. Meaghan, we know today is going to be BUSY.

Date: 11/22/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:00

Summary: WESH 2's Tony Atkins is also joining us here in Orlando International Airport. Tony if passengers have flights scheduled for today, they better get there early.

Date: 11/23/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 3:00

Summary: "The 34th Seniors First Turkey Trot 5k" is this morning at Lake Eola! Thousands of runners are expected to take on the trot. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith joins us live this morning and tells us funds raised will go to several programs like "Meals on Wheels."

Date: 11/23/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:30

Summary: Thanksgiving for a lot of people means stuffing yourself with turkey, sides, and sweets. Now today some of you are sitting comfy on the couch. But others are expected to go to their favorite stores, just trying to get a good deal. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is LIVE at the Orlando International Premium Outlets on I-Drive and tells us it's a busy morning there for the shoppers.

Date: 11/24/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:00

Summary: Thanksgiving for a lot of people means stuffing yourself with turkey, sides, and sweets. Now today some of you are sitting comfy on the couch. But others are expected to go to their favorite stores, just trying to get a good deal.

Date: 11/2/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00

Summary: Maker Faire 2023 interview.

Date: 11/2/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 5:30
Summary: WESH 2's Meredith Mc Donough's firefighter teaches CPR interview.

Date: 11/12/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length:3:30
Summary: *Blind Kitchen Orlando* interview.

Date: 11/12/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Community fair fighting homelessness interview.

Date: 11/6/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:20
Summary: "The Science of It" - UFO spinners.

Date: 11/8/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 2:05
Summary: Friends running the race package.

Date: 11/9/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 6:05
Summary: WESH 2's Jason Guy's: "Elite Repeat" interview.

Date: 11/9/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length:4:00
Summary: Veterans Day interview.

Date: 11/10/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:30
Summary: *Maker Nation* interview.

Date: 11/10/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:30
Summary: Thanksgiving in Central Florida interview.

Date: 11/14/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Winter Springs ASL performance interview.

Date: 11/14/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Plate Above Catering interview.

Date: 11/15/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: "Extend the Wave" interview.

Date: 11/15/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 2:25
Summary: From Paris to Tokyo, Berlin, Chicago and Detroit, a local mother has literally run all around the world. Right now she is gearing up to run one of her favorite half marathons, the OUC Orlando Half on December 2nd. But even with all those miles under her belt, this race could be one of her most challenging yet. That's because this year she now has 3 children UNDER 3! She delivered twins just months ago. We got to hear how super mom Gabrielle Russon is getting ready for race day.

Date: 11/16/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 6:00
Summary: A Central Florida organization has been guiding young men to the right path for YEARS. That's why MAN UP Mentoring is a CommUNITY Champion. The non-profit helps children and their families learn about ways to live a better life and excel in everything they do.

Date: 11/16/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:00
Summary: Kid friendly Thanksgiving interview.

Date: 11/17/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Local actress in a Disney film interview.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 3:00

Summary: Last minute Thanksgiving Do It Yourself interview.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: For decades, telescopes in space have helped us learn more about our universe. Meteorologist Eric Burris joins us now and tells us things really started to change with the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope which was launched in 1990. Since then, the technology has only gotten better. The newest telescope producing images is the James Webb Telescope launched two years ago. Today in the "Science of It," we are looking at the differences between how these two well-known space exploration objects work.

Date: 11/5/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:20

Summary: People gathered in Orlando tonight to mark two years since Bryan "Vladek" Hasel went missing at the age of 22. His family is trying to raise awareness about his disappearance in hopes someone might come forward with information that could help find him.

Date: 11/11/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A Soiree held to support "Give Kids the World," an 89 acre resort in Osceola County that is a destination for children from around the world who have critical illnesses. It provides them and their families with a magical and accessible vacation. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme heard from one of the families who were able to benefit from this special organization.

Date: 11/12/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Hundreds of families now have groceries after a Thanksgiving food drive was held in Orlando. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how volunteers were in the spirit of giving back.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: :59

Summary: Thanksgiving may be over, but the work to feed everyone is never-ending for some community groups. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how volunteers at Universal Orlando Resort packaged thousands of meals to help local families in need.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 8a/9a

Length: 2:00

Summary: Almost 300 seniors in Seminole County will receive gift baskets and meals from more than 200 volunteers this morning. It's all part of a Meals on Wheels initiative. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports the deliveries are heading out now.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:40

Summary: Florida State University won't be given the chance to play for a national championship. A committee made this decision after the Noles' key player - their quarterback - was hurt. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins tells us, this decision from the committee upset a lot of people and they're not holding back on social media.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Former Disney actor's holiday book interview.

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Summary: "Dazzling Nights" interview.

Date: 12/4/2023

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Summary: "Vioelectric Holiday Show" interview.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 9a

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Summary: Local actress in Disney movie interview.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 9a

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Summary: Ultraman for Alzheimer's interview.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: NASA's "Power to Explore" interview.

Date: 12/13/2023
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Summary: Holiday finances interview.

Date: 12/14/2023
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Summary: Billie Jean King Cup interview.

Date: 12/14/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 6:05
Summary: WESH 2's Christina Watkins "Hope for the Holidays" interview.

Date: 12/19/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:05
Summary: The Cheez-It Citrus Bowl and Pop-Tarts Bowl interview.

Date: 12/21/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 3:05
Summary: This week's WESH 2 Community Champion is being honored just in time for the holidays and for good reason! He works year-round to help The Villages Woodworkers Club create toys for kids who would otherwise get nothing for Christmas. WESH 2's Sanika Dange is introducing us to Conway Williams.

Date: 12/25/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 5:40
Summary: In today's "Science of It," we are entering the last week of Dino December at the Orlando Science Center. Today, we are getting a little crafty, making some fake dinosaur eggs. WESH 2's Meteorologist Eric Burris is showing us how.

Date: 12/28/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 5:00
Summary: Paul Mecurio "Permission to Speak" interview.

Date: 12/2/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 1:50

Summary: Thousands of people braved the humid and muggy weather this morning when they took off for the OUC Orlando half marathon. It was the first time in 47 years the race was aired live right here on WESH 2. Our Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how the runners stayed the course.

Date: 12/9/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:22

Summary: Christmas is coming early for more than a thousand Central Florida children. A local foundation gifted them with a shopping spree free of charge. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how volunteers helped spread the spirit of giving today.

Date: 12/9/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:15

Summary: There are a lot of happy kids in Orlando tonight after the City partnered with a foundation to host a toy drive; they gave away thousands of presents to kids in need. WESH 2's Liv Johnson shows us how the spirit of Christmas filled the air for deserving families.

MATTER of FACT with Soledad O'Brien

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reasons they are unable to claim citizenship to any nation on earth. That makes daily life challenging from being able to legally work to having the right identification to collect a package from the post office. Special Correspondent Joie Chen met with two people living stateless in the U.S. to learn how they landed in this position and what Congress could do to help them and the thousands of others get out of immigration limbo.

A new Supreme Court term is underway, and the justices' decisions could have major implications from what's posted on social media to consumer protections. *"These cases are not just about the specific issue, they will have very broad doctrinal ramifications for the entire field of law that's at issue,"* Professor Rick Pildes of New York University Law tells Soledad. He digs into the potential outcomes of three key cases before the court and how they could shape our laws going forward.

A Michigan dad is turning tragedy into a way to help others. Jeff Olson's son, Danial, committed suicide when he was 19 years old. Now Jeff travels the nation visiting schools, trying to show teens how they can ask for help. Correspondent Jessica Gomez goes along with Jeff for a school visit and sees how he's raising awareness and giving voice to young people struggling with mental health issues.

Would you like to pay with cash or credit? Some states and cities are trying to make sure you still have that option. During the pandemic, many people started swiping their cards and tapping their phones to pay instead of handling money. Businesses began embracing the convenience of being cashless but critics say it creates a barrier for those who rely on cash. Now some local and state governments are stepping in.

Finally, you can't save the bees if you don't know where they are. Conservation organizations are turning to volunteers to help track these important pollinators in an effort to protect them.

October 15, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Homelessness is on the rise in the United States, increasing 6% since 2017. That's according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness. But during that same period, Texas saw a decrease in its homeless population. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to San Antonio where a sprawling facility is taking a different approach to providing shelter and addressing the root causes of homelessness.

The Speaker of the House is arguably one of the most powerful positions in Washington, often setting and steering the legislative agenda. But that wasn't always the case. Established in the Constitution, the founders didn't provide many details about the Speakership. Charles Stewart, III is a Political Science Professor at MIT who studies Congress and how it has evolved over time. He tells Soledad it's not surprising that the role has garnered so much power but that he also thinks there's a way for the House to continue its work even when there isn't a permanent speaker in place.

Dee Strange-Gordon is a professional baseball player on a mission to create real and lasting change for his community. He's long been recognized for his charitable works off the field. But Strange-Gordon tells correspondent Jessica Gomez that doing things like handing out toys at Christmas, didn't feel like enough. Jessica visited Strange-Gordon at his farm in Florida to see how he's hoping to help his community in the long term through access to fresh food and new jobs.

During an election year, billions of dollars go to turning out the vote. The last three national general elections saw some of the highest voter turnout in decades but still, less than 40% of Americans voted in all three. That's according to new numbers from the Pew Research Center. The data also shows that older and White Americans vote most consistently and that while Hispanic voters continued to support Democrats in 2022, it was by a much smaller margin than in 2018.

Finally, the MacArthur Foundation's "Genius Grant" is awarded to those who have shown extraordinary originality in their field. This year, a hula instructor is among the recipients. Meet Patrick Makaukāne, a native Hawaiian who is preserving and modernizing Hawaii's culture through dance.

October 22, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Female athletes are breaking records, and the fans are tuning in to see it! Women's sports viewership is reaching new highs. This year about a million more people watched the finals of the Women's U.S. Open than the Men's. But women's sports continue to fall far short when it comes to funding, pay, and sponsorship. Soledad speaks with women's sports journalist Ari Chambers about why she thinks investing in female athletes is the smart business decision.

Americans are buying more clothes and it's coming at an unexpected cost. While the fast fashion industry means people can buy more for less, it's the environment that's really paying the price. The fashion industry is resource intensive and literal tons of clothes are ending up in landfills and incinerators each year. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Washington, DC where several women are turning to consignment and thrifting as a more sustainable way to shop and they're encouraging others to join.

The results of a new study surprised even the researchers working on it. The Eviction Lab teamed up with the U.S. Census Bureau to try and build a better picture of housing in America. They took eviction filings, which usually only feature the tenant's name, and linked it to census data. The results show that the Americans, most at threat of eviction, are children. It also shows that Black Americans face a higher threat of eviction even when they make above the minimum household income.

How does climate change threaten your neighborhood? There's a new map that can help you figure that out. The detailed, interactive map was put together by the Environmental Defense

Fund and Texas A&M University. It finds that all 10 of the country's most at-risk counties are in the South.

Finally, the Natural History Museum in London has crowned a new Wildlife Photographer of the Year. This year's winner is Marine Biologist Laurent Ballesta. He managed to snap a picture of an endangered tri-spine horseshoe crab that the judges describe as "astonishing." We'll let you judge for yourself.

October 29, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: The cleanup effort in East Palestine, Ohio continues after a 50 car-train derailment earlier this year. That derailment spurred national concerns about the safety of our rail system. One hundred and forty thousand miles of track are used to carry freight across the United States. The trains are tracks are largely operated by private companies and safety inspection reports are not widely shared. Correspondent Dan Lieberman reflects on his reporting in Pittsburgh where trains run along major waterways and he provides an update on efforts to improve rail infrastructure and gain greater access to safety reports.

When Correspondent Dina Demetrius visited the Caywood family of Arizona in 2021, they considered the unthinkable. There was a very real possibility they'd be forced to sell their farm due to the lack of water. The farm has been in the family for generations but the megadrought was making it virtually impossible for them to make a living. *Matter of Fact* pays a visit to the farm and talks with owner Nancy Caywood about the changes they've made to how they farm and what's allowing them to rebound.

Could employers start playing a bigger role in helping people treat substance abuse disorders? According to the CDC, 70% of all adults with alcohol or drug disorders are employed. One company in Indiana decided in 2018 that it would put resources towards helping employees who fail drug tests. They cover their treatment and help them return to work. We connect with them to see if the program has been successful.

The so-called 8th continent has officially been mapped. Zealandia, discovered 6 years ago, is primarily sunken underwater. But researchers were able to compile detailed maps of the 2 million-square mile landmass. We'll give you a look at what they found.

Finally, an immersive display by renowned Mexican artist Diego Rivera, draws visitors from around the world to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Now the museum is hoping his work can help bring attention to that of lesser-known Mexican American artists in an annual Day of the Dead exhibit.

November 5, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Drug overdoses took more than 100,000 lives in the United States in 2021 and the Centers for Disease Control says that's a fivefold increase over the past two decades. In Kentucky, more than 2,000 people died in 2021 from drug overdoses. Now Opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers are paying more than \$50 billion in restitution to thousands of state and local governments for their role in the overdose epidemic. We explore a proposal in Kentucky to use some of those dollars to study a little known psychedelic drug called Ibogaine to treat addiction. Correspondent Jessica Gomez crisscrosses the state to examine the risks and benefits of treatment with a drug that is still legal in the United States.

Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day, with voters casting ballots in gubernatorial and state legislative contests. Despite it being an off-year election, the approximately 10,000 districts still need between 600,000 and 700,000 poll workers. Many election officials have received death threats, online abuse, and harassment. Eleven percent say they are very, or somewhat, likely to resign before November 2024. In Colorado more than one third of the administrators have either quit or left their jobs because of the term limits. We introduce you to Jefferson County's new county clerk, Amanda Gonzalez, as she takes on the job others are walking away from.

Federal and state governments are piloting wind power projects along the east coast, including in Maine, which also supplies 90% of the country's lobster. Current plans have received opposition from fishermen concerned about lobster habitat loss. Now the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management released a wind energy map, proposing that turbines be built at least 23 miles off the coast, avoiding areas that would most affect the lobster fishing industry. Correspondent Dan Lieberman visited Maine to talk to locals concerned about the future of their livelihoods.

Jasmine Cho says, "I love cookies!" Soledad has more about this baker's cookie creations that are history lessons on a plate. Cho tells *Matter of Fact* how she never read about her Asian American ancestry in school and when a customer asked her for a personalized cookie, she started creating biscuits featuring the faces of AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) trailblazers to teach history in a sweet bite.

Finally, Soledad reports on the world's largest annual humanitarian award, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize, worth \$2,500,000. Soledad hosted the award ceremony two years in a row. Find out how this year's recipient, a Kenya-based nonprofit, is helping farmers become the solution to local hunger and food insecurity.

November 12, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: this Veteran's Day weekend, we explore a truly inspirational but largely untold story of heroism in World War II. D-Day preparations had the Allied Forces on edge, trying to prevent battle plans from leaking. The United States military largely stopped the distribution of mail to and from its forces. But that meant letters were piling

up and morale was low as soldiers were unable to communicate with loved ones back home. That's where the 688th Central Postal Directory Battalion came in. The all-Black, all-female battalion was dispatched overseas to clear the massive backlog of mail under the cloud of war. Correspondent Alexis Clark meets with the women working today to make sure their story is told.

Research shows the mental health of teens has taken a massive hit over the last decade. Psychology professor Jean Twenge says that's in large part due to the introduction and prevalence of social media. In fact, Twenge tells Soledad that there's a direct correlation between how much time a young person spends on social media and their chances of developing depression. Now she's working with more than 30 states as they bring a lawsuit against Meta claiming the social media giant is fueling a youth mental health crisis.

Teachers are in demand! Across the nation, schools are short at least 55,000 educators. So how can we fill that gap? Correspondent Jessica Gomez visited a school district in West Virginia as it launched a program aimed at encouraging and helping current students seek careers in the classroom. We check in to see if the teacher apprentice program is spelling success.

In November 1945, the Johnson Publishing Company released the first edition of *Ebony* magazine. A few years later, the Black-owned company published the first edition of *Jet* magazine. Together, *Ebony* and *Jet* chronicled the Black American experience for decades. All these years later, the millions of photos taken for the magazines are sitting in a warehouse in Chicago. We introduce you to the team shifting through this treasure trove, preserving, and sharing it for current and future generations.

Finally, a Veterans Day visit to the National Mall would likely include a stop by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The wall of black stone bearing the carved names of those lost in the conflict, is a well-known site. But a short walk away is a different memorial, one to the women lost in Vietnam.

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December 3, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: It's been a challenging few years for women in the workforce. Women experienced the majority of pandemic-related job losses. That's according to a report by the National Women's Law Center in 2021. But recent data shows women are bouncing back, and fast. That's in part due to more flexible work arrangements according to the Betsey Stevenson. A former chief economist at the Department of Labor. Stevenson gives Soledad her shortlist of policies to build and strengthen women's participation in the workforce.

The Colorado River provides water to some 40 million people. But due to historic drought, it's drying up at an alarming rate. That's triggered negotiations over water allotments and now Indigenous communities living near the river are trying to assist. Correspondent Dina Demetrius visits the Colorado River Indian Tribe's reservation where they are hoping to help meet the water needs of others in return for funding that the tribe can use to improve conditions for its people.

Gabriella Garbero is a lawyer based in St. Louis. She is also happily engaged and eager to get married. But Garbero says disability laws are preventing her from making that trip down the aisle. She explains how marrying a non-disabled person could mean losing her Social Security benefits and Medicaid, which she relies on to survive. Now Garbero is advocating to change the law in hopes future generations won't end up in the same limbo.

Northwestern University is a top 10 ranked school by *U.S. News and World Report* and it's just done something no other school on that list has done. It graduated its first class of inmates. We get a look inside the ceremony and explore the impact of colleges launching degree programs for people behind bars.

Finally, books unbanned. Book bans have been sweeping the nation at a historic rate. Nearly 2,000 unique titles were challenged between January and August alone. Now, one library is pushing back. The Brooklyn Public Library is making digital copies of banned books available to anyone 13 to 21 years of age, anywhere in the United States.

December 10, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Senior year of high school is a pivotal crossroads in life. While many graduates still decide to continue on to college for a four-year

degree, some students are questioning the value of it and are deciding to opt out. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Kokomo, Indiana and introduces us to two seniors choosing a different path. That includes Owen Moore, the youngest of five and the first in his family not to continue on to college.

More hospitals across the U.S. are closing their maternity wards. That includes Monroe Country Hospital, the third Alabama hospital to recently shutter its labor and delivery unit. That is putting expectant parents in a pinch, facing long drives to get urgent care. Pregnant women in Texas are facing a similar problem. Correspondent Leone Lakhani travels there to meet with the women stuck in maternity deserts and those trying to provide them with care.

A lot of work went into those dinosaur skeletons you see at the museum. Just ask Robert Gaston. Gaston studied fine art in college but when he discovered the bones of a new dinosaur, it launched a career he could not imagine. Now he partners with paleontologists to build and sculpt replica dinosaur skeletons, working to depict these long-extinct creatures as accurately as possible.

Young people are increasingly turning to TikTok for their news. That's according to a new poll by the Pew Research Center. It finds that 32% of adults under 30 say they regularly get their news from TikTok. That's up 23% from 2020. Marc Berkman of the Organization for Social Media Safety says that's a concerning development. TikTok is owned by a Chinese parent company and Berkman warns of foreign actors manipulating our democracy through social media.

Finally, at first glance the art on display at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA looks like a vibrant coral reef. But closer examination reveals that the massive, flowing structure is actually made of yarn. Two sisters are the artists behind the crocheted creation. Their goal is to bring attention to the harmful impact global warming is having on coral reefs. Now, the art project has taken off globally.

December 17, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: The 2024 presidential election is right around the corner but with high turnover in election offices, are states ready for voting day? According to a new survey by the Brennan Center for Justice, this will be the first presidential election for one in five local election officials. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to Pennsylvania, one of the states looking to recruit and retain its election staff. Officials there tell him more security and support are needed to improve conditions for the people at the backbone of our democratic process.

Jack Johnson was the first Black heavyweight boxing champion of the world. He was a flamboyant character, known for his gold teeth, fast cars, and tailored suits. But the year was 1908 and a segregated America was challenged by his celebrity. One of his biggest boxing ring victories resulted in riots in cities across America. Now, a poet in Chicago is releasing a new graphic novel,

preserving the good and bad of Johnson’s legacy and illuminating the role he played in America’s battle with racism.

Local newspapers are often the life blood of their communities. But a new report from Northwestern University finds they’re closing at an increasingly rapid rate. At its current pace, the country will soon hit 3,000 newspapers closed in two decades. That will leave less than 6,000 remaining newspapers. In the village of Homer, Michigan, the weekly *Homer Index* has been around for 150 years. But it too is in danger of closing. Its owners are desperate to sell the paper so that they can retire. Dina Demetrius travels to south central Michigan to find out more about the efforts to save a village institution.

More than 9 million U.S. households still rely on lead pipes and water service lines. That’s according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Lead is a serious health hazard so now the EPA is putting forth a proposal that would require all lead pipes be removed in 10 years. It would be a massive, labor intense and costly project but one advocates say is necessary.

Finally, the Motor City is giving a new kind of road a test drive. At first glance, the quarter-mile section of 14th Street in Detroit looks unremarkable. But buried beneath the pavement are copper coils that interact with receivers attached to the undercarriage of electric vehicles. This allows the EVs to charge even as they drive down the street.

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This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Every vote counts but where you live can impact how your vote counts. In Ohio, advocates are concerned that current voting maps are gerrymandered to weaken the political power of minorities. Redistricting has been a long-running issue in the state, and a commission was founded to help solve disagreements over new maps. Critics say, though, that since the commission is comprised of politicians, it's actually making the situation worse. Correspondent Diane Roberts travels to Ohio and meets the people divided over the state's dividing lines.

There's a new AP class available to high schoolers in 2024. It's the African American Studies course, which is both highly anticipated and highly debated. Dr. Brandi Waters is Senior Program Director at the College Board and one of the people who helped shape the program. She tells Soledad that this was one of the most-requested courses by both teachers and students and that it helps students build critical thinking skills so they can develop options of their own.

Home care workers are in high demand but short supply. As Americans live longer than previous generations, the number of people looking to age at home with the support of in-home caregivers is growing. But low wages and a lack of benefits make it hard to recruit new workers. Industry experts say nearly one million additional caregivers are needed to meet the current demand. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to North Carolina, a state that ranks near the bottom when it comes to support for home care workers, to see how the shortage is affecting clients and those trying to help them.

It's the Giving Season. The Salvation Army's traditional red kettles and bell ringers are out collecting donations. But as Americans increasingly stop carrying cash, it's harder to get those spur-of-the-moment donations. That has some charities turning to technology. The Salvation Army now has an app that allows donors to contribute by tapping their phone to a kettle. And the Samaritan app allows people to give directly to a person in need by scanning a QR code.

Finally, the Associated Press is out with its most memorable photos of 2023. These images capture moments of joy and sorrow including the aftermath of natural disasters, the impacts of war and the beauty of space. We look at these moments forever in our collective memory.

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Date: 11/16/2023

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Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Plans are coming together to build a permanent memorial to the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting. Seven years ago, gunman walked into that club and killed 49 people and left more than 50 others hurt. WESH 2's Bob Hazen joins us live this morning and tells us even though city commissioners approved buying the property, the mayor says they don't have ALL the details yet.

Date: 10/16/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 4:00
Summary: Race for Inclusion interview.

Date: 10/10/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 2:00
Summary: Tonight in Brevard County, more than a hundred people gathered at Temple Beth Sholom for a prayer gathering for Israel.

Date: 11/9/2023
Newscast: 7a/8a/9a
Length: 1:20
Summary: The Israel-Hamas War has caused an increase in hate crimes across the United States. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports that the Flagler County Sheriff's office is taking proactive steps to fight those crimes.

Date: 11/11/2023
Newscast: 10p
Length: 2:05
Summary: A Soiree held to support "Give Kids the World," an 89 acre resort in Osceola County that is a destination for children from around the world who have critical illnesses. It provides them and their families with a magical and accessible vacation. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme heard from one of the families who were able to benefit from this special organization.

Date: 11/16/2023
Newscast: 9a
Length: 6:00
Summary: A Central Florida organization has been guiding young men to the right path for YEARS. That's why Man Up Mentoring is a CommUNITY Champion. The non-profit helps kids and their families learn about ways to live a better life and excel in everything they do.

Date: 12/3/2023
Newscast: 5a
Length: 2:00
Summary: In Volusia County, mothers are coming together calling for action and finding strength in each other after losing their children to gun violence and drug use. The "Turnaround Foundation" held a Unity Day yesterday at New Saint James Missionary Baptist Church.

Date: 12/9/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:22

Summary: Christmas is coming early for more than a THOUSAND Central Florida children. A local foundation gifted them with a shopping spree free of charge. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how volunteers helped spread the spirit of giving today.

Date: 12/9/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:15

Summary: There are a lot of happy kids in Orlando tonight after the City partnered with a foundation to host a toy drive; they gave away thousands of presents to kids in need. WESH 2's Liv Johnson shows us how the spirit of Christmas filled the air for deserving families.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW 18 – EDUCATION

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Student loan payments are back interview.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: National College Fair interview.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Jazz concert for Jones High School band interview.

Date: 12/31/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:36

Summary: We know so many parents and students struggled to adjust to learning at home during the pandemic, but the founder of a local non-profit was determined to help children in the Apoka area succeed.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:40

Summary: Florida State University won't be given the chance to play for a national championship. A committee made this decision after the Noles' key player, their quarterback, was hurt. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins tells us, this decision from the committee upset a lot of people and they're not holding back on social media.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 9a

Length: 4:00

Summary: Student loan interview.

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 – WEATHER

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Some of our coastal communities are still recovering after heavy rainfall forced roads and intersections to close. This, all due to flooding. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is live this morning in Palm Bay, Tony, some of that flooding is still around.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 2:00

Summary: Happening now, one county that saw a warning last night was Flagler County, that's where we found WESH 2's Bob Hazen this morning, and Bob, there was some storm damage left behind.

Date: 10/1/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Volusia and Brevard counties are under coastal flood advisories through Tuesday afternoon. WESH 2's Liv Johnson shows us the flooding in Palm Bay.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 7a/9a

Length: 2:35

Summary: Christina, some business were forced to close. Others forced to make some significant adjustments. I was right here at the Flagler Beach pier as it was pummeled by the hurricane last year. This restaurant, the Funky Pelican, lost one of its biggest draws and that is this 95-year-old pier.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Severe weather could impact our beaches this weekend. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports officials are urging people to use extra caution.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:00

Summary: Officials in Brevard County are getting ready for this weekend's approaching storm. WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports on some of the changes happening on our coastline.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: 7a/8a/9a

Length: 1:30

Summary: When there's a major drop in temperatures like this morning, it's not easy for some to escape the cold. That's why several organizations are stepping up to help get people inside. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is at the Bridge in DeLand where a shelter opened up last night.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 1:45

Summary: As the impacts of this storm system inch closer to Central Florida, residents in Volusia County are gearing up for the possibility of damage. WESH 2's Luana Munoz is in Daytona Beach tonight.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 10p

Length: 2:15

Summary: We've been telling you all day about the number of cancelled events this weekend because of the storm. WESH 2's Liv Johnson continues our team coverage from Sanford tonight. Liv, even away from the coast, this storm is impacting a lot of plans.

WESH 2 & CW18 station talent regularly participate in a variety of community outreach efforts. The following is a list of events in which the station was involved this quarter. Public issue and subject matter within each project is enclosed:

October 1 - December 19	10:12-11:02AM	Various Station Staff	Junior Achievement's 3DE Consultancy	WESH 2 served as "clients" and challenged the senior students at Oak Ridge High's JA 3DE Consultancy program with a common industry issue. Station staff volunteer to meet with the students on a monthly basis to answer questions and guide them as they try to help us (as clients) find a solution.
Tuesday, October 3	5:30-8:30PM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	Holocaust Memorial Resource and Educational Center of Florida	Non-profit museum that provides educational services to Central Florida to combat anti semitic, prejudice, and bigotry hosted private screening of Ken Burns: THE U.S. and the Holocaust. Panel discussion will follow; approximately 200 in attendance.
Tuesday, October 3	5-5:30PM	Christina Watkins Emcee	National Night Out	Annual community event designed to strengthen the police and community relationship and generate support for anti-crime programs.
Wednesday, October 4	9:30-10:30AM	Megan Mellado Speaker	Seminole County Public Schools	Latinos in Action Youth Summit. Megan Mellado spoke about her journey as a Seminole County Public School student who was part of the ESOL program to their Latinos in Action. 200 in attendance.
Saturday, October 7	6-9PM	Christina Watkins	Dave's House Party	Dave's House works to end homelessness for men and women with serious mental illness. Annual fundraising event held help men and women in our community with Serious Mental Illness. Aprox. 200 in attendance
Saturday, October 7	9AM-12PM	Various Station Staff	The Villages & Orlando Walk to End Alzheimer's	A Florida Alzheimer's Association Central Florida walk, an annual event to raise awareness and support for the millions of people living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's. Station staff participated in the walk and the station aired on-air promotion in support of the event.
Saturday, October 7	7PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	Russell Home for Atypical Children	5th Annual Fundraising Gala benefiting Russell Home, a home for life for 24 special needs children and adults here in Central Florida.

Friday, October 13	8-10AM	Nancy Alvarez Host	Annual Christian Service Awards & Banquet	Annual event from Comprehensive Day Services for adults and children experiencing homelessness. 250 to 350 in attendance.
Saturday, October 14	7:30- 10:30AM	Meaghan Macker Emcee	MADD Central Florida	2023 Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Polk County
Saturday, October 14	7 -10PM	Jason Guy and Meredith McDonough Emcee	Hats & Heroes Ball	Annual Gala for Kids Beating Cancer non-profit organization, providing access to treatments to children diagnosed with cancer and funding pediatric cancer research.
Sunday, October 15	4PM	Sheldon Dutes Served as Celebrity Bowler	Strikes for Stripes	Event by Zebra Youth. Whose mission is to empower LGBTQ+ youth to thrive. They accomplish this through bridge housing, mental health services, case management, and youth respite. Approx. 200 in attendance.
Tuesday, October 17	9- 11:30AM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	HAPBWA Foundation Round Table	Non-profit organization that has been serving Hispanic American professionals and businesswomen since 2010 by promoting their leadership skills, personal growth, and professional development. Round Table-Topic: Women's Cancer. 50 in attendance.
Saturday, October 21	9:00AM	Various Station Staff	Volusia County Walk to End Alzheimer's	A Florida Alzheimer's Association Central Florida walk, an annual event to raise awareness and support for the millions of people living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's. Station staff participated in the walk and the station aired on-air promotion in support of the event.
Thursday, October 26	6-9PM	Christina Watkins Emcee and Panel Discussion	Adult Literacy League	Non-profit focused on Adult education, ESOL, ABE, GED prep, reading and writing. This is their annual fundraising event.
Thursday, November 2	9AM- 12PM	Megan Mellado Emcee	Osceola County Sheriff's Office	2nd Human Trafficking & Drug Abuse Awareness Conference-in collaboration with the Kissimmee Police Department and St. Cloud Police Department. This conference educated and brought awareness to representatives from the hotel industry on indicators of human trafficking and teach the how to alert law enforcement in those cases. 150 in attendance.

Saturday, November 4	6-9PM	Stewart Moore Emcee	40th Anniversary Scholarship Gala and Hall of Fame Induction	This is a non-profit organization of Central Florida professionals who work in every facet of print, broadcast and digital media. For 40 years they have provided professional development, honored excellence in journalism, cultivated young journalists, and ensured accurate coverage of people of color. CFABJ provides scholarships and journalism seminars to college students seeking journalism careers. They also conduct workshops for media professionals.
Saturday, November 4	6-9PM	Christina Watkins Emcee	A Night of Impact	The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools annual Foundation Gala which gives guests the red-carpet treatment while raising funds to support amazing programs in Seminole County Public Schools. 330 in attendance.
Saturday, November 4	7-10PM	Mere McDonough Emcee	Harper Family Charitable Foundation	9th Annual Central Florida Dreamplex Gala benefiting the Harper Family Charitable Foundation.
Tuesday, November 7	10:15- 11AM	Stewart Moore Guest Lecture	Florida State University	Station talent served as guest Lecture for Media Ethics class via Zoom and discussed media ethics, specifically the reporter-source relationship with about 30 students in attendance.
Wednesday, November 8	11AM- 1PM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	East Orlando Chamber of Commerce	EOCC Local Charities Luncheon presented by Deseret Ranch showcased five local charities. The charities highlighted were: Camp Boggy Creek; The Finley Project; Rebuild Yourself; Tulips Bloom & United Against Poverty.
Saturday, November 11	6-11PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	2nd Annual Hope Gala	Annual Hope Gala benefits non-profit organization that provides a holistic continuum of care in order to end homelessness and poverty in Central Florida.
Monday, November 13	9AM- 10:30AM	Marquise Meda Presenter	Millennia Elementary	STEM Weather Presentation for 5th graders. Station talent spoke to about 150 students and demonstrated how equipment such as barometers, anemometers, hydrometers, air temperature equipment and the like are used in weather patterns and determining the weather.

November 14 through 17	8:30AM-2PM	Various station talent	Elementary School Teach-In	School organizers from various elementary schools in our region invited the WESH 2 team to teach students what you do as journalist, how they gather the stories and as a meteorologist and the importance of the weather, etc.
Thursday, November 16	4:30-9PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	46th Annual Hall of Fame	The Junior Achievement of Central Florida, annual induction of forward thinking entrepreneurs and accomplished business leaders.
Monday, November 20	7-8PM	Nancy Alvarez Speaker	UCF Nicholson School of Communication and Media	Station talent joined Professor Rick Brunson for a class session exploring the application of journalism ethics and best practices to real-life reporting scenarios.
Thursday, November 25	7-9AM	Various station talent	Seniors First's 5k Turkey Trot	WESH 2 partnered with Seniors First for their annual key fundraising event, the 5k Turkey Trot, benefitting their programs like "Meals on Wheel." WESH 2 talent emceed and staff participated. Promo spots also aired leading up to the event.
Friday, December 1	5:30-7PM	Eric Burris and Christina Watkins Emcee	City of Lake Mary	Holiday in the Park, an annual community event to kick off the Holiday Season.
Friday, December 1	7-10PM	Nancy Alvarez Host	Hope Community Center	Y Mucho MÃ¡s Fiesta-fundraiser and a celebration of community. Organization provides Social Services support to the community. 250 in attendance.
Saturday, December 2	5AM-12PM	Various Station Talent	47th Annual OUC Half-Marathon	For the first time, WESH 2 broadcasted LIVE the annual OUC Orlando Half Marathon where over 4,000 runners ran through downtown Orlando and brought the community together to cheer them all on.
Monday, December 4	6:30-8:00PM	Stewart Moore, Eric Burris, Darren Stoltzfus, Trevor Cassidy, Kimmy Asiam, Stephanie Linton Speakers	WESH 2 FAU Industry Exploration Presentation	12 FAU students and staff visited WESH 2 & CW18 for a tour, discussion of our station and industry challenges/strengths, and what students should do if they want to apply at WESH 2 when they graduate or a few years after graduation.
Monday, December 4	6:30-9PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee & Judge	A Tree-Mendous Affair	Event where 22 non-profit organizations create their own holiday trees which are then displayed for people across Central Florida is visit and explore. It is free and open to the public. 300 in attendance.
Friday, December 8	7AM-7PM	Various Station Staff	38 TH Annual Share Your Christmas	Day-long food drive across Central Florida for families in need, WESH 2 brings together those helping Second Harvest Food Bank make the holidays a bit better for area families.

Wednesday, December 13	8-9AM	Nancy Alvarez and Meredith McDonough Radio Guests	Children's Day of Giving	AdventHealth for Children's Day of Giving is a charity event to help kids who are battling cancer and other serious illnesses right here in Central Florida.
Wednesday, December 13	5-7PM	Nancy Alvarez Host	National Entrepreneur Center	The National Entrepreneur Center is Central Florida's premier 'one-stop- shop' for all small business needs. The NEC shares its facility with 19 non- profits that provide business technical support, networking or access to capital to existing or aspiring entrepreneurs. NEC 20th Anniversary Year End Reception (& Investor Thank You). 150- 200 in attendance.
Saturday, December 16	11AM- 2PM	Jason Guy Emcee	Central Florida Women's League	Power of the Purse Luncheon event was held to celebrate 35 years of philanthropy and service donating over \$3M in charitable grants and scholarships. 300 in attendance.
Saturday, December 16	Pre- recorded video Orlando Sports Foundatio n-the Cure Bowl	Christina Watkins Walk before the 3: 30pm game	FBC Mortgage Stadium at UCF	March 2 Cure-A rally cry to the world to raise awareness and help bring an end to this deadly disease. The Cure Bowl is an NCAA college football bowl game played each December at Exploria Stadium in Orlando, FL- Anticipate 12,000 to attend.