

KING Television

January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

Quarterly Programming Providing the
Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

FIRST QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programming

Growing Wellness: An Odessa Brown Children's Clinic and Seattle Children's Special

Thursday, March 1, 2018, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A KING 5 special presentation live telethon to help raise money for the Odessa Brown's Children's Clinic (OBCC), which is part of Seattle Children's. OBCC provides medical, dental, nutritional and mental health all in one place regardless of a family's ability to pay and it's done with dignity. Hosted by Jean Enersen and Dr. Ben Danielson, Senior Medical Director at OBCC.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – 1ST Quarter 2018

Major PSA Campaigns

The following list represents those campaigns KING 5 took on as official community partnerships. The airtime was donated and in most cases, production of the spot was donated by KING 5 Television:

• Home Team Harvest - Thanks	60 spots	\$ 3,000 value
• Odessa Brown Children's Clinic Special	73 spots	\$ 4,563 value
• University of Washington	137 spots	\$ 8,563 value
• Walk MS Seattle	66 spots	\$ 4,125 value
• WSAB PEP Army National Guard	253 spots	\$15,813 value
• WSAB PEP Freemasons of WA	81 spots	\$ 5,063 value
	670 spots	\$41,127

KING 5 COMMUNITY EVENTS – 1st Quarter 2018

2018 - The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society “Big Climb”

A dedicated group of fifteen KING 5 staff participated in the annual “Big Climb” of the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. The event raises money and awareness of blood cancers. The group was the fifth largest fundraising group with over \$15,000 raised.

'NEW DAY NORTHWEST'

1st QUARTER 2018

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH

All segments are in-studio and average 7:00 total running time

Arts

Preview of the revolutionary new beat box show at the Village Theater, How to Break, exploring economic and racial bias, 1-10-2018

Performance from Fifth Avenue's production of Mamma Mia, 2-14-2018

Education

Washington Technology University is helping local residents get a fast-track degree to match up with available tech jobs in the area, 1-25-2018

Pierce County Library systems offering free transition workshops for graduating high school students and anyone looking for job and life skills, 2-1-2018

Senior Citizens

Help for seniors who need memory care whether just in the day-time or around the clock, 1-24-2018

Stretches to help those with chronic back pain, safe for any level of fitness with Corey Galusha, 2-26-2018

Health / Safety

State Patrol trooper tells us what it means now that the 'grace period' for the new distracted driver law is over, 1-8-2018

Aspiring city planner, student at Roosevelt High School, shows us how he used software to create a new design for traffic around his school, proposing safety changes that got attention from media and city officials, 2-12-2018

'NEW DAY NORTHWEST' Continued

Environment/Animals

Why the dogwood plant is so hearty in the Northwest, beautiful year-round, and requires no water, with Ciscoe Morris, 2-19-2018

The story of a partially paralyzed pet (newly equipped with wheels!) adopted by a couple of physical therapists, and Everett Animal Shelter on adopting special needs cat and dogs, 1-22-2018

Children/Youth/Families

Pediatric sleep coach talks about appropriate sleep training for babies, 1-2-2018

Negotiating with your teenager, rather than taking the less effective 'my way or the highway approach,' with Dr. Gregg Jantz, 2-19-2018

Transportation

Seattle is facing three years of 'maximum constraint' in traffic, making an already bad situation worse, explained by Seattle Times reporter Mike Lindblom, 1-11-2018

Politics

We learn about Citizen University, civics education that helps people participate in the process, 1-4-2018

A new book about the limitations of presidential power, written by two University of Washington professors, 1-17-2018

'EVENING'

1st QUARTER 2018

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH

All segments are approximately 3:00 total

Arts

1/2/18 Bowie Photographer exhibit at MOPOP

1/9/18 Andrew Wyeth exhibit at SAM

1/9/18 Music That Matters – KEXP

1/16/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

1/18/18 Menu Artist

1/23/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

1/31/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

2/6/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

2/7/18 Stanwood Glass Artist

2/27/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

3/6/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

3/13/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

3/20/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

3/23/18 Seattle Magazine Arts Preview

3/27/18 Music that Matters – KEXP

3/29/18 Moondoggies band profile

'Evening' Continued

Health / Safety

1/1/18 START IT UP HEALTH SPECIAL – 30 MINUTES. A special half hour devoted to start up businesses in the health and healthcare industry.

1/18/18 Premera Workout

1/19/18 Chihuly Glass Yoga

1/23/18 Fitness Fashions

1/24/18 Gravity Yoga

3/27/18 Barista CPR Rescue

Environment/Animals

1/22/18 World's Best Wildlife Photography at Royal BC Museum

3/6/18 Raining Cats and Dogs – PNW pets through the ages at MOHAI

3/8/18 Dog Parkour

3/26/18 Asher the Greyhound

Children/Youth/Families

3/16/18 White Pass Winter Carnival

3/20/18 OCD Singer

3/20/18 Kid's Upcycle Fashion

Transportation

1/29/18 Seattle Boat Show and entire show devoted to recreational boating, historical PNW boats etc. 30 minutes.

3/12/18 Ski Bike

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Issues and Programs Report
1st QUARTER 2018
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH

Arts

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 8

The two-year-old Washington State Ski and Snowboard Museum at Snoqualmie Pass. highlights Washington state's success on the world stage in ski and snowboard history. The Olympic display is among the largest, including the names of the 39 people who have represented Washington the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., January 9

Darren McCoy, a music teacher at Oak Harbor High School, is one of 10 finalists for the Grammys Music Educator award. To him, it's more about teaching life lessons through melody. He requires his students to do community service, which includes singing to seniors at local retirement homes.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., February 6

A Seattle structure with a lot of history also holds secrets. Renovation work at the corner of 7th and King St. in the Chinatown-International District now reveals a fascinating slice of the city's past. As crews work to reconstruct the storied structure, a unique glimpse of the city's past is emerging. Old paintings depicting men and women enjoying a night out on the town line a staircase which led to a former jazz club.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., February 9

When the state of Washington mothballs its General Administration Building later this year, it won't leave the lobby's mosaic mural behind. Seattle Artist Jean Cory Beall assembled the 150,000-piece mosaic in the lobby of the General Administration Building, which has housed the agencies like the state patrol and the budget office. Lawmakers approved \$275,000 to move the mosaic to a new building on the Capitol campus.

KING 5 News at 3:00 p.m., February 14

Instead of flowers or candy, thousands of South Sound veterans and first responders are getting handmade Valentines this year, thanks to their Congressman. "Valentine's Day is more than about inhaling sugar," said Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash. 10th District. "What a wonderful opportunity to say 'Thank you' to veterans and this year first responders of our community." It's the fifth Valentine's Day that Heck has asked students from Pierce and Thurston Counties to make cards for public servants.

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Arts (continued)

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., February 19

An Issaquah businesswoman hit her head during a trip to the store and brought home an unexpected gift. She says she has been transformed into an artist after a traumatic brain injury.

Seven years ago Thompson was a CEO and award-winning healthcare strategist. In the spring of 2011, she suffered a traumatic brain injury when the tailgate of her car came crashing down on her head.

Doctors believe a condition known as "synesthesia" took over. One common form of the condition is when numbers or letters are perceived as colors. In Thompson's case, synesthesia allows her to see color as a language and transcribe it through painting.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., February 22

Artists worry a King County proposal could impact the process of funding murals, sculptures, and cultural programs. County council members, though, say they're just trying to be more responsible with tax dollars. Among the changes, the council would be able to approve or reject 4 Culture's budget and choose an executive director. Arts groups are concerned public arts agency will lose some independence.

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., March 1

It's the site of one of Seattle's most well-known shootings, but for thousands of others, Café Racer is a place for food, arts and entertainment. On Thursday, it reopens in the University District. "We want to keep the vision that Kurt Geissel had, this vision of art and community, sort of this lovely, quirky little space. And we want to dial it up a little bit," new owner Jeff Ramsey said. "We want it to be what it was. We want it to be this hub of arts and culture, a community where people can meet, like 'Hey, let's meet at Café Racer.'"

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., March 21

Amy Woodward is a portrait and fine art nude photographer in Ferndale and has created an extensive body of work that is raw and real. In fact, that's her website's name: [Raw & Real by Amy K.](#) So, it's no surprise that she would be drawn to a project that turns our scars and wounds into something beautiful.

Senior Citizens

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 10

Eileen Wilkinson of Issaquah turned 101 recently, and to help her celebrate, friends organized birthday cards from around the world – 100 cards to be exact, from as far away as Brazil and Germany. Eileen still appreciates the lost art of letter writing and doesn't go for all that email and texting stuff. Eileen's grandson, Mike Matthews, made it all happen through a social media campaign. Workers with UPS saw the posts and decided to throw her a party, complete with a cake and big banners emblazoned with Eileen's smiling face.

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Senior Citizens (continued)

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., January 22

A ride-sharing service is changing lives by helping seniors live more independently.

Envoy America is a full-service transportation provider that gives people who can't drive a little more freedom. The company recently launched in Puget Sound, though it has drivers across the United States.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., February 8

An interactive technology platform is transforming how some memory care facilities and retirement communities are engaging their residents. The program is called "It's Never 2 Late" (iN2L), and it's kind of like a giant iPad with various apps. Skyline Retirement Community in Seattle even hired a specialist to show its residents how to use it.

KING 5 News at Noon, March 9

Chris Brickler, the CEO of MyndVR, says his company's goal is to bring virtual reality to the entire aging population. Scientific studies show virtual reality can help people cope with the side effects of dementia, like depression, isolation, and agitation.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 13

Seniors packed into Kirkland City Hall Tuesday to complain to the King County assessor about property tax increases -- an average of 17 percent across the county this year. County Assessor John Wilson explained many seniors don't qualify for tax relief because their household pulls in more than \$40,000 a year. That financial threshold to qualify for tax relief is dictated by a state law passed three years ago. Wilson said he is lobbying to change it.

Children/Youth/Families

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 11

Plans to change the high school boundaries in the Seattle Public Schools are causing an uproar with students and their families. Some parents say they're prepared to take legal action against the district if necessary.

KING 5 news at 5:00 a.m., January 26

Nearly 1,000 volunteers worked Thursday night into Friday morning counting the homeless population in King County. Leaders of the effort say they are trying to get a handle on the current state of the homeless situation and ultimately identify how they can help.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 28

A recent state report says Washington schools should do more to prepare students for technical careers in computer programming, medical technology, carpentry, robotics, and other fields requiring hands-on expertise but not necessarily a four-year college degree. In one King County district, high school students are training in a new laboratory, very similar to what you might see in a hospital or research institution.

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KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 29

Teachers in the Seattle area will wear Black Lives Matter t-shirts and teach lessons about black history and institutional racism next week as part of a national week of action. "At a time when the president makes openly racist statements about Africa, Haiti and El Salvador, it is more important than ever to support anti-racist pedagogy and affirm the lives of our Black students," Garfield High School Ethnic Studies teacher Jesse Hagopian said in a statement.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 14

Tacoma Public Schools is the process of renovating more than a dozen elementary and middle schools with help from a \$500 million bond measure. As part of the renovation, the designs place a big focus on security in the case of an active shooter. At McCarver Elementary, one of the renovated schools, it starts when you walk through the front door. Parents and visitors must check-in. They're unable to walk through the second set of doors into the school before talking to staff.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 26

The Toppenish School District on the Yakima Reservation has been allowing educators to carry concealed firearms on campus since 2014. The idea came during the Sandy Hook shooting. As Superintendent John Cerna watched the coverage on TV, he asked, "How are we going to keep our kids safe?"

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 26

The City of Tacoma and Community Youth Services is still looking for a building to serve as a 24-hour drop-in center for homeless youth in the city. But for now, there is a temporary solution. Beacon Senior Center in Tacoma will open 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., starting Thursday. Homeless ages 18 to 24 will be able to drop in for food and water. After 9 p.m., it will become an overnight shelter.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., February 28

The Seattle School Board voted unanimously Wednesday for a resolution to support gun safety legislation, and to send a clear message on its position about arming teachers in schools. The three-page resolution voices their support for "sensible gun safety legislation" and for safety programs in schools that do not include arming teachers.

KING 5 news at 5:00 a.m., March 7

Captain America is landing in Western Washington schools. But it's not the same comic book hero you're probably used to. Vishavjit Singh of Harlem, New York is a software engineer by day, and a cartoonist by night. But Singh, a devout Sikh, complete with traditional turban and flowing beard, also travels the country teaching children about stereotypes and labels.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 12

As some school districts across the country look at arming more educators, Tacoma recently took handguns away from some of its security staff. The nine district employees, called the School Patrol Officers, had been carrying 9-millimeter Glocks for decades while patrolling school campuses and properties around the clock. The union representing the district's School Patrol Officers has filed a grievance against the district. A hearing has been scheduled for next month. "It's insulting, because

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we're all academy trained," said one of the patrol officers, who feared he would lose his job if identified in this story. He said all of the officers go through hundreds of hours of training before they're issued weapons and are required to re-qualify several times a year on a shooting range.

KING 5 News at 4:30 a.m., March 13

Students across the country are planning to walkout of class on Wednesday honoring the 17 people in a school shooting in Parkland, Florida. In addition to remembering the victims, students will also be pushing for a change to gun laws. The Seattle City Council unanimously approved a resolution on Monday backing the student's effort.

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., March 21

When David Baker took the oath to serve as Mayor of Kenmore, he vowed to protect the future of the city. But he always wondered about his past before being adopted. Curiosity led Baker to research his family in 1993, and he discovered his ancestors. Including a long-lost aunt and a cousin. It wasn't until last year when he was finally able to connect with that cousin and learn more about his past. It turns out; Mayor Baker had three siblings back in the Midwest.

KING 5 News at 4:30 a.m., March 22

Pierce County cops and teachers will play a basketball game next Thursday where they will raise money to help a 10-year-old battling a rare heart condition. Madison Middleton, a 4th grader at Tyee Park Elementary School in Lakewood, was born with a rare heart condition that left the left side of her heart undeveloped.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., March 23

Gun safety and school security will be at the forefront again on March 24, as the March for Our Lives event unfolds across the country. It is the follow-up to a series of student-led walkouts last week. Many elected officials in Seattle and King County have supported the demonstrations. But three council members in King County rejected a non-binding motion to support the march: Kathy Lambert, Pete von Reichbauer, and Reagan Dunn. All three are Republicans. The six Democrats on the council voted yes.

Health

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., January 5

Seattle's sugary drink tax is **now in effect** across the city and leaders of the effort say it is expected to generate about \$15 million in the first year alone. They say the money generated will go toward food programs for those in need, early learning, and other education programs.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 11

Gabriela Condrea is on a mission to prove everyone can tango, even those who never thought it was possible. Condrea has been a tango instructor for nearly a decade, but last year she made it her mission to teach tango to people with mobility challenges. "I developed the TangoStride technique to help people who can even barely stand improve their walking ability," Condrea said. "All of my students have been able to do things that maybe they didn't think were possible, I didn't know were possible. But we just kind of go one foot in front of the other, literally and figuratively, and see what happens."

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KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 12

Thirty-one states have enacted dense breast tissue notification laws. Here in Washington, Senate Bill 5048 is waiting for a vote in the Senate but faces opposition from the American College of Obstetrician and Gynecologists (ACOG). Women with dense breast tissue have less fat in their breasts and more connective tissue, which can hide cancer from a standard mammogram.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 18

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States. Doctors say, with early detection, it is beatable. Many patients wait too long when they experience the first signs of symptoms. That's part of the reason why colon cancer rates among people between the ages of 25 and 50 are on the rise.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., January 25

The flu season is far from over and it's already claimed the lives of 30 children. So what are the most important symptoms for parents to look out for? "If your child is not acting normally, not interacting with you like they normally would, seems very sleepy or very irritable -- those are all reasons to get checked out right away," says Dr. Elizabeth Meade, Chief of Pediatrics at Seattle's Swedish Hospital.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., January 31

Alarming statistics from the Journal of American Medicine show girls and young women ages 10 to 24 are harming themselves at an increased rate. In fact, since 2009 the number emergency room visits for self-harm in young girls age ten to 14 have increased by almost 19 percent.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 12

In Vancouver, B.C., a controversial program is fighting heroin-related deaths by giving users the drugs and then making sure they inject safely. Doctors and nurses supervise the process so there are no overdoses. The users say it works.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., February 27

A story about a program at Seattle Children's that provides custom prosthetics to children in their care. New technologies, including 3-D printing, is speeding

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., March 9

A revolutionary laser procedure called Enlighten allows people to remove tattoos they've come to regret having. But the process is expensive, time consuming and painful.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 20

More and more premature babies are surviving than ever before. That's leading to a rise in the number of cases of retinopathy of prematurity, or R-O-P. It's a blinding eye disorder that the National Eye Institute says affects as many as 16 thousand preemies in the U-S every year.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., March 27

The first students from Washington State University's Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine are making their way into local, rural clinics. Then WSU-President Dr. Elson Floyd believed there was a shortage of

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rural doctors, and suggested the state back the creation of a new Spokane medical school. There was heavy resistance. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle told Floyd there was little appetite for it, especially with the University of Washington already filling a need. Floyd persevered, often flying to the west side of the state to meet with Olympia lawmakers. What few knew was that he was also fighting colorectal cancer. Floyd got the votes, and the bill was signed in April of 2015.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., March 29

Some first responders in Washington state now qualify for special benefits for career-related PTSD. It's great news for firefighters, police officers and paramedics. But 911 dispatchers, who say they're the true "first" responders, tell South Bureau Chief Drew Mikkelsen that they should qualify for the special PTSD benefits as well.

Environment/Animals

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 2

It's called The Organic Coup and that's exactly what they're after: totally revolutionizing the business model for fast-food around the country and someday, perhaps, the world. After launching several successful locations in the San Francisco area, The Organic Coup is opening in Washington. It's first site in Bellevue fed customers Tuesday, and its downtown Seattle kitchen will open in the Columbia Tower next month. They're also planning a food truck for the Microsoft campus.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., January 3

Nearly forty families are suing the state of Washington, the Monroe School District and Monsanto over highly toxic chemicals found in classrooms. Children, teachers and parents coping with adverse medical effects blame their health problems on poisoning at one school. According to the lawsuit filed in King County Superior Court, the Sky Valley Education Center documented contamination in 2016 but issues date back years.

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., January 4

A new year has brought many new changes to our area, including a new recycling rule at King County transfer stations and drop boxes. You're now asked to do a little more sorting if you self-haul trash and recyclables to a transfer station. To reduce waste and save room in the landfill, the King County Solid Waste Division now requires customers to separate cardboard, scrap metal, yard waste, and clean wood at facilities where the materials can be recycled.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., January 4

Helping nature fight climate change is now the priority of Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, who announced the goal of a smart carbon policy Thursday morning. Wildfires, droughts, and other threats are increasing, and Washington needs to anticipate others on the horizon, she told reporters.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., January 8

The first day of Washington's 2018 legislative session inside the House chambers started like most others, with just a few extra red shirts in the public viewing gallery. Except, those wearing red suddenly

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stood up and started shouting across the room at each other: "We're in a climate crisis! We need to act now!" The rally cry continued outside the Capitol building, as four large teepees set-up on the lawn called for action. They want tougher regulations on carbon emissions and more investment in alternative fuel.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., January 10

Biologists will be scouring wetlands in Central Northwest Washington next week looking for swans to check on their health and welfare. One biologist does it nearly every day. "I never know what I'm going to find," said Northwest Swan Conservation Association Executive Director Martha Jordan. Last year's swan survey counted just under 20,000 swans. Jordan says it's important to leave them alone. Even walking too close to them is enough to cause the birds severe stress.

KING 5 News at 6:00 p.m., January 14

A Washington team is working to clean up a messy problem at Mount Everest. Their project could help park managers figure out a better way to dispose of thousands of pounds of human waste, left behind by hundreds of climbers. Currently, that waste must be hauled off the mountain. "It's disgusting, and it's an environmental health issue that there's no feasible, sustainable solution, until now," said Garry Porter, a co-founder of the Mount Everest Biogas Project.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., January 22

A recently discovered beetle set off alarms among beekeepers, but the Washington Department of Agriculture tested it and found the insect was not what everyone thought. "As the climate warms going northward, the beetles are getting more successful and a much bigger problem," Evan Sugden said. Sugden is the bee expert at the University of Washington. He received notice that a beetle located in Duvall might be the long-feared small hive beetle, an invasive species from Africa. Their larvae can destroy hives.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 24

Plans to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in Tacoma were put on hold Wednesday until an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions and impacts of the project is submitted. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, which is one of the groups involved in approving the plant's construction permit, determined a supplemental environmental impact statement was necessary to continue processing the plant's application.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., January 25

Wildlife activists across the state are learning the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Jim Unsworth is resigning his position of three years. Many are not surprised. "I asked him to step down. Washington state deserves to be taken care of on a high level. The engagement wasn't there to make sure our fisheries were done in the correct manner," said Puget Sound Anglers President Ron Garner.

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It has studied underwater volcanoes, explored deep-ocean trenches and tracked harmful algal blooms over 25 years. Now, after a year of multi-million dollar repairs and upgrades, a University of Washington research boat is about to get back to work. The Thomas Thompson, or Tommy Thompson as it's lovingly

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called in honor of the man who credited for starting the School of Oceanography at the University of Washington, is now smarter than the human brain.

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Everyone in an entire building at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Labs on San Juan Island is focused on one thing: ocean acidification. They call it the OA lab, and it's currently using a small ocean observatory in the harbor to monitor the acidification of the water, everything from carbon dioxide in the water to oxygen to temperature.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., February 13

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee is hosting former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to talk about his carbon tax proposal. Inslee invited the former U.S. senator to Olympia Tuesday to participate in meetings on the governor's proposed tax on fossil fuel emissions. Kerry is scheduled to meet with lawmakers as well as business, tribal, environmental and labor leaders.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., February 27

Worms can change the world, or at least that's what inmates at the Monroe Correctional Complex are learning. "We basically give these guys a nice stir. It's basically to wake the worms up," Juan Hernandez said. Hernandez is part of the prison's vermiculture program. Vermiculture just means using worms to turn food waste into compost. The program was started to help inmates learn a skill while also recycling the prison's food waste.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 1

Governor Jay Inslee's biggest legislative push, a state carbon tax, will not move forward this legislative session. Sen. Reuven Carlyle (D-Seattle), one of the lead negotiators on the issue, told KING 5 on Thursday the bill doesn't have the votes to pass the Senate floor, despite a Democratic majority this year.

Economy

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 4

The iconic former Weyerhaeuser headquarters in Federal Way is looking for its next tenant, or possibly, tenants. Weyerhaeuser traded its Federal Way campus for a brand new space in Seattle's Pioneer Square in 2016. It sold 430 acres to IRG for \$70 million. IRG's pitch to potential tenants is less traffic, cheaper cost of living, and much cheaper office space. Some premium 'Class A' office space in Seattle could go for \$45 per square foot, according to [CBRE](#). Messmer expects Greenline tenants to pay somewhere in the \$17 per square foot range at the old Weyerhaeuser site.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 6

This weekend might feel weird for Seahawks fans. It's the first time the Seahawks missed the NFL postseason since 2011. Dan Murphy said his bar, the Ballard Loft, usually makes \$5,000-\$6,000 more during a Seahawks playoff weekend compared to one where the local team isn't involved. And, of course, in recent years there've been multiple playoff weekends.

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A popular West Seattle coffee shop's customers are fighting back and pitching in to raise money after the landowner put the property up for sale. Cameron and Peter Moores have owned C&P Coffee for 15 years. They're tenants at the building and recently learned the property owner is selling the property for \$1.25 million.

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Seattle leaders say they were not surprised by Amazon's announcement Thursday that neither the city nor King County made the list of finalists for the company's second headquarters, HQ2.

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., February 20

A new market concept in downtown Everett promises to help local food producers by offering shelf space to farmers who may not have otherwise been able to afford the area. Farms and Market leases shelf space families and monitors supply, so local farmers don't have to staff their booth.

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., February 27

An increased tax on foreign buyers in British Columbia may create more demand from wealthy Chinese investors and homebuyers who are looking to purchase property in Washington state. B.C. Finance Minister Carole James announced a 20 percent tax on listing values for foreign buyers. It's an effort to loosen the demand and make it easier for domestic purchasers to get into the housing market and create more affordable living.

KING 5 News at Noon, March 1

Northwest Harvest must move the largest food bank in the state of Washington, their Cherry Street Food Bank in Seattle, after it received an eviction notice earlier this week. The land owner, Trinity Parish Church, sent Northwest Harvest a 12-month notice to move out so they can convert the space into a 30-story tower. It's the latest example of how Seattle's booming real estate market is affecting community service organizations in the city.

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The City of Seattle wants property owners near downtown to pitch in to pay for the upcoming waterfront improvements, including an upcoming waterfront park set to be built after the Alaskan Way Viaduct is demolished. Some downtown property owners could pay an assessment. It would be part of a Local Improvement District or LID.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., March 5

More than 800,000 people in Washington reportedly have student loans totaling more than \$24 billion. And now, lawmakers have made a bipartisan effort to create a student loan bill of rights that will provide people with basic guarantees when it comes to paying back student loans. It now awaits Governor Inslee's signature.

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Despite the massive amount of development and construction cranes visible in downtown Seattle, a new report suggests the construction boom may have peaked. The study, released by the Downtown Seattle Association, reveals development activity across the central part of the city between South Lake Union and SoDo is declining at the fastest rate in at least 12 years.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 27

Five-and-dime stores were once in every city in the country -- a staple in the everyday life of everyday Americans. They were mom-and-pop shops where you could buy just about anything, for cheap. Bay Variety is the last of them in downtown Port Angeles. At Bay Variety you can still get an envelope for a nickel and a piece of candy for a dime. But times have changed. The store can't compete with the big chain stores and Amazon. It will close its doors forever in May.

Transportation

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., January 2

Kitsap Transit says fast-ferry sailings are overbooked at certain times in January due to a glitch that occurred when reservations opened. The main concerns are with the 6:45 a.m. sailing from Bremerton to Seattle, and the 5:10 p.m. sailing from Seattle to Bremerton. Kitsap Transit is asking anyone to cancel the reservations they do not plan to use, and they are offering tickets on the Washington State Ferries to the first 30 volunteers who give up their same-day reservation on the 5:10 p.m. sailing.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 3

Could Seattle make sweeping changes to the parking code? That was the discussion at a council committee hearing on Tuesday. Late last year, then-Mayor Tim Burgess forwarded legislation for so-called flexible parking. The legislation aims to identify and utilize unused spots near transit corridors. It's viewed by Councilmember Rob Johnson also as a way to encourage developers to build more affordable housing. Parking garages and lots are one of the most expensive parts of a project, according to Johnson.

KING 5 news at 7:00 p.m., January 31

A Seattle man was just named the city's safest driver. Russell Lebert, 38, is a financial advisor who drives a Honda Accord. He ended up with a perfect score in Seattle's Safest Driver contest. The contest, a partnership between the Seattle Department of Transportation and PEMCO Insurance, measured habits like phone distraction, harsh braking, speeding, cornering, and using a smartphone app which runs in the background.

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., February 9

A group in Seattle is working to bring back the historic streetcars to the city. Friends of the Benson Trolleys is a new nonprofit trying to raise funds so they can restore and re-start the historic streetcar network. A few years back three of the streetcars were sold to St. Louis, but two are currently housed in a storage facility in Anacortes.

KING 5 News

Transportation (continued)

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., March 8

Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT) has big plans for a stretch of roadway that runs through northeast Seattle. Just over two miles will get a fresh coat of asphalt and a pretty big makeover, but SDOT's plans have divided neighbors in that area.

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., March 12

Seattle rideshare customers have a third option alongside Uber and Lyft. Moovn is a Seattle startup company that's quickly expanding and hiring new drivers, but founder and CEO Godwin Gabriel, a graduate of the University of Washington, is expanding across the U.S. and Africa.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 19

Seattle's mayor is poised to face a fight in a battle over a proposed head tax on businesses as a way to fund homeless and housing services. Seattle City Council unveiled the results Wednesday of the "Progressive Revenue Task Force," which **unanimously agreed to forward a proposal** to tax businesses based on amount of full time employees. It believes as much as \$75 million a year could be raised if the 1,100 largest businesses were taxed.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m., March 20

Seattle City Council member Lisa Herbold is suggested putting a multi-million dollar project on hold, amidst revelations it could cost millions more than first promised. "It is worse off than we originally thought," said Herbold, speaking about the "Center City Connector", the \$177 million streetcar line through the heart of the city.

Politics

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 5

Between the rise of the #MeToo movement and Democratic majorities in both the state House and Senate, supporters of a state gender pay equity bill believe 2018 will be the year it gets signed into law.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 15

For the first time in 25 years, the Everett School District is using eminent domain, taking private property for public use. The district says it is offering three property owners \$10,000 more than the appraised value. But one couple says the offer is far from fair, and they paid for an appraisal that shows the property is worth much more than what the district is offering.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., January 29

A large number of Democratic lawmakers, including Washington Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, have invited guests to Tuesday's State of the Union to raise awareness about the hot-button issues of #MeToo and Immigration. Senator Murray's guest, Leah Griffin of Seattle, has been working on sexual assault victim advocacy for years, ever since she says she was drugged and raped in 2014.

KING 5 News

Politics (continued)

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., January 30

A small but diverse focus group sat with KING 5 Tuesday night to watch President Donald Trump's State of the Union address. Olga Farnam is a Hispanic Republican. Cassandra Armstrong is a transgender Democrat. Paul Stewart is a new U.S. citizen originally from New Zealand.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 1

A joint investigation with KING 5's sister stations across the country reveals the surprising, sometimes questionable, ways lawmakers can spend their campaign cash after they retire. Our TV partners and The Tampa Bay Times analyzed more than 1 million records—and found roughly 100 so-called "zombie campaigns," meaning a politician's campaign is dead, but their campaign war chests live on. The former Washington Congressman identified in their investigation is Brian Baird who represented Southwest Washington for 12 years.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., February 5

Political reporter Natalie Brand profiles Caleb Heimlich, the new chairman of the Washington State Republican Party – and the youngest GOP state chairman in the country. Heimlich discusses how he believes the GOP can build support among Western Washington's increasingly wired and young population.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 6

The University of Washington College Republicans group is suing the university after being asked to pay \$17,000 in security fees for a conservative rally planned for this weekend. A UW spokesman says the policy is not new and says security fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis based on several factors including violence at prior events involving the group or speakers.

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., February 21

It's been nearly three years since a concrete barrier fell off an overpass in Bonney Lake, killing a family of three as they drove underneath. On Wednesday, Wayne Ellis, a dad who lost three family members in that horrific crash, testified hoping to change state law. After the deaths of three loved ones, Ellis was shocked to learn that parents of "adult" children have no legal rights to hold negligent wrongdoers accountable. According to supporters of the bill, the current law discriminates against families of adult children who are unmarried, childless, or live outside of Washington. In the Ellis case, since the entire family was killed, the law applies. If passed, a new bill will give equal legal rights to all parents so they can hold wrongdoers accountable for wrongful deaths.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., February 21

A paid home health care worker protests a proposal to require all home caregivers to pay union dues to SEIU 775. The woman, Melissa Santiago of Covington, cares for her own daughter, who is developmentally disabled. She says she should have the right to refuse to pay the union, especially given the small amount she earns as a state-paid home caregiver. Supporters of legislation before the state legislature says the payments to SEIU are needed to handle the administrative work associated with the growing population of home caregivers. SEIU would contract to handle that work for the state.

KING 5 News

Politics (continued)

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., February 26

Gov. Jay Inslee made national headlines after confronting President Trump over his proposal to arm teachers to prevent future school shootings Monday morning. The exchange occurred during a meeting with the nation's governors at the White House. Gov. Inslee was one of two Democrats to address President Trump publicly.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., March 6

Election day may seem far away, but campaign season is well underway. The National Democratic Party has its eye on at least two Republican congressional seats in Washington state, and the full court press to November has begun. "Our strategy is simple," DNC Chair Tom Perez said. "We organize everywhere. We're talking to voters everywhere. Because of the remarkable excitement that's out there, we have an army of volunteers that are doing exactly that."

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., March 8

A panel that included Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, a principal who lost her brother to gun violence, and a local high school student took part in a town hall forum Thursday night. It was part of the national wave seeking to find a solution to gun violence following the deaths of 17 people in a high school shooting in Parkland, Fla., last month.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 19

Gov. Jay Inslee (D) signed a series of bills into law aimed at increasing participation in elections. One bill would expand pre-registering of teens, allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to sign up so they're in the system when they turn 18 and can legally vote. Another bill ensures automatic voter registration starting in 2019, and another would allow same day registration in person up until polls close on election days.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 28

U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer (D) has introduced legislation that would increase the National Guard's role in combatting cyber threats. The Washington National Guard, which has a unit specializing in cyber defense, supports Kilmer's efforts.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., March 29

A union-backed bill signed into law this week by Gov. Jay Inslee already has opponents threatening a legal fight. KING 5 first told you about this bill back in February. It changes home health caregivers' ability to opt out of paying union dues.

2018 1ST QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

Chuck Todd is NBC News Political Director and the moderator of "Meet the Press," the flagship Sunday Morning public affairs program and longest-running broadcast in television history.

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: "FIRE AND FURY" AUTHOR SAYS '25TH AMENDMENT IS A CONCEPT THAT IS ALIVE EVERY DAY IN THE WHITE HOUSE'

EXCLUSIVE: Michael Wolff: "If I Left Out Anything, It's Probably Stuff That Was Even More Damning"

SCOOP: White House Says February 2017 is Last Time They Have a Record of Wolff Speaking to Trump

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Graham Shoots Down Secretary of State Speculation, Says He Would Not Serve in Trump Cabinet

JANUARY 7, 2018 – In an exclusive interview on "Meet the Press," Michael Wolff, author of the controversial new book "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House," told moderator Chuck Todd that concern in the White House about President Trump's fitness for office is so great that the "25th Amendment is a concept that is alive every day in the White House."

Wolff also shared: "If I left out anything, it's probably stuff that was even more damning." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Todd broke the news on this morning's broadcast that the White House says the last time they have a record of Wolff speaking to Trump was in February of 2017, not even through the first hundred days of the administration.

In an exclusive interview this morning, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) shared that he would say "no" if asked to join Trump's Cabinet, shooting down secretary of state speculation. The South Carolina senator also defended the president's fitness for office, telling Todd: "I don't think he's

crazy. I think he's had a very successful 2017, and I want to help him where I can, and we should all want him to be successful." [Watch the full interview.](#)

The New York Times' **David Brooks**, The New York Times Magazine's **Mark Leibovich**, American Enterprise Institute's **Danielle Pletka** and MSNBC's **Joy Reid** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight on the week in politics.

Read the full transcript of this morning's "Meet the Press" on [MeetThePress.com](#).

MTP EXCLUSIVES: PAUL SAYS 'IT'S UNFAIR' TO CALL TRUMP A RACIST, BENNET: 'NO QUESTION WHAT HE SAID WAS RACIST'

SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) on Trump: "I know, for a fact, that he cares very deeply about the people in Haiti"

PLUS: Paul: "You can't have an immigration compromise if everybody's out there calling the president a racist"

SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.): "There's no question what he said was racist"

JANUARY 14, 2018 – In an exclusive interview, **Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.)** tells "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd "it's unfair" to "draw conclusions from a remark that I think wasn't constructive" and paint President Donald Trump as a racist "when I know, for a fact, that he cares very deeply about the people in Haiti because he helped finance a trip where we were able to get vision back for 200 people in Haiti."

"You can't have an immigration compromise if everybody's out there calling the president a racist," says Paul. "Both sides now are destroying the setting in which anything meaningful can happen on immigration." [Watch the exclusive interview](#) with the Kentucky senator.

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) says, "There's no question what he said was racist. There's no question what he said was un-American and completely unmoored from the facts."

When asked if it's worth shutting the government down if a DACA compromise doesn't happen, Bennet replies, "It should not come to that." [Watch the exclusive interview](#) with the Colorado senator.

In an exclusive interview this morning, civil rights icon and former UN ambassador Andrew Young tells Todd that Trump is "being educated." "It's not a matter of educating Donald Trump. It's a matter of educating our entire society," Young says. "You don't help someone who has an alcohol problem by constantly calling him a drunk. You have to deal with the sickness," he adds.

When asked if Trump is redeemable, Young replies, “We are sinners that know we cannot make it on our own. And I think he's kind of got to realize that too.” [Watch the exclusive interview.](#)

CBN News’ **David Brody**, The New York Times’ **Helene Cooper**, TIME’s **Elise Jordan** and NBC News’ **Andrea Mitchell** join the broadcast’s roundtable for insight and analysis, including a [discussion](#) on yesterday’s false alarm of a ballistic missile threat in Hawaii. (ICYMI: NBC News’ **Jacob Soboroff** offers [an exclusive look inside the command center](#) where that erroneous warning was issued yesterday on “Sunday TODAY.”)

MTP EXCLUSIVE: COTTON ‘CAN’T MAKE THAT COMMITMENT AT ALL’ TO SUPPORT TRUMP ON IMMIGRATION

EXCLUSIVE: Cotton on Trump’s immigration comments: “I’ve never denied that there wasn’t strong language used in the meeting by lots of people”

White House Legislative Affairs Director Marc Short says “the president has been involved” in government shutdown negotiations

Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) on the shutdown: “I wish the president would help us. At some point his leadership could make the difference”

JANUARY 21, 2018 – In an exclusive interview, **Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.)** said he “can’t make that commitment at all” to fully support President Donald Trump on immigration.

On the president’s position on the Durbin-Graham immigration proposal and speculation of his influence, Cotton told Todd, “I don’t think anyone got to Donald Trump. Donald Trump studied the proposal that Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham put in front of him and realized it didn’t address any of our key priorities.”

Cotton also addressed Trump’s immigration comments: “I’ve never denied that there wasn’t strong language used in the meeting by lots of people. ... I was not offended. And nobody in the meeting expressed their offense at any of the language that was being used.” [Watch the full interview with the Arkansas senator.](#)

Marc Short, legislative affairs director for the White House, spoke to Todd about the president’s involvement in ending the government shutdown, responding to Todd asking why the president didn’t make a single public appearance yesterday: “The president has been involved. ... The president is engaged in finding out what are the impacts of this. He’s been on the phone in trying to find a resolution to it.”

On the new immigration ad unveiled last night, Short told Todd: “That ad is produced by an outside group ... not done from people working inside the White House.” When asked if it is

helpful, Short replied, "It's helpful to continue to raise awareness ... the data of the ad shows that there are people coming across our border that pose threats to our country." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) would not commit to the government reopening before close of business Monday, telling Todd, "I'm not going to make that prediction, but I feel that there are positive conversations." He added: "I wish the president would help us. At some point his leadership could make the difference."

On the president's immigration comments, Durbin said, "It did happen, Chuck. I'm sorry that it was said. I'm sorry that the president denied it." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Todd also reported on [why Democrats are drawing a line on DACA](#), noting that the numbers on the issue seem to favor the party in the polls and at the congressional district level: "If the Democrats do indeed take back the House this November it could be because they fought for DACA issue and they won districts like this, Republican-held districts with larger than average minority population."

NBC News' **Peter Alexander**, Republican strategist **Al Cardenas**, Democratic strategist **Stephanie Cutter** and The Wall Street Journal's **Peggy Noonan** joined this morning's roundtable for analysis on the week in politics, including on the president's role in shutdown negotiations. "A lot of people are saying this president has been MIA," [Alexander noted.](#)

MTP EXCLUSIVE: MCCARTHY SAYS THERE'S NO 'NEED FOR LEGISLATION RIGHT NOW TO PROTECT MUELLER'

EXCLUSIVE: McCarthy on declassifying the House Intel memo on surveillance: "I think it would be appropriate that the public has full view of it"

EXCLUSIVE: Former Defense Sec. Robert Gates says there will be a "political cost" for firing Mueller

PLUS: Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) on reports of Trump's order to fire Mueller: "New York talk"

JANUARY 28, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on "Meet the Press," **House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.)** told moderator Chuck Todd, "I don't think there's a need for legislation right now to protect Mueller" when asked if he would support such legislation, following reports this week of the president's reported order to fire Mueller.

McCarthy also addressed the House Intelligence Committee memo on surveillance, “Having read this memo, I think it would be appropriate that the public has full view of it.” [Watch the exclusive interview](#) with the House Majority Leader.

On the possible firing of Mueller, **Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.)** told Todd: “That’s New York talk. I look at it strictly as the New York language that they have which is different than most other people.”

Expanding on how that is “New York talk,” Manchin said, “Let’s see if [Trump] moves on Rosenstein. If he moves on Rosenstein, Chuck, I think at that time there’ll be Democrats and Republicans saying, ‘Time to protect the judicial system and the three branches of government having equal power.’ Absolutely.” [Watch the interview](#) with the West Virginia senator.

In an exclusive interview, **former Defense Sec. Robert Gates** addressed what Congress should do to protect Mueller if the president decides to fire him: “The one thing that can be done is to try and figure out how to make it clear the magnitude of the political cost that would be incurred should he be fired.” [Watch the exclusive interview](#) with the former defense secretary.

NBC News special correspondent **Tom Brokaw**, NBC News Capitol Hill correspondent **Kasie Hunt**, National Review editor **Rich Lowry** and Democratic strategist **Heather McGhee** joined this morning’s [roundtable](#) for insight and analysis where Brokaw noted, “I think for the country, frankly, Chuck, it’s kind of a non-issue now that [Trump] was thinking about firing [Mueller] six months ago but he did not. I think that they moved on.”

MTP EXCLUSIVE: PRIEBUS ‘NEVER FELT’ THAT TRUMP WAS GOING TO FIRE MUELLER

EXCLUSIVE: Priebus: “never felt that there was some kind of collusion or some kind of obstruction situation going on at all in the West Wing”

PLUS: Brennan: Steele Dossier “did not play any role whatsoever” in early intelligence assessments

PLUS: Brennan: Nunes “abused the office of chairmanship”

EXCLUSIVE: Bryant Gumbel: “the protest is about police brutality and has nothing to do with the military or the flag”

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on “Meet the Press,” former Chief of Staff to President Donald Trump **Reince Priebus** told moderator Chuck Todd, that “of all the things that we went through in the West Wing, I never felt that the president was going to fire the Special Counsel.”

Priebus added, "I think it was very clear by the president's own words that he was concerned about the conflicts of interest that he felt that the special counsel had. And he made that very clear. Perhaps someone interpreted that to mean something else. But I know the difference between firing that person, why isn't that person gone, to what I read in that *New York Times* piece."

When asked about the Russia probe, Priebus said, "I've never felt that there was some sort of collusion or some kind of obstruction situation going on in the West Wing. I never felt that." **Watch the exclusive interview with former Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.**

In his first appearance as an NBC News Senior National Security and Intelligence Analyst, former CIA Director **John Brennan** told Todd that the Steele Dossier "did not play any role whatsoever" in early intelligence assessments.

When asked about the June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower, Brennan said it was "foolish" and "irresponsible," and added "I find it inexplicable in terms of how that meeting took place and interest in part of individuals, very close to Mr. Trump, who wanted to get dirt on Hillary Clinton from Russians."

Referring to Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), Brennan said he "has abused the office of the chairmanship" of the House Intel Committee, and that it was "appalling" that he did not allow Democrats on his committee to put out their report as well.

When asked about his successor, CIA Director Mike Pompeo, Brennan said "senior members of this Administration who follow Donald Trump's way of trying to denigrate and condemn everything that happened before them as a way to make them appear that they are doing things better than ever have been previously." **Watch the interview with former CIA Director John Brennan.**

Host of HBO's "Real Sports" **Bryant Gumbel** exclusively joined "Meet the Press" this morning and, referring to players who have kneeled during the National Anthem, Gumbel told Todd that **"the protest is about police brutality and has nothing to do with the military or the flag."** Gumbel was joined by PBS' **Yamiche Alcindor**, MSNBC's **Hugh Hewitt**, The Washington Post's **Eugene Robinson** and The Cook Political Report's **Amy Walter** on this morning's roundtable for insight and analysis. Alcindor addressed the release of the House Intelligence Committee memo on surveillance and noted, the **"Hashtag, release the memo was way more important than the actual memo."**

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February 9, 2018

SEN. FLAKE JOINS "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD" IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW THIS SUNDAY – PLUS: WH LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR MARC SHORT

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White House Director of Legislative Affairs

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EXCLUSIVE

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: LANKFORD SAYS 'THE PROBLEM IS NOT OWNING AN AR-15' IT'S 'THE PERSON THAT OWNS IT'

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PLUS: Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Runcie: “We need a smarter system”

PLUS: Marjory Stoneman Douglas students: “Attention is on us now”

February 18, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on “Meet the Press,” **Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.)** told moderator Chuck Todd: “The problem is not owning an AR-15,” it’s “the person that owns it,” and added that the issue is the individual, “not the weapon that they’re holding.”

When asked if it should be harder to purchase an AR-15, Lankford exclusively replied: “I actually don’t think it should be. I think what should be is difficult for any person with any kind of criminal background history, domestic violence, mental instability, all of those things, regardless. I don’t care whether they’re buying a 22 pistol or an AR-15.” [Watch the full interview with Sen. James Lankford.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) also exclusively joined the program, telling Todd that “nobody in our campaign was interviewed” by Special Counsel Mueller, adding that what he read in the indictment report was “kind of old news.”

When asked about Rep. Adam Schiff’s (D-Calif.) recent comments on the Obama Administration’s handling of the Russian interference in the 2016 election, Sanders said: “Obama was in a very difficult position. He did not want to make it look like he was favoring Hillary Clinton. Maybe he should have done more.” And, on President Trump not speaking out on the issue, Sanders stated: “that we don’t have a president speaking out on this issue is a horror show.”

Sanders also addressed the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School telling Todd that “Republicans are going to have to say that it’s more important to protect the children of this country than to antagonize the NRA.” [Watch the full interview with Sen. Bernie Sanders.](#)

In the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, five of the school’s students, **Jaelyn Corin, Emma Gonzalez, David Hogg, Cameron Kasky** and **Alex Wind** also joined “Meet the Press” this morning, announcing “March for Our Lives,” a nationwide event and march in Washington, and telling Todd that the [“attention is on us now.”](#)

Broward County Public Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie also joined the program, telling Todd: “we need a smarter system. We need a smarter infrastructure where various agencies, departments, school systems, they’re working in a more integrated and collaborative fashion to ensure that we can share data, we can share information, to enhance our level of effectiveness.” [Watch the interview.](#)

Democratic strategist **Cornell Belcher**, NBC News' **Hallie Jackson** and **Carol Lee** and CNBC's **Rick Santelli** joined this morning's [roundtable](#) for additional insight and analysis, where they also discussed [the president's response to Special Counsel Mueller's latest indictments](#).

MTP EXCLUSIVE: TOOMEY SAYS HIS BIPARTISAN GUN LEGISLATION WOULDN'T 'SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS'

EXCLUSIVE: Toomey On Raising The Age For Rifle Purchases: "Very Skeptical"

PLUS: Toomey On NRA: "I Disagree With Them"

EXCLUSIVE: Klobuchar: "Congress Didn't Have The Courage To Pass" A Background Check Bill After Sandy Hook

PLUS: Klobuchar: Fines For Social Media Is A "Great Idea"

EXCLUSIVE: Massie: Background Checks Are "False Senses of Security"

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on "Meet the Press," **Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.)** told moderator Chuck Todd that his bipartisan gun legislation wouldn't "solve all problems, and we never suggested it would." When asked if he supports the idea of raising the age on assault weapons from 18 to 21, Toomey exclusively replied: "I'm very skeptical about that," and added, "the difference between the AR-15 and an awful lot of commonly-sold rifles is just cosmetic."

In response to NRA head Wayne LaPierre's speech over the weekend, Toomey said: "This is the first I've heard, and I don't know what else Wayne LaPierre said, so that strikes me as a little bit conspiratorial in its tone, but again I don't have it in the full context." Toomey added: "The NRA once held the position that I hold, which is that background checks at gun sales and any kind of commercial sale are appropriate. The NRA changed its position on that. I disagree with them." [Watch the full interview with Sen. Pat Toomey.](#)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) also exclusively joined the program, telling Todd that fining social media companies if they fail to "purge itself of bots" would be a "[great idea](#)."

On the gun issue, Klobuchar said that after Sandy Hook, "Congress didn't have the courage to pass" a background check bill, adding, "I don't think you're going to see that happen again."

When asked about the FBI's handling of the Parkland shooting, Klobuchar said: "I think someone clearly made a major, tragic mistake in not reporting that to the Miami field office."

On what gun owners in Minnesota had to say about the reform, Klobuchar exclusively said: "We have a big hunting culture here ... what these hunters were telling me the last few days is that

they are ready to do some background checks. They understand as law-abiding gun owners that we need to make changes.” [Watch the full interview with Sen. Amy Klobuchar.](#)

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) also exclusively joined the program, telling moderator Chuck Todd that background checks are “false senses of security.” Massie compared trying to fix the background check system to putting “lipstick on a pig.” [Watch the full interview with Rep. Thomas Massie.](#)

CBN News’ **David Brody**, The New York Times’ **Helene Cooper**, American Enterprise Institute’s **Danielle Pletka** and former White House Press Secretary and NBC News Political Analyst **Josh Earnest** joined this morning’s [roundtable](#) for additional insight and analysis, where they also discussed special counsel Robert Mueller’s new indictments and the [Trump administration’s response to calls for sanctions on Russia.](#)

MTP: COMMERCE SEC. ROSS HAS ‘NO REASON TO THINK’ TRUMP WILL REVERSE TARIFF PLAN, SAYS DECISION ‘WASN’T SUDDEN’

Ross Contradicts Navarro on Country Exclusions, Tells Todd “We’ll See”

Ross on Trump Tariff Announcement: “I Don’t Know Why Anybody Should’ve Been So Shocked”

EXCLUSIVE: Obama Chief of Staff Says Administration’s Russia Response Was “Watered Down on the Insistence of Mitch McConnell”

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Angus King (I-Maine): “There is Concern” About Tariff Decision

EXCLUSIVE: Putin Tells Megyn Kelly He Will “Never, Never” Extradite the 13 Indicted Russian Nationals to U.S.

MARCH 4, 2018 – When asked by “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd if President Donald Trump will reverse his controversial tariff announcement this week, **Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross** wouldn’t commit: “Whatever his final decision is is what will happen.”

“The president has announced that this will happen this week. I have no reason to think otherwise,” Ross said. “The markets started recovering on Friday as it began to adjust to the realities that this is not the end of the world,” when asked if the decision will hold on Monday should the markets continue to be affected.

The secretary also addressed the timing of the announcement: “It wasn’t sudden,” he said, adding: “With a whole year of preparation, I don’t know why anybody should’ve been so shocked.”

Contrary to White House trade adviser Peter Navarro confirming “there will be no country exclusions,” Ross told Chuck: “We’ll see. The president makes the decisions.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), in an exclusive interview, addressed the tariff announcement: “You can't make a change of this significance and assume that nothing else is going to happen as a result.” He added: “There is a concern. This is a very, very important decision and it's one that could have long-term ramifications. And it was announced in this kind of shorthand way.”

On the Senate Intelligence Committee’s Russia investigation, King said it’s “worlds apart” from the House’s investigation and the “hardest part and the most contentious part, frankly, is the final piece, which is ... to talk about connections between the Trump campaign and officials surrounding the president with, with foreign entities leading up to the election and after.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

In an exclusive interview, **Denis McDonough**, White House chief of staff to President Barack Obama, told Todd, “yes,” the administration’s response to Russia’s election interference “was watered down on the insistence of Mitch McConnell.” McDonough also said that he believes he “sounded the alarm enough” on Russia. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The broadcast also aired an excerpt from **NBC News’ Megyn Kelly’s exclusive sit-down interview in Russia with President Putin**, in which he does not deny that Russians and Russian companies were involved in 2016 election interference but says there was no Russian government involvement. “I know that they do not represent the Russian state, the Russian authorities. What they did specifically, I have no idea. I do not know what they were guided by,” said Putin. When asked if he would extradite the 13 indicted Russian nationals to the United States, Putin told Kelly: “Never, never. Russia does not extradite its citizens to anyone, just like the United States.” [Watch the exchange.](#) More of the interview to come in the days ahead.

NBC News’ **Tom Brokaw** and **Katy Tur**, Republican strategist **Al Cardenas** and presidential historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** joined this morning’s roundtable to discuss the week in politics, with Tur noting that [“the Mueller headlines this week alone were staggering.”](#)

MTP EXCLUSIVE: MNUCHIN SAYS NORTH KOREA MEETING ‘ISN’T ABOUT ELEVATING ANYBODY,’ DEFENDS TRUMP’S RALLY COMMENTS: ‘A LOT OF FUNNY MOMENTS’

EXCLUSIVE: Treasury Secretary Mnuchin on Trump Rally Attacks: “These Are Campaign Rally Issues”

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PLUS: Massachusetts Sen. Warren (D) on Trump Meeting with North Koreans: "Worried That They're Going to Take Advantage of Him"

MARCH 11, 2018 – In an exclusive interview with “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd, **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin** says President Donald Trump meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un “isn’t about elevating anybody” and “a major reason of why they’re having this meeting is because the economic sanctions have had – have – a very big impact on both their economy, and their ability to get pieces of material and other things they need for their weapons programs.”

Denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is “absolutely” still American policy, and “the logistics haven’t been figured out yet” on the meeting location, shared Mnuchin.

When asked about the president’s attacks last night in his Pennsylvania rally, including about Todd himself, Mnuchin told Todd: “These are campaign rally issues... He’s using these vulgarities in the context of a campaign rally and obviously there were a lot of funny moments on that rally.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) also addressed Trump’s speech last night and his attacks on the press in an exclusive interview: “I don’t think it’s a responsible thing to do... We should never normalize this kind of behavior, particularly from the president of the United States.” On the president’s decision to meet with North Korea, Flake said: “It looks as if North Korea has come to a point where they believe that they can be treated as a nuclear power.”

Flake ended the interview by saying he believes Trump needs to be challenged in 2020 by someone in the GOP who espouses his views: “It would be a tough go in a Republican primary. The Republican Party is the Trump party right now. But that’s not to say it will stay that way.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), when asked multiple times to pledge serving a six-year term upon reelection this year, told Todd repeatedly: “I am not running for president.”

“I am very worried that they’re going to take advantage of him,” said Warren in reference to the North Koreans meeting with Trump. The senator also responded to The Berkshire Eagle editorial calling for her to take a DNA test: “I know who I am. And never used it for anything. Never got any benefit from it anywhere.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Joining this morning’s roundtable for insight and analysis were **Matt Bai** of Yahoo! News, **Andrea Mitchell** of NBC News, **Peggy Noonan** of The Wall Street Journal and **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post. Mitchell offered analysis of the week’s North Korea developments, telling Todd: “They’ve had a victory by setting the terms and by having the meeting itself, as you were pointing out. This is what all North Korean leaders have wanted. Three generations have wanted a meeting, legitimacy from an American president.” [Watch the discussion.](#)

MTP EXCLUSIVE: RUBIO: McCABE 'SHOULD'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO FINISH THROUGH WEEKEND,' 'DON'T' BELIEVE FACEBOOK HAS TOLD THE EXTENT OF USER DATA IN 2016

EXCLUSIVE: House Intel's Rep. Conaway (R-Texas) Says Committee "Was Not Charged With Answering the Collusion Idea," Then Says "We Investigated Was There Collusion"

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) on Trump: "I Hear So Many Republican Senators Grumble About His Ethics, About His Name-Calling"

NEW: Democrats Hold Double-Digit Lead for 2018 Midterm Elections in New NBC News/WSJ Poll

MARCH 18, 2018 – In an exclusive interview on “Meet the Press with Chuck Todd,” **Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)** reacted to the firing of former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe on Friday: “I don't like the way it happened. He should've been allowed to finish through the weekend.”

Rubio told Todd that the Senate Intelligence Committee should “potentially” call McCabe back to testify and addressed the damage the firing does to the FBI and the Justice Department: “We need to be very careful about taking these very important entities and smearing everybody in them with a broad stroke.”

When asked if he believes Facebook has told the Senate Intelligence Committee the extent of everything that was done with their users, Rubio replied, “I don't, and I think we've learned that the hard way. Every time that we've spoken to them it's kind of rolled out as more coming out.... I'm disturbed by that.” Watch the full interview.

Rep. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) of the House Intelligence Committee joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview this morning, sharing that “our committee doesn't – was not charged with answering the collusion idea. So we really weren't focused on that direction.” He then said: “We investigated, was there collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russians or was there collusion between the Clinton campaign and the Russians?”

When asked if he would potentially want to reopen the committee's investigation because of the blockbuster story about Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, Conaway replied, “No, it's a different issue.” Watch the full interview.

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), who also joined the show in an exclusive interview, told Chuck Todd: “I hear so many Republican senators grumble about his [Trump's] ethics, about his name-calling. ... At some point Republican enablers in the House and Senate are going to say publicly what they've been saying privately. And that's when things change and we see a president back off this kind of name-calling, not telling the truth, sending out these tweets, all that.” Watch the full interview.

New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers debuting on this morning's broadcast show Democrats enjoy a 10-point advantage over Republicans in congressional preference for the 2018 midterm elections, even as President Donald Trump's job approval rating has ticked up. [Read more.](#)

NBC News' **José Díaz-Balart**, National Review's **Jonah Goldberg**, POLITICO's **Eliana Johnson** and The Cook Political Report's **Amy Walter** joined this morning's roundtable to discuss the week in politics, including the Russia investigation. [Johnson said](#) Trump is doing "great damage to his cause because the McCabe firing, from what we know, was recommended by career politicians": "It is making it look like a political action. ... Had the president stayed out of this, he would have had the facts on his side."

Read the full transcript of this morning's "Meet the Press" on [MeetThePress.com](#).

For more from moderator Chuck Todd throughout the week, watch "MTP Daily" weekdays at 5 p.m. ET on MSNBC.

MTP EXCLUSIVE: LEWANDOWSKI 'DIDN'T KNOW' BANNON'S 'ULTIMATE ROLE' IN CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA, WARNER 'QUESTIONED USE OF REALLY SKETCHY FIRM' LAST YEAR

EXCLUSIVE: Lewandowski on Mueller Probe: "I Have Not Been Subpoenaed"

PLUS: Lewandowski: "I Don't Believe It's General Kelly's Job to Manage the President. His Job is To Manage the Staff"

PLUS: Sen. Warner (D-Va.): "I Don't Think Facebook Has Been Fully Forthcoming," "Mr. Zuckerberg Needs to Come and Testify"

MARCH 25, 2018 – Former campaign manager for President Donald Trump **Corey Lewandowski** addressed Cambridge Analytica's role in the campaign in an exclusive interview this morning on "Meet the Press with Chuck Todd": "I never approved Cambridge Analytica's contract. ... They did not come to the campaign until after I left," telling Todd he "knew that Steve [Bannon] had a role in the organization. I didn't know what his ultimate role was."

"I have not been subpoenaed," Lewandowski said of the Mueller probe. "I can say that during my tenure, Chuck, which is all I can speak to, I saw no Russians."

Addressing [NBC News' exclusive reporting](#) that Trump has considered firing his chief of staff this month and not naming a successor, Lewandowski shared: "I don't believe it's General Kelly's job to manage the president. His job is to manage the staff. And that's what he has been doing." [Watch the full interview.](#)

When asked if he knew of Bannon's role with Cambridge Analytica, **Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.)**, vice chair of Senate Intelligence Committee, shared he "was aware" Cambridge Analytica had connections of "a colorful reputation."

The Virginia senator continued: "I don't think Facebook has been fully forthcoming. I called out Facebook back in December of '16. In the spring of '17, I questioned micro-targeting and the use of this really sketchy firm Cambridge Analytica." He called on CEO Mark Zuckerberg "to come and testify." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Todd traveled to Madison, Wis. this week to speak with "**Reach Out Wisconsin**," a group comprised of voters across party lines, about gun reforms ahead of yesterday's "March for Our Lives." [Watch the full discussion.](#)

PBS' **Robert Costa**, MSNBC's **Hugh Hewitt**, NBC News' **Kasie Hunt** and Democratic strategist **Heather McGhee** joined this morning's roundtable for additional insight and analysis on the week in politics, including the president's hire of John Bolton as his new national security adviser, with [Costa noting](#), "It's not so much an ideological case they're making, it's a personality mesh with the president."