

KING Television

4th Quarter 2018

October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Quarterly Programming Providing the
Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

FOURTH QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programs

KING 5 News Special: Decision 2018: U.S. Senate Debate

Monday, October 8, 2018, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Category: Political

KING 5 aired a live debate on Monday, October 8th, between incumbent U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and Republican challenger Susan Hutchison at Pacific Lutheran University. This debate was organized by the Washington State Debate Coalition and KING 5 is a member of that coalition. Each candidate was allotted 90 seconds for an opening statement and 60 seconds for initial answers to questions from three local TV journalists.

KING 5 News Special: Decision 2018

Monday, October 8, 2018, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Category: Political

A half-hour live breakdown, analysis and replay of key moments of the debate from KING 5's Natalie Brand and Mark Wright with insight and perspective from Seattle University Professor Marco Lowe.

KING 5 News Special: Decision 2018: 8th Congressional District Debate

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Category: Political

KING 5 broadcast the only debate between the two candidates vying to represent Washington State's 8th Congressional District: Dino Rossi (Republican) and Kim Schrier (Democrat). This debate at Central Washington University in Ellensburg was organized by the Washington State Debate Coalition and co-moderated by KING 5's Natalie Brand.

FOURTH QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programs (continued)

KING 5 News Special: Decision 2018: U.S. Senate Debate

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Replay)

Category: Political

KING 5 replayed the second and final debate between incumbent U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and Republican challenger Susan Hutchison at Spokane Community College. This debate was organized by the Washington State Debate Coalition. Each candidate was allotted 60 seconds for initial answers and 60 seconds for closing statements in this town hall style debate moderated by a team of Spokane journalists. This debate originally aired on KING TV on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

KING 5 News Special: Northwest Politics: The Midterms and Beyond

Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Category: Political

KING 5 journalists Natalie Brand and Chris Daniels discuss what the midterm results mean and what happens next as both major political parties position themselves for 2020 and what's in store locally in 2019. Natalie and Chris also recap what's happened since election night. Guests on the news set include Caitlin Vintertun, Executive Director Washington State Republican party; Tina Podlowski, Washington State Democratic Party Chair; Bill Bryant, former Republican candidate for Governor; Marco Lowe, Seattle University; Governor Jay Inslee; Samantha Casne, National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; and Cathy Allen, National Women's Political Caucus.

FOURTH QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programs (Continued)

KING 5 Special Presentation: KING 5 Celebrates 70 Years

Sunday, November 25, 2018, 9:30 – 10:30 p.m. with additional replays below:

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 30, 2018, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 31, 2018, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Category: Children/Youth/Families, Education

KING 5 news anchors Lori Matsukawa and Joyce Taylor take viewers on a 70-year history of KING 5 Television - the first TV station to go on the air in the Pacific Northwest, ushering in a new era, led by Dorothy Stimson Bullitt – the nation’s first female owner in the startup industry known as television. ‘KING 5 Celebrates 70 Year’s’ highlights the big news events in the northwest including the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980, the sinking of the I-90 bridge in 1990, the Nisqually earthquake of 2001, and the Oso landslide of 2014. From the humble beginnings of Dorothy Bullitt’s vision in 1948, Lori and Joyce show how Seattle and KING 5 have grown and evolved over the course of 70 amazing years.

KING 5 News Special: Women Empowered

Monday, December 24, 2018, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Category: Politics, Education

KING 5 celebrates women in power in the Northwest. Reporters Alex Rozier and Kaci Aitchison talk with the top five female leaders in the Pacific Northwest: Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan; Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best; King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht; University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce; and Seattle Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau. Alex and Kaci also talk to Dr. Sutapa Basu, Executive Director, UW Women’s Center; Ciara; Cassie Franklin, the Mayor of

FOURTH QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programs (Continued)

Everett; Ambika Singh, the CEO of Armoire; Farin Houk, the founder of Amistad school; and legendary KING 5 news anchor Jean Enersen.

KING 5: Prep Zone Holiday Special

Monday, December 24, 2018, 11:35 p.m. – 12:05 a.m.

Category: Children / Youth / Families

KING 5's favorite Prep Zone stories of 2018 featuring the best of our local high school student-athletes and coaches. Hosted by Emmy-winning sports reporter Chris Egan.

KING 5 News: Pride in the Pacific Northwest

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Category: Environment / Animals

Secondary Category: Children / Youth / Families

'Pride in the Pacific Northwest' is a collection of Take 5 segments featuring what makes the Pacific Northwest so unique and why we love living, working and playing here. There's so much to be prideful about in this beautiful part of the country including logging, fishing, and even horse yoga! We also feature breathtaking views from a seaplane as well as the simple pleasure of something Washingtonians love to do - drink a good cup of coffee. Chris Cashman tries paragliding and Alison Morrow visits with a 5-year-old farmer. It's all part of the fun of living in the Pacific Northwest.

FOURTH QUARTER 2018: KING 5 Special Programs (Continued)

KING 5 News: Investigators Special

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Category: Health / Safety

The KING 5 Investigators share their top stories of 2018 including Susannah Frame's series 'Back of the Class' which uncovers inequities in our state's special education system. Chris Ingalls exposes problems with an affordable housing program in King County as well as deceptive gas pumps and how felons are able to buy guns after being convicted. Also featured: a former Seahawks player's claim is denied and the story of a victory for Hanford workers.

KING 5 News Special: Race & Sports

Monday, December 31, 2018, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Category: Children/Youth/Families

It's not just a game. KING 5's Jenna Hanchard moderates several discussions about the world of sports and equality. What are coaches, athletes, and fans experiencing when it comes to race, gender and politics and how level is the playing field? This program originally aired on KONG on Monday, December 24, 2018 at 9:00 p.m.

KING 5 Special Presentation: News Year's at the Needle

Monday, December 31, 2018, 11:35 p.m. – 12:35 a.m.

Category: Children/Youth/Families

The team from KING 5's *Evening* is live from the Seattle Center to ring in 2019 in style with a spectacular pyrotechnic display from the Space Needle at the stroke of midnight.

KING 5 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

PSA Campaigns Airing on KING in 4th Quarter 2018 include:

- Home Team Harvest: December Food Drive 114 spots aired
- Home Team Harvest: Donate through 12/31 264 spots aired
- Northwest Response: California Wildfires 26 spots aired
- Heart & Stroke Walk / American Heart Assoc. 37 spots aired
- KING 5 Suicide Prevention PSA 20 spots aired.

461 Total Spots Aired

KING 5 COMMUNITY EVENTS – 4th Quarter 2018

October 13 – 2018 Heart and Stroke Walk - Seattle

Morning KING 5 co-anchor Jake Whittenberg emceed the 2018 Heart and Stroke Walk in Seattle, which welcomed nearly 10,000 people and raised over \$1.5 million dollars. KING 5 support included PSA's, inclusion in New Day Northwest and morning news programming, and social media support.

October 17 – WA 8th Congressional Debate with Dino Rossi (R) and Kim Schrier (D)

KING 5 political reporter Natalie Brand co-moderate the Washington 8th Congressional District debate, one of the state's most highly watched races, between Dino Rossi (R) and Kim Schrier (D).

November 1 – December 31 – Home Team Harvest

The 18th annual Home Team Harvest, Washington State's largest annual food drive raised 6,795,793 meals to benefit Northwest Harvest, far surpassing the 6 million meal goal. Along with event partners Safeway/Albertson's, AT&T and WARM 106.9, KING 5 promoted non-perishable food and cash donations throughout the months of November and December. On Saturday, December 1, all partners came together to host six donation sites from 7AM – 12PM across the Puget Sound region, with live broadcasts from 7:00-10:00AM. Northwest Harvest is Washington State's largest hunger relief agency.

December 7 – 'Take 5' Community Skating Party

'Take 5' took their show on the road to Redmond Town Center, where they hosted a community skating party from 4:00 – 6:00PM. Coinciding with their 4:00 – 5:00 PM show time, the hosts sponsored free ice skating on the synthetic skating rink for members of the community and their children.

'NEW DAY NORTHWEST' @ 11:00A on KING

4th QUARTER 2018

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER

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

Arts

The final New Day performance of Total Experience Gospel Choir (an iconic Seattle group) before their retirement this weekend, 10-4-2018

Performance of rock opera called the Bell Ringer by Symphony North, 12-3-2018

Education

Keeping the art of hand lettering alive, 12-6-2018

Docent jobs at the Woodland Park Zoo for adults and kids with disabilities, during Down Syndrome Awareness Month, 10-23-2018

Senior Citizens

Concentrating on solving pelvic floor issues, 12-12-2018

Writer/director Amy Chomko discusses her new movie 'What They Had,' about a family's coping with the matriarch's Alzheimers disease, 10-4-2018

Environment/Animals

Ciscoe Morris teaches us the right environment to grow Christmas cactus, 12-3-2018

Children/Youth/Families

Movie marathon party theme ideas with Norene Cox, 12-6-2018

'NEW DAY NORTHWEST' (Continued)

Children/Youth/Families

Finding a way to keep intergenerational and conversational harmony during holiday gatherings, 12-6-2018

Economy

Entrepreneur discussion of equal pay for employees in start-ups, 12-10-2018

Transportation

How light rail is expected to change the Bellevue area much more than first thought, 12-13-2018

Politics

Political science professor Marco Lowe of Seattle University explains local mid-term election issues, 10-7-2018

END OF NEW DAY REPORT

'EVENING' @ 7:30P on KING

4th QUARTER 2018

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER

All segments are approximately 3:00 running time

ARTS

10/2 KEXP Music that Matters

10/4 Glass Pumpkins in Tacoma

10/4 Pastry Pets

10/9 KEXP Music that Matters

10/10 Rain Drums

10/16 KEXP Music that Matters

10/23 KEXP Music that Matters

10/24 SAM India Exhibit (1:30)

10/26 Art Therapy

10/30 KEXP Music that Matters

11/13 KEXP Music that Matters

11/20 KEXP Music that Matters

11/20 Harry the Husky Mascot

11/20 Taj Mahal Thanksgiving in Seattle

11/21 Living Jewelry

11/26 Nutcracker Bed Boy (also under youth/children)

11/29 "Annie" Angela's Daughter (Also under Youth/Children/Families)

12/4 KEXP Music that Matters

12/11 KEXP Music that Matters

'EVENING' Continued

12/14 Paramount Lion King

12/17 Mother Daughter Book Authors (also in Family)

12/18 KEXP Music that Matters

EDUCATION

10/9 Viking Exhibit at Nordic Museum

10/19 BECU College Foundation

11/14 Strobe Training

11/16 Library Sorting Smackdown

11/21 Shanghai Tour

11/27 Clown Crossing Guard

12/3 Tiny Books

SENIOR CITIZENS

10/25 Mini Service Horses (also filed under animals)

11/12 Chehalis Veteran's Museum

11/13 Veteran Archer

11/16 Veterans Bike Ride

HEALTH/SAFETY

10/08 Breast Cancer Tattoos

11/1 Paraplegic Skier

11/08 FTF Hula Hooping

'EVENING' Continued

11/9 BOWW Best Butt Kicking Workout

ENVIRONMENT/ANIMALS

10/2 Cowichan Raptor Center

10/3 Point Defiance Zoo New Aquarium

10/9 Goodwill Pet Costumes

10/10 Truffle Hunting Dogs

10/15 Wild Food: Razor Clams

ENVIRONMENT/ANIMALS

10/18 Wild Food: Mushrooms

10/19 Polar Bear Guy

10/19 Backyard Chicken Rescue

10/23 Urban Forage

10/25 Captain Paul Watson in San Juan Islands

10/25 Wild Food: Crab

10/25 Mini Service Horses (also filed under Senior Citizens)

10/29 Abner the Cat

10/29 Zoo Pumpkin Bash

11/07 BOWW Best Pet Supply

11/12 Foster Kittens

11/14 K9 Hero

11/16 Weird Cat Beds

'EVENING' Continued

11/19 Pet Tea in Portland

12/5 Puget Sound Energy Farm in Ferndale

12/11 Nog for Dogs

12/13 Wall of Dogs

12/18 Unreal Estate: Recycling House

CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILIES

10/8 U-Pick Lynden

10/23 Corn Maze Instructions

10/24 Hope Creek Backpacks

10/25 Washington State Corn Maze TP 1:00

10/26 Youth VR Filmfest

11/1 Day of the Dead at MOHAI

11/1 Luma Guild Feast

11/8 Baby Clothes designed by Dads

11/26 Nutcracker Bed Boy (also under Arts)

11/26 Argosy Christmas Ships (also under Transportation)

11/28 Enchant Christmas Maze

11/29 "Annie" Angela's Daughter (Also under Arts)

12/03 Indoor Scooter Park

12/03 Santa at the Space Needle

12/7 Alaska Airlines Fantasy Flight

12/11 Tacoma's 'Annie' Fakatoufifta

'EVENING' Continued

12/14 Civics Board Game (also in politics)

12/17 Mother Daughter Book Authors (also in Arts)

12/19 Swoop Bags

12/20 Evening 2018 Holiday Special (30 minutes)

ECONOMY

10/2 Cheap Eats Bahn Mi

TRANSPORTATION

10/1 Olympia Bike Tour

10/2 Mercedes for Celebs and Seattle

10/3 Drone Surfing

11/26 Argosy Christmas Ship (Also under Children/Youth/Families)

12/4 Snow Walking Tour

POLITICS

12/14 Civics Board Game (also in Children/Youth/Families)

END OF 'EVENING' REPORT

KING 5 News
Issues and Programs Report
4th QUARTER 2018

Arts

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

Paul Allen, the late co-founder of Microsoft and owner of the Seattle Seahawks, left a lasting imprint on the region's cultural institutions, from pouring millions into KEXP to building the Experience Music Project and buying and renovating the Cinerama theater.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 25

A community art display is spreading the message of civility on Whidbey Island. To students Sharon Sone and Hannah Samuels, art is a critical form of communication. The two helped form a group called "Civility First" that asks people to take a pledge vowing to simply be decent to one another, even when there are bitter disagreements. Over the past year, they've held public workshops and political forums focused on being respectful in our public discourse.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m. (Take 5), Oct. 29

Totem Star began as a mobile recording studio, part of a program to help kids just released from juvenile detention make sense of their lives. But it soon grew into a non-profit organization that uses the model of a record label to empower young people in life and in their music.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m. (Take 5), Nov. 5

A new study reveals just how big of an impact the arts can truly make in a community, and it goes deeper than you might think. The 2018 ArtsFund Social Impact of the Arts study focused on the influence of art across King County in a first-of-its-kind study to come out of the Puget Sound region. They discovered a direct correlation between access to the arts and positive outcomes for youth development and education, health and wellness, and neighborhood vitality.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 14

A Seattle artist is creating a mailbox sculpture to memorialize those killed in the 2014 Oso landslide. Louise McDowell says the row of mailboxes is where neighbors would stop and chat every day.

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

Tuesday marks what would have been the 76th birthday of music legend Jimi Hendrix. The Seattle native will be honored at the opening of an exhibit at the Northwest African American History Museum. "The exhibition is entitled 'Bold is Love: Jimi Hendrix at Home,'" museum Executive Director Lanesha DeBartdelaben explained. It's a look at Hendrix in a way you've never seen him before.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., Dec. 23

About 300 Mercer Island students will kick off the New Year marching in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena. But as reporter Amy Moreno shows us, getting ready for this performance has taught the students a lesson that's much bigger than music.

Senior Citizens

KING 5 News at 6:00 a.m., Oct. 3

Don Stevenson is walking 1,000 miles in and around the Auburn area to raise money for cancer research. The 82-year-old has been doing this since 1998 and said he's raised anywhere from \$200,000 - \$300,000 during his walks. One of his furthest treks took him to Portland, Maine. This time he is staying closer to home and doing this walk for his great-grandson, Cash.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m. (Take 5), Oct. 5

KING 5's Jordan Steele had a chance to hang out with a bunch of seniors at Fairwinds assisted living community in Redmond. There's a wealth of knowledge that he wanted to tap into. With all the chaos going on in our world lately, he asked them what advice they would give to the younger generation.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 17

A World War II veteran is on a mission to meet all 50 governors. On Wednesday, Gov. Jay Inslee became the 15th governor that Sidney Walton has met in person.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m. (Take 5), Oct. 31

When it comes to Halloween, most kids are focused on the candy. But at one local daycare, the trick-or-treating is just another activity uniting generations. The Intergenerational Learning Center (ILC) is a daycare/preschool program for kids ages 6 weeks to 6 months. But what makes it unique is that it's located inside the assisted living facility of Providence Mount St. Vincent in West Seattle. All year long, residents and kids participate together in everything from crafts and music, to sharing meals.

KING 5 News at 4:00 p.m. (Take 5), Nov. 7

The Bridge Care Center in Ballard is a unique drop-in resource center catering to men and women who are experiencing homelessness or financial hardships. People come for clothing, toiletries and other necessities and the staff of volunteers takes it a step farther. The meaning behind the center and those who depend on their services echo the feeling. Jody Grage is in her 80s and says she came up with an idea that allowed her to custom tailor donations. Grage uses her sewing skills to offer a service that few homeless would ever expect. On Thursdays, Grage shows up with her sewing machine and repairs or alters whatever her visitors need. From clothing to backpacks and sleeping bags.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., Nov. 9

The daughters of a Puyallup veteran are searching for organizations that can help send their dad to Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The teenager from Washington state, who enlisted because he thought it was the right thing to do, found himself in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., Nov. 12

For too many veterans, they leave the fight abroad only to begin another fight at home. That's why for the last eight years, Jaime Yslas has helped coordinate Seattle Stand Down. A two-day event that gives veterans access to resources to help them transition into civilian life. Washington state has the fourth highest rate of homeless veterans in the country. One organization in Tacoma is trying to fix that.

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

A Seattle area man has dedicated much of his life, and home, to preserving World War I history and keeping the personal stories of the war alive. Tom Gudmestad has amassed a massive collection of WWI artifacts, books, photographs, and the personal stories of veterans since the 1970s.

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

A retired veterinary technician from Stanwood, Washington is deploying to California to help animal survivors of the recent wildfires. Kellie Bartlett is going to help the Butte Humane Society Clinic in Chico. After 25 years as a vet tech, she retired in order to start working for Patterson Veterinary Supplies, a veterinary distribution company. Patterson is paying for her trip and sending her with supplies, but she is also raising money and supplies for Butte Humane Society Clinic.

Children/Youth/Families

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 1

A Ravensdale man fixes up bicycles that are then given to needy kids. Brad Belcher said he hopes the bikes give the children a sense of normalcy and freedom.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 8

A new nonprofit center in Lake Stevens is rethinking the way foster kids are placed in homes by focusing more time to find the right fit for each child.

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

Seattle Public Schools sat down with KING 5 to explain how Washington schools are funded, and why the largest school district in the state is facing a \$45 million deficit next year.

KING 5 News (Continued)

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

The soccer season ended on Tuesday night for Marysville Pilchuck after they lost a tough game to Stanwood. But as Chris Egan reports in the Prep Zone, M-P senior Trina Davis still has some big matches on the horizon. As a junior she earned a scholarship to play for Grambling State. Last June her future coach asked her an important question. "My college coach at Grambling State asked me why I'm not on the Fiji national team and I was like, I've never heard of it," said Trina. Trina's mom was born and raised in Fiji, and while Trina spent her childhood in Marysville, she now had the chance to play for the Fiji national team. "I sent my video and a bio about me and every team I played for," said Trina. The coach from Fiji emailed Trina right back and offered her a tryout once she got her visa and citizenship.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., Oct. 31

St. Therese Catholic Academy and University Child Development School in Seattle have begun using facial recognition software in an effort to make their buildings more secure and know who's on campus.

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

Foster child M.D. had one constant in her turbulent childhood – a special bond with her sister. After the state sent M.D. to live with an abusive dad in Texas, the child was left a quadriplegic. On top of that, the state halted visits with her sister, which M.D's former foster parents say is "appalling."

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

A big honor for Federal way teen Jaylen Green, who's been named the Boys and Girls Club "youth of the year" at his Federal Way club. He and his mother moved to the area 9 years ago from South Carolina. Classmates in his new school picked on him because of Jaylen's southern accent. But the Boys and Girls Club was a place where he could find friendship and encouragement. Today, he's a high school senior with a passion for multimedia and dreams of college.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Dec. 22

An emotional day in Port Orchard as hundreds lined up for the South Kitsap Helpline's Holiday giveaway. The event allows families in need of help to come in and pick out Christmas gifts for their children. King 5's Amy Moreno reported on why this year's event is even more important for the community.

KING 5 News (Continued)

Health

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 30

Eight-year-old Mason Nettleton survived a bout with a solid tumor cancer, saved by traditional therapies. Now Seattle Children's is working on immunotherapy for solid tumors like Mason's so that he and other kids can avoid dangerous medicines and procedures.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 14

A new trial program at the University of Washington's Center for Neurotechnology is showing promising results repairing damaged nerves.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 17

Dr. Moritz and his team at UW's Center for Neurotechnology are working on a study funded by the National Science Foundation that would attempt to reconnect or rebuild severed electrical pathways from the brain to the body's uncontrollable extremities, with non-invasive electrical stimulation.

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

University of Washington Medicine offered advice for travelers to stay healthy over the holiday season. Doctors in the infectious disease department pointed to a recent study, which found airport security bins had the highest concentration of germs and viruses. The lowest level of germs found was surprisingly – toilet seats.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Dec. 6

As KING 5 marks 70 years of broadcasting, we look back on a time when rumors and myths were swirling around a frightening new virus, which was killing people. Some newsrooms were reluctant to talk about HIV and AIDS, but not KING 5. In 1985, the station went on air with a documentary called Living with Aids. Anchor Jean Enersen set out to understand what was known about HIV and AIDS to dispel myths. The next year, what was then the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health sent a letter to KING 5, thanking the station for its decision to run the documentary, as well as public service announcements, something other stations would not do.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 10

Sarcopenia can decrease life expectancy, but what is this troubling condition? It's just a natural part of aging where we lose muscle tissue as the years go by. Dr. Kevin Conley is a professor of radiology, physiology, biophysics and bioengineering at the University of Washington. He's also a researcher on a UW Medicine study looking for a way to stop our muscles from deteriorating with the help of specific supplements and a little sweat.

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 21

There has been a spike in visits to local cardiologists tied to what has been dubbed "Holiday Heart Syndrome." University of Washington cardiologist Eugene Yang says excessive alcohol consumption can prompt atrial fibrillation. Symptoms include shortness of breath, dizziness or chest pain, and patients can be at a higher risk of a blood clot. Doctors urge people to drink in moderation and pay attention to the signals their bodies are sending.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 26

With so many options to buy that perfect gift over the holidays we found a store like no other. Maybe you've heard of it. It's called Shine. A fitting name for the store operated by Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Shine is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. The store sells products to help people get through cancer treatment, and all the dollars go right back to benefit the patients and families served at SCCA.

Environment/Animals

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

TV ads for and against I-1631, a carbon tax initiative on this year's ballot that would put a \$15 per ton fee on carbon emissions, are running with fervor in the weeks leading up to the vote. The tax has divided one important group of Washington business owners -- farmers. Some farmers see it as an important investment in a carbon-free future, but others say the costs will hurt many growers without any guarantees.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 30

Invasive green crabs continue to threaten Puget Sound's most fragile ecosystems. As the crabs poise to move southward, scientists are concerned their funding to stop the spread may disappear. Since the first spotting in 2016, green crab have now been located at seven different sites. McDonald and others are worried that the crabs will get more challenging to remove if they're able to make it to the south Sound, because the offspring in the area would likely stay in the area. They believe it would serve as an incubator for a species that needs no help reproducing.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 31

In the dark, early morning hours this week, crews placed 6,000 pounds of oyster shells into Elliott Bay for the new Blue Carbon Pilot Project. The shells were seeded with Olympia oysters. "That's our only native oyster. They were fished out about 100 years ago. So, we are trying to restore them to Puget Sound. They are excellent filter feeders. They take contaminants out of the water," said Port of Seattle Senior Environmental Program Manager Jon Sloan.

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

After rallying to try to stop herbicide spraying at a nearby tree farm, neighbors around Lake Cavanaugh in Skagit County are fighting a new battle. This time, they're trying to stop the logging of 10 acres. Their biggest concern is a landslide on the steep ground surrounding their homes. In 2015, a landslide nearly swept down from more than 2,000 feet up.

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

Gov. Jay Inslee's orca task force voted Tuesday to recommend a three- to five-year moratorium on commercial whale watching for Southern Resident killer whales. The move aims to reduce boat traffic near orcas. Researchers who study underwater acoustics say reducing boat noise is an immediate first step to take so orcas can find their food, because the white noise created by vessels makes it difficult for orcas to hunt for salmon.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 14

In the last six weeks, at least four sea lions that washed ashore in West Seattle were shot to death. Two conservation groups have offered a \$5,500 reward for information about the crimes.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 21

Sammamish High School student Manoj Sarathy is using his personal computers in an effort to help scientists speed up their wildlife camera data sorting process and act faster to protect at-risk animals.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 22

Amid an E. coli outbreak stemming from tainted romaine lettuce, small farmers in western Washington say their lettuce is safe. The Food and Drug Administration believes California is a likely source of E. coli tainted romaine lettuce that's made dozens of people sick nationwide. Carnation Farms in King County grows eight acres of organic vegetables with very specific food safety rules and close oversight. The farm is a small production. The food is eaten locally and travels short distances. The produce is handled by fewer people than big industrialized farms and is tracked from soil to sale.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Dec. 3

After 13 years of fighting to stop a Mukilteo development, neighbors blocked a bulldozer with their cars this morning. "We actually were quite surprised that it came through. They actually brought a flatbed truck with a bulldozer on it," said Julie Meghji. Meghji and others parked their cars at the end of the road, keeping crews from accessing the 17 acres that's set to become 112 homes. A deputy with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office asked if she was willing to go to jail. Meghji walked away without answering.

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

Six fishers from Canada are now roaming free in their new home in the North Cascades. Five females and one male were let loose Wednesday from wooden boxes as children helped. The fishers were released as a part of an effort to restore the animals back to their native range. They were trapped for fur in the 20th century and disappeared from Washington state. Fishers are a member of the weasel family and about the size of a large house cat.

KING 5 News (Continued)

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

After another carbon tax failed to pass this year, Gov. Jay Inslee announced a new climate initiative. He is calling it "a clean energy smart deal," but it's already drawn critics. Inslee's plan has several focal points that include transitioning the state's power grid to 100 percent clean energy, regulating development so buildings are more energy efficient, transitioning to a fossil fuel free public transportation system, and eliminating the use of hydrofluorocarbons.

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

Emergency efforts to save kokanee salmon continue as their numbers dwindle to near extinction in Lake Washington. On Tuesday, officials with King County, the Snoqualmie Tribe, biologists, and landowners gathered to show off a new culvert restoration project on E. Lake Sammamish Parkway. The newly constructed underpass allows for easier fish passage. The small opening the new culvert replaced was like a fire hose for salmon, making it nearly impossible for them to swim to spawn.

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 21

Salmon and orca advocates are criticizing Gov. Jay Inslee's budget proposal for falling short on funding to restore fish habitat.

Economy

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

Paul Allen's fingerprints are all over Seattle and a broad variety of industries, from sports to music and health sciences to space ventures. So what's next for his major investments?

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 16

Paul Allen had a passion for aviation, and in the last years of his life he was investing millions in developing the StratoLaunch, a massive aircraft designed to carry space rockets into high altitudes, from which they could be launched into space.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 17

A business owner says a West Seattle homeless encampment is responsible for causing \$200,000 in damage after an RV slammed into the building early Wednesday morning.

KING 5 News (Continued)

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

Aerojet Rocketdyne broke Puget Sound into the space business 50 years ago. The company has been making rocket engines for NASA ever since. If you can think of a manned mission to space, Aerojet engines are on it. Today, Aerojet Rocketdyne isn't alone among Washington companies doing business in space. Some other names are familiar, and others are new like Spaceflight Industries, Stratolaunch, and Blue Origin.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 22

A group of West Seattle businesses is banding together to keep a closer eye on crime in their neighborhood. They're concerned about thefts and drug use and say they want to keep the Junction neighborhood safe as the nearby population swells. "As we see more people coming into the junction, there's a much higher probability for theft and also for behavior that is not welcome in our district," said Lora Radford, executive director of the West Seattle Junction Association.

KING 5 News at 5:00 a.m., Oct. 26

A powerful Western Washington business has finalized plans for continued growth in Issaquah. Costco plans to build a new 640,000-square-foot building that will have a parking garage across the street. The construction will take place just off Interstate 90 and is expected to be done in 2020.

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

You know the feeling, like that day in March of 2001 when Boeing announced it would move its world headquarters out of Seattle to another city. When it finally left for Chicago later that year, it was a relatively small move, not thousands but a few hundred people. How could a company founded on the shore of Lake Union in 1916 transfer its flag to another city? At the minimum, it was a blow to the city's ego. In September of 2017, it was Amazon. Another homegrown giant that had exploded into the retail disrupter as we know it announced yet something completely different. It wouldn't move its headquarters out of Seattle but build a second headquarters someplace else. In the wake of both, there were recriminations Seattle and the state had become unfriendly toward business, and we would all face ruin if it continued. Call it Northwest Corporate Relocation Anxiety.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 7

J. Matheson gift store in Everett is not what you typically picture when you think of a trade war. The bright, cheery store offers everything from jewelry and local art to gourmet cooking supplies. Right now, it's now in danger of becoming collateral damage. About 20 percent of what Matheson sells is imported from China. Recently, her vendors told her to prepare for cost increases of up to 28 percent.

Transportation

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

A proposed construction project at the Mukilteo ferry terminal has residents of the Old Town neighborhood concerned. Cars and trucks getting off the Mukilteo ferry already take a shortcut through this neighborhood, but the proposal to build a new ferry dock could send even more traffic onto side streets.

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

Lime, the company that operates a bike-share service in Seattle, wants the city to allow it to open an electric scooter service. The city says it plans to take the decision slow. While the scooters can be ridden on sidewalks in Tacoma, they're banned from sidewalks, bike trails and public paths in Seattle.

KING 5 News at Noon, Oct. 23

A new way to catch the bus debuts on the eastside today, sort of like Uber for the bus. It's a pilot project called Ride 2: People who live in the service area can get a shuttle bus to come and pick them up at their location and bring them right here to the park and ride in Bellevue.

KING 5 News at Noon, Oct. 30

Sound Transit says it will cost \$20 million to replace 11 of the 13 escalators serving light rail stations in Seattle and the rest of its service area.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 1

Reporter Glenn Farley explains how construction workers will connect the new downtown Seattle tunnel to the existing SR 99 roadways. It will be a 3-week project starting in January.

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

Seattle is preparing for the 3-week chunk of time when the Alaskan Way Viaduct will be closed, but the new tunnel is not yet open to traffic. KING 5's Chris Daniels found out about some of the changes the city has already made in anticipation of what's now being called "the Seattle squeeze."

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

Companies around Seattle are bracing for serious traffic disruptions when the Alaskan Way Viaduct closes on January 11. There will be a 3-week period when the Viaduct closes and the new SR 99 tunnel under Seattle hasn't opened yet. Employers are planning how their workers will commute with the least complications. On Wednesday, companies and transportation planners gathered in downtown Seattle to strategize ways to keep the gears of major Seattle employers turning, as traffic grinds to a halt.

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

What's old could be renewed in Tacoma. Following Kitsap County's lead, where fast ferry service to Seattle is already operating, the city and Port of Tacoma, along with Pierce Transit, studied the idea of starting similar service to Seattle. They determined the trip could be done in under an hour using a fleet of 3 ferries. A one-way ticket would cost you 11 dollars.

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

The Seattle Department of Transportation, WSDOT and the Port of Seattle briefed media on how the region's transportation system will be affected during the 3-week closure of the Alaskan Way Viaduct in January. The Viaduct will be replaced by a new tunnel.

KING 5 News at Noon, Dec. 24

Reporter Glenn Farley looks into the safety systems and plans built into Seattle new downtown tunnel, which will open in February to replace the aging Alaskan Way Viaduct.

KING 5 News (Continued)

Politics

KING 5 News at 7:00 p.m., Oct. 1

Initiative 1634, nicknamed “Yes! To Affordable Groceries,” is largely an effort to block future soda taxes in response to Seattle’s recently passed soda tax. Debating the measure on KING are Pete Lamb of Teamsters 174, a member of the coalition supporting I-1634, and Dr. Mary Ann Bauman, a board member of the American Heart Association and a spokeswoman for the opposition campaign.

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

KING 5 political reporter Natalie Brand traveled to Spokane this week to take a look at why the 5th Congressional District race is so competitive this year. It’s a race that features the No. 4 Republican in the House, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, and Lisa Brown, a veteran Democrat and former state Senate majority leader.

KING 5 News at 7:00 a.m., Oct. 6

The carbon fee initiative I-1631, would impose a starting fee of 15 dollars per ton on carbon emissions, starting in 2020. The fee would increase \$2 each year until greenhouse gas reduction goals are met, according to the proposal. KING 5 invited representatives of both sides to debate the initiative: Becky Kelley of the Washington Environmental Council, in favor, and Dana Bieber, opposed, spokeswoman of the No on 1631 campaign.

KING 5 News Special Debate Coverage, 12:30 p.m., Oct. 8

KING 5 aired this live debate between the two candidates for U.S. Senate – incumbent Maria Cantwell (D) and former Washington State Republican Party Chair Susan Hutchison (R). The debate was sponsored by the Washington State Debate Coalition and was held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Following the debate, KING political reporter Natalie Brand anchored a 30-minute show analyzing the debate.

KING 5 News (Continued)

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

Political ad fact check feature: An ad in support of Initiative 1634, nicknamed “Yes to Affordable Groceries,” links Seattle’s new soda tax to possible price increases on other grocery items. Big beverage corporations account for the bulk of the campaign’s \$13 million in contributions, indicating that a soda tax is the top concern of the initiative’s key supporters, despite the campaign's emphasis that taxes could spread to basic grocery items in Washington state.

KING 5 News Special Debate Coverage, 7:00 p.m., Oct. 17

KING 5 aired this live debate between the two candidates for Washington’s 8th Congressional District – Kim Schrier (D) and Dino Rossi (R). The debate was held at Central Washington University in Ellensburg and was moderated by KING political reporter Natalie Brand and KUOW anchor Ross Reynolds.

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

Central Washington voters were split on their support for Republican Dino Rossi or Democrat Kim Schrier after the only 8th Congressional District debate Wednesday. Kittitas County was chosen as the venue for the first and only debate in the race. Supporters of both candidates packed Central Washington University's McConnell Hall Wednesday night to hear the candidates clash over issues from health care to immigration.

KING 5 News at 5:00 p.m., Oct. 24

A national environmental group is spending big money against Republican Dino Rossi in the battle for Washington's 8th Congressional District. The advertisement places blame on Rossi for “kicking 45,000 children off of health care.” This is an assertion that's surfaced in previous ads, citing an article about a health study on the number of uninsured children following the 2003 budget negotiation, a year when the state faced a massive budget shortfall. The Washington State Health Care Authority told KING 5 it's true that changes by the Legislature reduced the number of children on public health insurance by approximately 45,000. However, a spokeswoman says that's because certification requirements were tightened.

KING 5 News (Continued)

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

For weeks our TV screens have been filled with political ads. The ‘No on 1631’ campaign has the most money to spend, raising more than \$26 million so far. Here's a closer look at the top donors to each side of the effort to put a fee on carbon pollution in Washington State.

KING 5 News at 11:00 p.m., Oct. 25

Initiative 940 would make it easier to prosecute police officers for excessive use of force, including shootings. Reporter Natalie Swaby talked with a police union president who strongly opposes the measure, and a retired sheriff's deputy who supports it.

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

Team coverage of the 2018 general election, featuring analysis by reporters Natalie Brand and Chris Daniels, as well as live reports from campaign rallies and victory parties. Live results for all races on KING's website and in an on-screen ticker. Reporters focused on the U.S. Senate race, the 8th Congressional District race, the Pierce County prosecutor's race, and the fate of four statewide ballot initiatives.

KING 5 News Special, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15

A one-hour special report analyzing the results of the 2018 midterm elections. Reporters Natalie Brand and Chris Daniels hosted lawmakers and experts for discussion of the 2018 results and a look ahead to 2019 local races and the 2020 election.

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

Former anchor Jean Enersen delivered a commentary on the importance of the First Amendment and the role of the press in America's democracy. “Political leaders can and do criticize their coverage in the press. That's just part of the process. But to demean the press, to spread distrust of the press, to end a free press, that's the beginning of the end of democracy,” Enersen said.

KING 5 News (Continued)

KING 5 News at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 21

Washington's lawmakers will have a lot to talk about when they take up Gov. Jay Inslee's budget and tax proposals in the new year. Inslee rolled out his \$54.4 billion budget last week that includes a proposed new capital gains tax. Reporter Chris Daniels says state lawmakers are questioning how the ambitious spending plan will be paid for.

KING 5 News Special – Women in Power, 5:00 p.m., Dec. 24

A one-hour news special about the 5 women holding key leadership positions in the Seattle area – UW President Ana Mari Cauce, King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best and Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau. They discuss the challenges of being a woman in power and offer their advice and reflect on their paths.

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

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson believes passage of a statewide ballot initiative in November to strengthen gun laws signals to legislators that voters support even tougher firearms laws. Ferguson wants the legislature to pass a ban on the sale of assault weapons and limiting the capacity of magazines to ten rounds.

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ALSO: Sen. Coons (D-Del.) Says President Trump Mocking Dr. Christine Blasey Ford "Was a Low Mark in His Presidency"

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) on Dr. Ford's Testimony: "Every Sexual Assault Case is Usually 'He Said, She Said,' Except in This Case it's 'He Said, She Said, They [Witnesses] Said'"

EXCLUSIVE: Alyssa Milano Says we "Lost a Political Battle" but "are Winning the Cultural Battle"

PLUS: Tarana Burke on #BelieveSurvivors: "It's not Believe Them Without Investigation, Believe Them Without Interrogation"

OCTOBER 7, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) told moderator Chuck Todd "it's premature" to talk about impeaching newly-confirmed Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "There's only been one justice that's been impeached, and I think talking about it at this point isn't necessarily healing us and moving us forward," Coons added. "The Senate's role in our politics is not to just reflect the country, but to help heal and lead the country."

On the presumption of innocence in the Kavanaugh hearings, Coons said: "This is a confirmation hearing. No one is entitled to a seat on the Supreme Court. It's not a criminal trial, it's more like a job hearing. It's more like a job interview."

On President Trump's comments on Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, Coons said: "I think one of the biggest tragedies of this past week was to watch the president of the United States publicly mocking and ridiculing Dr. Ford. His initial response, which was to say that her testimony was credible and compelling was where he should have stopped. But to instead turn it into a campaign rally event where he was mocking her, I think really brought this entire conversation down and really was a low mark in his presidency."

Coons responded to Sen. John Kennedy's statement earlier this week on how the process changed dramatically when Michael Avenatti got involved, taking us "into the foothills of the preposterous," and said "I do think that he's correct, that there was a widespread response, certainly on the Republican side, that these were not credible allegations." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) also joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that "every sexual assault case is usually 'he said, she said,' except in this case it's 'he said, she said, they said,'" adding: "the 'they' were the witnesses that she said were there all said it either didn't happen or they didn't remember it. One of whom is one of her best friends."

"I thought she was credible," Alexander said of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's testimony, adding: "If listening to her was all I had to do, I would've said, 'She seems to believe what she believes.' But that's not all I had to do."

On Justice Kavanaugh's testimony, Alexander said: "If you had a group of people deliberately trying to destroy your reputation with accusations that you know aren't true ... you're not going to just sit there calmly and take that. You're going to defend yourself against people deliberately trying to damage and destroy you ... and I think the fact that he did that is the reason he's on the court. I think if he'd just sat there and taken it, that people would, would've been very suspicious."

On concern of the public confidence in Justice Kavanaugh, Alexander said: "It'd be hard to have public confidence, if you go through an inquisition, like he did, arranged by the Democrats." [Watch the full interview.](#)

One year after the #MeToo movement re-ignited with a tweet from actor and activist **Alyssa Milano**, she and activist **Tarana Burke** joined the broadcast to discuss the movement one year later and the repercussions of the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation.

Milano said: "We may have lost a political battle, but I do think we are winning the cultural battle. And often I don't fight for the win, I'm fighting so that generations don't have to deal with the abuses of power that we've had to deal with."

Burke opened up about the "believe survivors" mantra, saying: "It's not believe them without investigation, believe them without interrogation ... So the mantra 'Believe Survivors' is about, can we start with the premise that people do not often lie about the pain and the trauma of sexual violence. If we start with that premise, if you believe that it's true, then you can have an investigation, you can have an interrogation of the facts and that kind of thing. This is not to say believe people blanket and don't investigate and don't do anything else besides believe them." [Watch the full interview.](#)

NBC News Presidential Historian and author of *Presidents of War* **Michael Beschloss**, Republican strategist **Al Cardenas**, NBC News' **Kasie Hunt** and AEI's **Danielle Pletka** [joined the broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

The *Meet the Press Film Festival with American Film Institute (AFI)* [kicks off](#) its two-day event in Washington, D.C. tonight, and most of the films are now available for a month-long showcase on [nbcnews.com](#), on demand, and on streaming platforms.

MTP: SEN. MARCO RUBIO SAYS US 'MORAL CREDIBILITY' AT STAKE WITH DISAPPEARANCE OF JOURNALIST JAMAL KHASHOGGI

ALSO: Former CIA Director Brennan Says Saudi Arabia's Denials On Khashoggi "Ring Hollow" And It's "Inconceivable" Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Wouldn't Have Known

PLUS: Georgia Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams Says "I Am" Confident The November Election Will Be Fair

EXCLUSIVE: Missouri Senate Candidate Josh Hawley Says Missouri Voters Motivated By Kavanaugh Hearings And "Mob Behavior That We're Seeing All Over The Country"

OCTOBER 14, 2018 – In an interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)** told moderator Chuck Todd that the United States' "moral credibility" will be "undermined and compromised" if we don't call out Saudi Arabia in response to the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, adding a response from Congress if proven true will be "swift."

"Our moral credibility, our ability to call Putin a murderer because he is, our ability to call Assad a murderer because he is, our ability to confront Maduro in Venezuela or any of these other human rights atrocities like what we see in China, all of that is undermined and compromised if we somehow decide that because an ally who is important did that we're not going to call it out ... If this is proven to be true, there is going to be a response from Congress. It's going to be nearly unanimous. It's going to be swift. And it's going to go pretty far."

Rubio also responded to President Trump recently saying he will take canceling arms deals with Saudi Arabia off the table, saying: "There's advantages to arms sales that have nothing to do with money...Arms sales to Saudi Arabia are important not because of money but because he's [Trump] right when he says they'll buy it from somebody else." [Watch the full interview.](#)

"Their denials ring hollow ... It would be inconceivable that such an operation would be run by the Saudis without the knowledge of the day-to-day decision-maker of Saudi Arabia. That's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman." says former CIA Director and one-time Saudi Arabia station chief **John Brennan** on Khashoggi's disappearance, also a senior national security and intelligence analyst for NBC News.

Brennan also questioned King Salman's mental acuity, telling Todd, "There have been princes in the royal family, in the past, who have been held to account for some transgressions of the law, including executions. So I think it's going to be up to King Salman, if he has the mental capacity right now and the political strength ... He is aging. And there are indications that he has failed a bit." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Georgia Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams joined the broadcast as well this morning, and told Todd that the stalling of voter registrations from African American voters by her opponent Brian Kemp was "absolutely" intentional. Abrams continued: "It's part of a pattern of behavior where he [Kemp] tries to tilt the playing field in his favor or in the favor of his party."

But Abrams added she expects the contest to be a fair one, explaining: “My organization, working with the Democratic Party, we've put together the largest voter protection effort in the state's history. And we have national organizations that are also paying attention. And I think we can make this work.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Missouri Attorney General and Republican Senate candidate Josh Hawley also joined in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that the Brett Kavanaugh hearings motivated GOP voters in Missouri: “I do think that the debacle with Justice Kavanaugh, what the Senate Democrats did in that case, is hugely motivating to Missouri voters. They cannot believe the conduct of these Senate Democrats. They can't believe the smear campaign that they launched, and by the way, how they drug (sic) Dr. Ford through the mud, as well, and now, this mob behavior that we're seeing all over the country. It is motivating folks.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

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ALSO: Former White House Comms Director Anthony Scaramucci's First Interview on Book Tour: Gen. John Kelly “Hurt the Morale Inside” the White House, “He's Hurt the President”

NEW: NBC News/WSJ Poll Shows Democrats Hold Nine-Point Advantage for Midterm Elections

OCTOBER 21, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)** told moderator Chuck Todd that the Saudi government's explanation of the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi is not credible: “You do not do something of this magnitude without having clearance from the top.” He added, “I think it'll be very problematic for our relationship going forward.” Sen. Tillis said that it looks like the crown prince ordered the killing and “there has to be a consequence for it” and those “who committed this horrible act” must be held “accountable.”

On President Trump's suggestion that he might propose a middle class tax cut before the midterm elections, Sen. Tillis said, “I think that there is a way to rationalize that this tax cut will pay for itself through sustained economic growth. If we don't make the numbers, it won't. But if we do, and we're already seeing it early into this cycle, then I do believe that we create the net incremental revenue. It's not going to be enough to come anywhere close to retiring our \$21 trillion in debt. That's where we're going to have to look at tough choices.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Whip **Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)** also joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that “the only person on earth outside of the Saudi kingdom who appears to accept it [the Saudi government’s explanation] is President Donald Trump.” He [added](#) that “the crown prince has his fingerprints all over this and the fact that he is heading up the investigation makes it totally incredible.” Durbin also said that the United States needs to “expel the Saudi Ambassador from the United States until there is a completion of a third party investigation.”

On the Senate Democrats’ handling of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and its impact on the midterm races, Sen. Durbin said, “We were dealt cards, in the Senate Judiciary Committee, we never anticipated. The fact that there’d be a letter coming forward from Dr. Ford, which eventually became public, which led to a hearing, which we had not even planned. All of those things were unforeseen. This was not some strategy that was laid out. It unfolded this way. We did the best we could under the circumstances. I still believe that we did the right thing in voting against Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former White House communications director **Anthony Scaramucci** joined the show in his first interview to promote his new book, “Trump, the Blue-Collar President.” On Gen. John Kelly, Scaramucci said “there was a better way to fire me. But he was trying to make a spectacle out of it...he got the spectacle that he wanted.” He added President Trump “needs a chief of staff that really likes him and gets his personality.”

Scaramucci also said that Gen. John Kelly has “hurt the morale inside the place [White House]. And he’s hurt the president, and he has hissy fits. You know, he left last week after the report that he had with Ambassador Bolton. That’s his personality.” Scaramucci told Todd that he now feels “vindicated” because he believes Gen. Kelly is “demonstrating his personality now the way he really is.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers debuted on this morning’s broadcast showing that two weeks before the 2018 midterm elections, Democrats hold a nine-point lead among likely voters over Republicans in congressional preference. [Read more.](#)

CBN News’ **David Brody**, The Wall Street Journal’s **Peggy Noonan**, The Washington Post’s **Eugene Robinson** and NBC News’ **Katy Tur** [joined the broadcast’s roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP: PITTSBURGH MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO SAYS THE ANSWER TO GUN VIOLENCE IS NOT “SOLVED BY HAVING OUR SYNAGOGUES, MOSQUES AND CHURCHES FILLED WITH ARMED GUARDS”

PLUS: Anti-Defamation League CEO: “Anti-Semitism has moved from the margins into the mainstream”

ALSO: NRCC chairman Steve Stivers calls GOP ad in Minnesota attacking George Soros “factual,” adding “it also has nothing to do with calling for violence.”

OCTOBER 28, 2018 – In an interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, Pittsburgh Mayor **William Peduto** spoke to moderator Chuck Todd the morning after 11 people were murdered at Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in his city, saying: “I don’t think that the answer to this problem is solved by

having our synagogues, mosques and churches filled with armed guards or our schools filled with armed guards. I think we're dealing with an irrational person who acted irrationally. And trying to create laws around that is not the way that we should govern. We should try to stop irrational behavior from happening at the forefront. And not try to create laws around irrational behavior to continue."

On President Trump possibly attending a vigil for victims, Peduto said: "That's really up to the families themselves. You know, we're going to be working together as we have. We've had good cooperation from the state and the governor. And, you know, this is a Conservative synagogue. So the funerals will be very quickly. As soon as tomorrow. So that's really up to the families and whether they would want the president to be here." [Watch the full interview.](#)

CEO and National Director of the Anti-Defamation League **Jonathan Greenblatt** also joined the broadcast this morning, telling Todd "We are seeing an environment in which anti-Semitism has moved from the margins into the mainstream as political candidates and people in public life now literally repeat the rhetoric of white supremacists. And they think it's normal and permissible to talk about Jewish conspiracies, manipulating events or Jewish financiers somehow controlling activities. And that is awful."

Asked about recent political ads attacking Democratic donor George Soros, who is Jewish and also a target of one of the mailed pipe bombs this week, Greenblatt said: The attacks on George Soros are appalling. And the continued invocation of classic anti-Semitic themes. I mean, to see the way this man is mischaracterized online is just repulsive. Now, I don't agree with every donation he makes. But I also don't agree with every donation Sheldon Adelson makes. But you see it from the left and sometimes from the right. And it is all incredibly troublesome." [Watch the full interview.](#)

NRCC Chair **Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio)** and DCCC Chair **Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.)** also joined *Meet the Press* this morning in a joint interview with Todd. Stivers responded to a question about an NRCC ad in Minnesota targeting George Soros, explaining: "Our independent expenditure arm is independent. But, you know, that ad is factual. And, you know, it also has nothing to do with calling for violence. That ad is a factual ad."

On yesterday's shooting in Pittsburgh, Lujan told Todd: "It's not too much to expect leaders to bring us together, to unite our country, to find a way to reach out to us to our greater good and make sure that we rise above all of the accusations and the hate and the finger pointing, Chuck. So I am certainly hopeful that we'll see that out of the leader of the free world and that we'll see that out of each and every one of us individually as well as our colleagues." [Watch the full interview.](#)

The Resurgent's **Erick Erickson**, NPR's **Joshua Johnson**, The Cook Political Report's **Amy Walter** and NBC News' **Kristen Welker** [joined the broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP: STACEY ABRAMS ON TRUMP'S ASSESSMENT SHE'S 'UNQUALIFIED': I FIND IT TO BE "VAPID AND SHALLOW"

EXCLUSIVE: Gov. Bill Haslam (R-Tenn.): "I don't think any race is entirely on the president, win or lose."

PLUS: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.): "We do have a narrow path to a Senate Democratic majority."

NEW: NBC News/WSJ Poll Shows Democrats Hold Seven-Point Edge

Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie and Chuck Todd Anchor “The Vote: America’s Future” at 8 p.m. ET/ 7 p.m. CT This Tuesday Live From NBC News World Headquarters in New York

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 – In an interview on *Meet the Press*, **Stacey Abrams** said President Trump’s assessment that she is “unqualified” is “vapid and shallow.”

The Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate, running against current Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp, also said that she does believe it will be a fair election.

“We have seen unprecedented turnout in this race from people who normally do not engage and do not vote. Some of that has been driven by the conversations of voter suppression because one of the best ways to encourage people to use something is to tell them that someone is trying to take it away. Luckily we’ve had two court decisions against Brian Kemp.”

Brian Kemp declined an invitation to appear on *Meet the Press*.

Watch the [full interview](#).

In addition, Republican Tennessee Governor **Bill Haslam** joined Chuck Todd for an exclusive interview to discuss Tuesday’s midterm election stating that no “race is entirely on the president, win or lose.”

Haslam also remarked on if Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, both gubernatorial candidates for their respective states, should recuse themselves from the vote-counting process on Tuesday stating, “I don't think so. Again, I don't know the specifics of exactly how the process works in their states. But I know how it works in our state, and the secretary of state's role in it. And while he oversees the process, there are a lot of people involved in that. Again, if our secretary of state was running, I wouldn't ask him to step down because there are so many checks and balances in the process that I just don't have any fear about the integrity of the ballot.” Watch the [full interview](#).

Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee **Sen. Chris Van Hollen** (D-Md.) joined the broadcast to discuss Tuesday’s midterm elections saying Democrats “do have a narrow path to a Senate Democratic majority.”

“Everything comes down to turnout. And we've got more than seven Senate races that are, you know, down to the wire and the margin of error. So, it's all about turnout ... you can't go 0-4 in [Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and North Dakota], that's right. And that's not going to happen.” Watch the [full interview](#).

Republican Senate candidate **Josh Hawley** was slated to appear on *Meet the Press* but canceled yesterday citing scheduling conflicts.

New **NBC News/Wall Street Journal** poll numbers debuted on this morning’s broadcast showing that Democrats hold a Seven-point edge among likely voters ahead of Tuesday’s elections. [Read more](#).

Democratic strategist **Cornell Belcher**, NBC News' **Tom Brokaw** and **Kasie Hunt**, TODAY co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** and radio host **Hugh Hewitt** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. Watch the [full panel](#).

MTP EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.): If Acting AG Matthew Whitaker doesn't recuse himself, "any role that he plays will be exposed to the public."

ALSO: Sen. Gardner (R-Colo.) on protecting the Mueller probe: "Why protect something that's actually continuing?"

PLUS: An exclusive, joint interview with newly-elected Congresswomen Lauren Underwood (D-Ill.) and Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.)

NOVEMBER 11, 2018 – In an exclusive interview on *Meet the Press*, **Rep. Adam Schiff** told moderator Chuck Todd that if Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker doesn't recuse himself from the Russia probe, "any role that he plays will be exposed to the public."

Rep. Schiff, (D-Calif.), the Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee, also discussed his support for Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House stating "we need the strongest general that we have. We need the best tactician, we need the best organizer ... and that's her. There's no one else honestly that comes close." **Watch the [full interview](#)**.

When asked about President Trump's comments on the California wildfires, Rep. Schiff responded: "People are losing their lives, losing loved ones, losing their homes. ... [F]or the president, at a time when people are facing utter disaster, to be making a statement like this, making a threat like this, this just goes to show how little he understands the job he has."

In addition, NRSC Chairman Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), joined the program and said the "Mueller is not going to be stopped. It's going to continue, and [the investigation] should continue" but stopped short of saying it should be protected by the Senate, "Why protect something that's actually continuing?"

Gardner also responded to President Trump's remarks regarding the California wildfires where he threatened to withhold federal funding, saying he doesn't think it's "appropriate." **Watch the [full interview](#)**.

In an exclusive, joint interview Chuck Todd sat down with newly elected Congresswomen **Lauren Underwood** (D-Ill.) and **Elissa Slotkin** (D-Mich.) where they discussed if they'd be willing to support Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House.

"I never want to be disrespectful for anyone who has served, especially a woman who has broken glass ceilings," said Slotkin. "In my district you need to hear what people are telling you. And they want, on both sides of the aisle, a new generation of leadership." Underwood said, "I'm looking forward to having a conversation with her and whoever else might end up being on the ballot for speaker." **Watch the [full interview](#)**.

New York Times Columnist **David Brooks**, Washington Free Beacon Editor-in-Chief **Matthew Continetti**, Former Rep. **Donna Edwards (D-Md.)**, and POLITICO National Political Reporter **Eliana Johnson** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. [Watch the full panel.](#)

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. GRAHAM: 'IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE' SAUDI CROWN PRINCE WAS UNAWARE OF KHASHOGGI KILLING

ALSO: Graham on shutting down Mueller probe: "It would be a disaster for the Republican Party"

PLUS: Sen. Brown on possible run for President: "I have no real timetable"

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 – In an exclusive interview on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** told moderator Chuck Todd it is "impossible to believe" the Saudi Crown Prince was unaware of Khashoggi's killing.

The Republican senator from South Carolina called the Crown Prince "irrational" and "unhinged," but stopped short of saying he should be sanctioned for now. "He's done a lot of damage to the relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia, and I have no intention of working with him ever again."

When discussing Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe, Graham said it would be a "disaster for the Republican Party" to shut it down. "Let's see what he finds. I can understand why the president doesn't like the investigation. He feels wronged by it. I remember the Clinton-Ken Starr episode pretty well. This is sort of standard practice. But I think most Republicans on Capitol Hill, and Democrats, believe that Mr. Mueller should be allowed to do his job. And I have no indication he's going to be interfered with at all."

On President Trump's criminal justice reform bill, Graham urged Sen. Mitch McConnell to bring the bill to the floor, "It'll get 80 votes. Mr. President, pick up the phone and push the Republican leadership. The Republicans are the problem here, not the Democrats." [Watch the full interview.](#)

In addition, **Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)** joined the program where he stood by his remarks last week that the Georgia governor's race was "stolen" saying Governor-elect Brian Kemp "did everything he could to put his thumb on the scale and won that election, quote unquote, 'won' that election by only about a point." He continued, "Because a former secretary of state, like me, said that about this election, which clearly is an effort to suppress the vote, not of people that look like you and me, Chuck."

When asked about a potential run for President in 2020, Brown responded by saying "I have no real timetable. It's really, as I said, it's personal. It's sitting down with Connie and my family and really figuring things through." [Watch the full interview.](#)

White House Correspondent for PBS NewsHour and NBC News Contributor **Yamiche Alcindor**, CNBC Editor-at-Large **John Harwood**, NBC News Chief White House Correspondent **Hallie Jackson**, and National Review Editor **Rich Lowry** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. MIKE LEE ON JAMAL KHASHOGGI'S KILLING: "I DISAGREE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ASSESSMENT"

ALSO: Rep. Elijah Cummings Exclusive: Asylum Seekers Should Be Allowed to Cross the Border, "That's the Law"

PLUS: Exclusive with Tom Steyer on a Potential 2020 Presidential Run: "I Haven't Decided Yet"

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 – In an exclusive, live interview on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)** said he disagreed with President Trump's assessment of Jamal Khashoggi's killing saying "it's inconsistent with the intelligence" he's seen.

Additionally, Sen. Lee told moderator Chuck Todd that the war in Yemen is an "unauthorized, unconstitutional war." He urged Congress to halt the efforts in Yemen, saying "This is not an ally that deserves this kind of military intervention, especially because there has been no connection between the safety of the American people and our involvement in this war."

When asked about President Trump's recent criticisms of court rulings and the judiciary, Sen. Lee, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said "It's not entirely unprecedented for a president of the United States or another public official to criticize court rulings, in some cases, Supreme Court rulings." He continued, "I try to express disagreement about the courts without impugning the court's motives whenever I can." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, **Rep. Elijah Cummings** (D-Md.) joined the program for an exclusive, in-studio interview and said he would not support President Trump's potential deal with the incoming Mexican government on asylum seekers: "They should be allowed to come in, seek asylum, that's the law." Cummings also said he would not support changing the law: "No, I think we have a system that has worked for a long time. This president's come in, wants to change it, that's up to him. But now the Congress has got to stand up and hopefully they will."

As the incoming Chair of the House Oversight Committee, Cummings said "no" when asked if he'd grant subpoena power to the committee's ranking Republican member, "It's our opportunity. I will consult with them. I will work with them, unlike they did with me. But no." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Plus, businessman **Tom Steyer** sat down for an exclusive interview and said he hasn't decided yet whether to run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020. He said if another Democrat ran who included his ideas he would be "a part of that movement ... one way or the other."

When asked if impeaching President Trump should be a priority in this next Congress, Steyer replied, "I think it's an absolute first step to getting towards a positive vision for the country ... I think there's no question that this president has both met the grounds for impeachment and that it's urgent to get him out of office ..." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Pentagon correspondent for *The New York Times* **Helene Cooper**, *TIME* Contributor and NBC News Political Analyst **Elise Jordan**, presidential historian and author of *Leadership: In Turbulent Times* **Doris Kearns Goodwin**, and SVP of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and NBC News Contributor **Danielle Pletka** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP EXCLUSIVE: REP. JERROLD NADLER: “WE MUST DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROTECT THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION FROM INTERFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT”

ALSO: Exclusive interview with Sen. John Barrasso: Democrats have been “crying wolf for two years that Mueller's going to be fired”

PLUS: Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of State James Baker honor the legacy of President George H.W. Bush

DEC. 2, 2018 – Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) said today on *Meet the Press* “We must do whatever we can to protect the Mueller investigation from interference by the president” when asked about holding up the government funding vote until the Mueller protection bill is brought to a vote.

“We are dependent on that investigation to get to the bottom of the corruption in the campaign, of the Russian role in the campaign, of the Trump campaign, the president’s role in colluding with the Russians if he did,” Nadler told moderator Chuck Todd during an exclusive interview. “We know his campaign did. The question is, did he personally? So, we have to do whatever we can to protect that investigation.”

Nadler, the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, also said “The time when [President Trump] can get away with lying to the American people all the time and evading accountability is, is coming to an end.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Also, **Sen. John Barrasso** (R-Wyo.), Chairman-Elect of the Senate Republican Conference, joined the program for an exclusive, live interview where he disagreed with Rep. Nadler’s approach to the Mueller investigation.

“I want the Mueller probe to end and I want the American people to see what is in it. There are people that are trying to do legislation on it. They've been crying wolf for two years that Mueller's going to be fired,” Barrasso said. “This is wasted energy to try to do this and for [Rep. Nadler] to say maybe we should not fund the government over protecting Special Counsel Mueller, I think is the wrong way to go.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

In addition, former **Vice President Dick Cheney** and former **Secretary of State James Baker** joined the program to honor the life and legacy of President George H.W. Bush.

Cheney, who served as President George H.W. Bush’s Secretary of Defense and President George Bush’s Vice President, said both “were great guys to work for. I’m very proud of what I was able to do with both of them. The fact that I was asked to serve, those were remarkable years. And there were difficult times, no question about it, in both administrations. But it was a, well -- the highlight of my career.”

Baker shared on the program that Bush would “no doubt ... be remembered as our most successful one-term president.”

When asked about President Bush losing his 1992 reelection bid, Baker said, “The loss was really hard for him in '92 but you know he realized that you win some, you lose some. He didn't get bitter. He was not that kind of person. He was a very warm, caring, compassionate, generous person who was always

so thoughtful and kind to others. And that's the way he was in victory. And that's the way he was in defeat."

Watch the [full interview](#) with former Vice President Cheney and [full interview](#) with former Secretary of State Baker.

Chief correspondent at *The Washington Post* **Dan Balz**, former governor **Pat McCrory (R-N.C.)**, distinguished senior fellow at Demos and Demos Action and NBC News contributor **Heather McGhee**, and NBC News chief foreign affairs correspondent and anchor of MSNBC's *Andrea Mitchell Reports* **Andrea Mitchell** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP: SEN. ANGUS KING SAYS THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PUBLIC EVIDENCE TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT TRUMP BUT 'WE MAY GET THERE'

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Rand Paul Says Some of AG Nominee William Barr's Views are "Very, Very Troubling"

EXCLUSIVE: Wisconsin Gov.-Elect Tony Evers on Legislature That Would Limit his Power: "It's a Hot Mess, and I Believe he [Gov. Scott Walker] Should Veto the Entire Package"

DECEMBER 9, 2018 – Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) joined *Meet the Press* this morning telling moderator Chuck Todd that there's not enough public evidence at this point to impeach President Donald Trump: "I don't think that there's evidence yet available to the public where there would be, more or less, a consensus that this was an appropriate path." "We may get there, but we are not there now," the Maine independent said.

King added: "My concern is that, if impeachment is moved forward on the evidence that we have now, at least a third of the country would think it was just political revenge and, and a coup against the president. That wouldn't serve us well at all. The best way to solve a problem like this, to me, is elections."

King also addressed Friday's filings by federal prosecutors and said: "The Cohen ones are pretty disturbing because the key phrase to me is 'directed by Individual-1,' which everyone knows is President Trump. 'Directed by' implicates the President in a felony."

King added: "I think the filing last week that should be most troubling to the White House weren't the ones made on Friday but the ones made in regard to General Flynn earlier in the week because number one Robert Mueller felt that his cooperation has been of such an extent that he recommended no jail time, a kind of prosecutorial pardon if you will. Nineteen meetings with the special counsel and a lot of redacted pieces in the filing that was made last week." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) also joined the program this morning in an exclusive interview and addressed President Trump's nomination of William Barr for attorney general, telling Todd: "I haven't made a decision yet on him, but I can tell you the first things I've learned about him being for more surveillance of Americans is very, very troubling."

The Kentucky Republican also described Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation as "prosecutorial abuse" and said: "This has been my overall complaint about...having the special prosecutors, is that really they find a person, and they look for a crime ... With a special prosecutor, you decide, 'We're going after someone, the president. And we're gonna squeeze as many people as we can until we can try to get a person.' ... I think they're a huge abuse of government power."

"We should not have special prosecutors going after one person. And if we get this way, and if we're going to prosecute people and put them in jail for campaign finance violations, we're going to become a banana republic ... where they have every president gets prosecuted and everybody gets thrown in jail when they're done with office," Paul added.

Additionally, Paul defended President Trump's ability to pursue a business deal in Russia while simultaneously running for president: "I guess I don't quite understand it because I don't know what's illegal about trying to build a hotel in Russia," Sen. Paul said. "So this is pretty common. And I see no problem with someone running for president trying to build a hotel somewhere." [Watch the full interview.](#)

In an exclusive interview, **Gov.-Elect Tony Evers** (D-Wis.) told Todd he had spoken to current Gov. Scott Walker to ask him to veto bills by the Republican-dominated Wisconsin legislature that would limit his power and the power of the newly-elected Democratic Attorney General: "I made that pitch, and he was noncommittal. I know publicly he's said in other areas that he plans to sign most or all of it. So I'm not particularly encouraged at this point in time." He continued: "The entire thing is a mess. It's a hot mess, and I believe he should veto the entire package."

Additionally, Evers said that if Gov. Walker does sign this legislation into law, he's leaving all options "on the table" in terms of legal recourse: "I'm not making any promises one way or the other, but we're looking at all issues, all the options at the table. I need to stand up for the people of Wisconsin. There's 2.6 million people that voted in this last election. And they expect me to do that. So we're going to pursue this." [Watch the full interview.](#)

The Boston Herald's Kimberly Atkins, Eddie Glaude, Jr. of Princeton University, *National Review's Jonah Goldberg* and *The Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan* joined the [broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. SCHUMER ON "WAY-OUT-OF-THE-MAINSTREAM" HEALTH CARE RULING: "OUR FIRST STOP IS THE COURTS, WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE OVERTURNED. IT'S AN AWFUL, AWFUL DECISION"

ALSO: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SEN. ROY BLUNT: "MEDICARE FOR ALL MEANS MEDICARE FOR NONE"

PLUS: EXCLUSIVE ONE-ON-ONE WITH REP. ADAM SCHIFF: DEUTSCHE BANK HAS A "HISTORY OF LAUNDERING RUSSIAN MONEY"

NEW: NBC NEWS/WSJ POLL: 62 PERCENT SAY TRUMP ISN'T TELLING THE TRUTH IN RUSSIA PROBE

DEC. 16, 2018 – **Sen. Chuck Schumer** (D-N.Y.) said today on *Meet the Press* that the recent “way-out-of-the-mainstream” ruling against the Affordable Care Act in Texas is an “awful, awful decision” and that the first thing he plans to do is “put a vote on the floor urging an intervention in the case.”

The Senate Minority Leader told moderator Chuck Todd in an exclusive, live interview that the “first stop is the courts” and that it “puts a lot of our Republicans in a box because they sort of were ones that, you know, were two-faced.”

Sen. Schumer also stopped short of endorsing ‘Medicare for All,’ saying instead: “I’m going to support a plan that can pass and that can provide the best, cheapest healthcare for all Americans.”

On President Trump’s proposed border wall, Sen. Schumer said “President Trump should understand. There are not the votes for the wall. In the House or the Senate, he is not going to get the wall in any form.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) also joined the program for an exclusive, live interview on set to discuss the recent ACA lawsuit ruling and encouraged people to remember that the ruling has “no immediate impact.”

“Nothing changes yesterday. Nothing changes tomorrow,” Sen. Blunt said. “This will be another area where healthcare will be used as a political issue way beyond the ramifications of one district judge making a ruling that has no immediate impact.”

When asked about ‘Medicare for All,’ Sen. Blunt said, “The one thing I think we would be able to unite on is ‘Medicare for All’ would wind up meaning ‘Medicare for none.’ If Democrats want to take that view to the American people, and seniors, particularly, people who are now covered by Medicare, understand the ramifications of that. There is no way that will happen. And there’s no way voters will let it happen.”

In response to investigations into the Trump inaugural committee, Sen. Blunt, who served as chair of the separate Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, said that Trump Inaugural Committee Chair Tom Barrack “was always very good to deal with” but noted, “I have no idea what they did.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, **Rep. Adam Schiff** (D-Calif.), incoming chair of the House Intelligence Committee, shared with Chuck Todd in an exclusive interview why the Deutsche Bank records are important in relation to the Trump Organization, stating that the bank has a “history of laundering Russian money. They paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fines to the state of New York because they were laundering Russian money.”

Rep. Schiff continued, “What do we make of what the president’s sons are reported to have said, about not needing to deal with U.S. banks because they got all of the cash they needed from Russia or disproportionate share of their assets coming from Russia. If this is a form of compromise, it needs to be exposed.”

When asked about how far the Mueller investigation should extend, Rep. Schiff responded, “The president has wanted to draw a red line and say, ‘You can’t look at my business.’ But if the president’s

business is trying to curry favor with the Kremlin, we can't ignore that. And the president should not be in a position to say, 'You can't investigate certain things, only other things that I don't care as much about.'

"If Mueller is not looking into this, and I don't know whether he is, someone needs to because otherwise we are being derelict with our security." Watch the [full interview](#).

Plus, in a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll, six-in-10 Americans say President Donald Trump has been untruthful about the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential campaign, while half of the country says the investigation has given them doubts about Trump's presidency. **Read more about [the poll](#).**

CBN News Chief Political Analyst and co-Author of "The Faith of Donald J. Trump: A Spiritual Biography" **David Brody**, POLITICO National Political Reporter **Eliana Johnson**, *Washington Post* columnist and NBC News and MSNBC Political Analyst **Eugene Robinson**, and NBC News Correspondent and Host of MSNBC Live **Katy Tur** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. **Watch the [full panel](#).**

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. PAT TOOMEY: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY ARE "VERY, VERY DISTINCT FROM THE VAST MAJORITY" OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS

ALSO: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SEN. DICK DURBIN: "ABSOLUTELY" OPEN TO INCREASING FUNDING FOR BORDER SECURITY AS LONG AS IT'S NOT FOR A BORDER WALL

PLUS: EXCLUSIVE ONE-ON-ONE WITH JULIAN CASTRO: PRESIDENT TRUMP IS "NOT BEHAVING LIKE HE'S FIT FOR OFFICE"

DEC. 23, 2018 – Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) told moderator Chuck Todd on *Meet the Press* that he is disturbed by the resignation of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. "I think General Mattis has put his finger on where the president has views that are very, very distinct from the vast majority of Republicans and probably Democrats, elected and unelected."

"I think the president does not share, I would say, my view that the Pax Americana of the post-war era has been enormously good for America," Toomey shared on the program during an exclusive interview. When asked about what he is looking for in the next secretary of defense, Toomey stated that it would be someone that shares "a more traditional view about America's role in the world."

On President Trump's decision to withdraw troops from Syria, Toomey shared that he strongly disagrees with the decision and said "senators should speak out" when they have differences with the President. "We were elected separately from the president. We don't report to the President. We should cooperate where we can. And where we need to disagree, we should be willing to do that." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) also joined the program for an exclusive interview and told Chuck Todd that he is "absolutely" open to increasing funding for border security as long as it's not for what he called President Trump's proposed "medieval" border wall.

Durbin said the border wall is not an issue of border security, it's an "issue of his own political insecurity. When the right-wingers start screaming at him, he just backs off and dissembles in front of us. We now have reached a depth of dysfunction that I've never seen in Washington."

On Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' resignation, the Democratic Whip said, "I was one of many senators who privately sat down with General Mattis and said please stay. Stay as long as you possibly can. We desperately need your mature voice, your patriotism in the room when this president's making life-or-death decisions about national security." He continued, "We counted on him to be there and to stop this president from his worst impulse."

When asked about President Trump's fitness for office, Durbin shared on the program, "I can tell you every day I question whether or not we can endure another two years. I think we can, I think this Constitution is strong. The American people are strong. But I'm hoping that my Republican colleagues will step up and join us in a bipartisan effort to put this government back on track." [Watch the full interview.](#)

In addition, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary **Julian Castro** joined the program in an exclusive interview and said President Trump is "not behaving like he's fit for office. He's behaving extremely erratically. He's not giving the American people or our allies around the world any sense that there's a rationale for the decisions that he's making."

When asked about President Trump's decision to pull troops out of Syria, Castro responded, "I think that many folks recognize that it was time for us to pull out of Syria. However, here's the thing. Once you're there, you have to make sure that you have a plan for your operations there and, also, for your withdrawal."

On a potential 2020 presidential run, Castro said he has "no doubt" that there is enough room for him and Beto O'Rourke in the race stating, "There are going to be a whole bunch of folks that are running this time. And so you know, he's a very talented, very impressive guy. My brother, Joaquin, and I were proud to support him, when he ran against Ted Cruz. And I think that, that there are probably going to be 20 people up on that first debate stage."

Watch the [full interview.](#)

White House Correspondent for PBS NewsHour and NBC News Contributor **Yamiche Alcindor**, Host of *The Hugh Hewitt Show* and NBC News Contributor **Hugh Hewitt**, Host of NPR's 1A and NBC News Contributor **Joshua Johnson**, and National Editor of The Cook Political Report **Amy Walter** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. [Watch the full panel.](#)

SPECIAL EDITION OF "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD": AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE CLIMATE CRISIS

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH MICHAEL BLOOMBERG AND GOV. JERRY BROWN

BLOOMBERG ON 2020: ANY CANDIDATE 'BETTER DARN WELL HAVE A PLAN' ON CLIMATE CHANGE

DEC. 30, 2018 – Today on *Meet the Press*, moderator Chuck Todd dedicated the full hour to exploring the critical issues and challenges of climate change – the science and politics of the climate crisis and the costs and damages to the environment.

Todd opened the special edition of the program by telling viewers, “This morning, we're going to do something that we don't often get to do – dive in on one topic.” “We're going to take an in-depth look ... at a literally Earth-changing subject that doesn't get talked about thoroughly on television news, at least: climate change.”

“We're not going to debate climate change, the existence of it. The Earth is getting hotter. And human activity is a major cause, period,” Todd continued. “We're not going to give time to climate deniers. The science is settled, even if political opinion is not.”

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (D-N.Y.), who has been on the front lines of dealing with climate change, a potential 2020 presidential contender, joined the program for an exclusive interview and shared that any future presidential candidate ‘better darn well have a plan’ on climate change.

“I can tell you one thing, I don't know whether I'm going to run or not, but I will be out there demanding that anybody that's running has a plan,” Bloomberg continued. “And I want to hear the plan, and I want everybody to look at it and say whether it's doable.”

When asked about President Trump’s views on climate change, Bloomberg said, “It would be a lot more helpful if we had a climate champion rather than a climate denier in the White House. You know, I've always thought Trump has a right to his opinions but doesn't have a right to his own facts. And the truth of the matter is this country and this world is in trouble.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, **California Governor Jerry Brown** (D-Calif.) joined the program for an exclusive interview and shared that he feels he hasn’t done enough as governor to combat climate change. “Not even close, and not close in California, and we're doing more than anybody else, and not close in America or the rest of the world,” Brown said.

Brown added, “This is a revolutionary threat. And we've got to get off this idea, it's the economy, stupid. No, it's the environment. It's the ecology that we have to get on the side of. And we only do that with wisdom, with investment, and widespread collaboration and working together.”

When asked about conversations he had with President Trump during his recent trip to California after the wildfires, Brown said he was not able to dissuade the President of his views on climate change. “He is very convinced of his position. And his position is that there's nothing abnormal about the fires in California or the rising sea level or all the other incidents of climate change.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

The program explored the federal response to the climate crisis and the cost to the U.S. economy and also dived into the National Climate Assessment, produced by 13 agencies inside the Trump Administration, that issued dire warnings on the threat climate change poses to both the economy and to the lives of people throughout the world. Additionally, Chuck Todd cited a new NBC News-*Wall Street Journal* poll that found two-thirds of Americans believe action is needed to address global climate change and a record-high 45 percent say the problem is serious enough for immediate action.

A panel of experts joined the program to discuss the science and consequences of climate change and explore the controversial politics of the issue including: **Kate Marvel**, scientist at Columbia University and NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies; **Craig Fugate**, President Obama's FEMA administrator; **Michèle Flournoy**, under secretary of defense under President Obama, responsible for national security threats created by climate change; **Anne Thompson**, chief environmental affairs correspondent at NBC News; and Congressman **Carlos Curbelo** (R-Fla.), co-founder of the Climate Solutions Caucus.