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COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ISSUES
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Based upon WDSU-TV's involvement in its community and input from community leaders and civic organizations, WDSU-TV has determined the following issues are the chief concerns of the New Orleans Community:

•Crime

Street crimes, turf wars, and the sale and use of illegal drugs and guns are a serious threat to the community and its residents, particularly young people.

•Housing

The lack of affordable housing is one of the most serious issues facing residents who are trying to return to New Orleans. Efforts to revitalize housing and stabilize prices are fundamental to the economic success of the city.

•Health

An inadequate health care system and the shortage of hospitals, clinics and medical personnel in the area are profound issues of concern for residents and businesses alike.

•Education

The status of the troubled Orleans Parish school system and of students, parents and teachers, along with the challenge of rebuilding the educational infrastructure, are pressing challenges in the post-Katrina environment.

•Levee Protection

The condition of repairs to the levee system by the Army Corps of Engineers is a fundamental concern for residents as they decide whether to return New Orleans and rebuild. The security and stability of the levees are essential for the growth and resurgence of the city.

- Economy/Jobs

The economy of New Orleans and surrounding parishes will affect individuals' abilities to return home, make above-minimum wages and support families. What are leaders doing to keep companies from leaving the city and to recruit new businesses, and what measures are they taking to address high levels of poverty in New Orleans?

Date	Program	Time/ Duration	Issue	Description
10.1.16	Saturday 6pm Newscast	6:25 :25	Levees/Flooding	FEMA is giving the state more than 128 million dollars to help those displaced by the historic flooding in August. The funds will help people with a shelter in place program.
10.2.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	MTP: GIULIANI ON NYT TRUMP TAX RETURN REPORT: "THE REALITY IS HE'S A GENIUS"; PLUS: CLINTON CAMPAIGN MANAGER RESPONDS TO LEAKED FUNDRAISER AUDIO
10.2.16	Matter of Fact	5:30a and 1135p 30:00		This week on MATTER OF FACT. Gridiron protests force a difficult question: when is protestunpatriotic and when is it an act of patriotism? George Atallah, with the NFL PlayersAssociation, sits down with Soledad O'Brien for a candid conversation about the controversysurround the anthem protests, the NFL's conversations with 49ers Quarterback CollinKaepernick, and why black players and white players struggle with the decision to kneel. Then, could next Tuesday's Vice Presidential Debate become a sleeper hit? Normally, the VP'sdon't draw much attention. But record breaking audiences for the first Clinton-Trump faceoff, could mean more voters will pay attention. Will Governor Pence and Senator Kaine compensate for their candidates' high negatives? Cornell Belcher, a Democratic pollster andRepublican strategist, Bruce Haynes, join Soledad O'Brien for a discussion of what running mates must do to make a difference on Election Day. Then, it's all about the Latino vote. This demographic group is credited with helping President Obama win and keep the White House. Why is Hillary Clinton having trouble securing that vote? Fernand Amandi ran President Obama's successful Hispanic Outreach campaign. He joins usfrom Miami to discuss the divisions within Latino communities, and the strategies he thinks could be too little too late. Plus, bipartisanship comes to Capitol Hill.
10.3.16	5pm Newscast	5:10 1:30	Housing	The city is looking at developing a new low-barrier shelter with the goal of ending homelessness in New Orleans.
10.4.16	4pm Newscast	4:34 :25	Crime	Deputies in St. Tammany Parish are searching for a suspect and motive after a man was found shot to death in a Green Springs motel room.
10.5.16	6pm Newscast	6:14	Health/Hospitals	Health officials explain and warn

		2:15		women about an aggressive form of breast cancer that is attacking Black women at a much higher rate than other women.
10.7.16	Early Morning Newscast at 6am	6:06 :45	Crime	A student teacher at a St. Bernard Parish elementary school is arrested and charged with felony sexual battery after he reportedly touched a child in an inappropriate manner.
10.9.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	TRUMP CAMPAIGN MANAGER, HOUSE MINORITY LEADER PELOSI JOINING “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” THIS SUNDAY + LATEST ON HURRICANE MATTHEW
10.9.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Education	High school graduation rates are at an all-time high at 82 percent, yet there are many stubborn problems to overcome, from the number of students living in poverty and those involved in gang activity. Elizabeth Dozier is the former principal of Christian Fenger Academy High School, one of the most underserved and violent schools in the country and a student body with nearly half its member classified as homeless. During her six years as principal, she brought the graduation rate from 40 percent to 80 percent with her hands-on, individually tailored student success plans. Her latest venture is Chicago Beyond, a non-profit investment organization, supporting educators and programs to ensure student safety and push students toward academic success. Check out our interview for her take on matching education to every student’s needs.
10.9.16	5pm Saturday Newscast	5:14 :30	Jobs/Economy	The 22 nd Annual Gretna Heritage Festival wraps up with another successful show. The Fest has grown to almost 26 city blocks and features national acts on six stages. The proceeds from the festival are returned to the Gretna economy.
10.10.16	6pm Newscast	6:04 :30	Levees/Flooding Housing	New FEMA flood insurance rate maps for Orleans Parish are now in effect. The new map system will save most homeowners an average of five hundred dollars a year.
10.12.16	Early Morning Newscast at 6am	6:02 :40	Education Crime	Improving the relationship between the police and citizens is the focus of the national Learn 2 Live Initiative sets up a meeting between students at local

				high schools and local police officers.
10.13.16	5pm Newscast	5:00 1:30	Crime	Historic racketeering indictments were handed down by a St. Tammany Parish Grand Jury against 20 members of a Northshore drug gang who are accused of being major dealers in heroin and meth.
10.15.16	Saturday Morning 6am Newscast	6:04 1:18	Health/Hospitals	Residents in the Kenner area around the Susan Park neighborhood are being asked to mosquito proof their homes after mosquitoes in the area tested positive for the West Nile virus.
10.16.19	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	MTP EXCLUSIVE: BIDEN ON TRUMP ACCUSATIONS: "EMBARRASSED THIS IS EVEN BEING DISCUSSED"; PLUS: PENCE: "WE WILL ABSOLUTELY ACCEPT" ELECTION RESULTS
10.16.19	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00		<p>Coming up this weekend on MATTER OF FACT, mail in voting is underway and early voting is starting. Nowhere are the Presidential stakes higher than in Florida, where the all-important Latino vote could be the key. Soledad O'Brien takes a look at the state where the race for President could come down to just thousands of votes, exploring voter registration and early voting trends with Orlando based GOP Political Analyst, Eddie Fernandez, to find whether the headlines match the reality.</p> <p>Plus, Soledad pays a visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where millennial voters have enough votes to swing the election. In interviews with engaged voters, representing the entire political spectrum, Soledad discusses their policy concerns, their aversion to political parties, and why they think the candidates have let them down. Ashley Spillane, the former president of "Rock the Vote," and Ryan Girdusky of "Red Alert Politics" join Soledad to discuss the millennial mindset in election 2016.</p> <p>Donald Trump's comments on women and allegations of sexual misconduct are driving the news cycle. Soledad O'Brien moves the discussion forward with the question—does this kind of talk promote the rape culture? Researcher Kate Harding, the author of "Asking for It: The Alarming Rise of Rape Culture and What We Can Do About It", sits down with Soledad O'Brien for a frank discussion about the sexualization of women in our culture.</p> <p>The United Nations says over one million people are in need of aid and support in Haiti in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. We check in on relief efforts on the ground for an assessment of the damage and the level of humanitarian need.</p> <p>Finally, with the final Presidential debate just a few days away, we ponder who will get the last line? And who will get the last laugh?</p> <p>Which late night host gets your vote?</p>
10.17.16	6pm Newscast	6:00 1:30	Crime	A Jefferson Parish jury finds the man who broke into a home and murdered a father and son, guilty of the crime. He will spend the rest of his life in prison.
10.18.16	6pm Newscast	6:17	Housing	The Transitional Sheltering Assistance

		:23	Flood/Levees	Program has been extended until November 18 th for residents who were affected by the August flooding. Flood victims are allowed to stay at participating hotels if they can't return back to their damaged homes.
10.19.16	Early Morning Newscast at 6 am	6:03 1:45	Education Crime	Local students will be signing a pledge vowing to not touch a gun. Curbing gun violence is the focus of a national initiative aimed at reducing gun violence among students.
10.23.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	MTP EXCLUSIVE: Kaine says he and Clinton "haven't talked about" pursuing a version of TPP in office; ALSO: Trump campaign manager: "We are behind"
10.23.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Economy	With inauguration just over a month away, President-elect Donald Trump is already touting his negotiating skills to keep American jobs on U.S. Last week Trump announced that his deal with United Technologies, the parent company of Carrier, would ensure that 1,100 jobs at an Indianapolis, Indiana factory, would not be moving to Mexico. In exchange, the company will receive \$7 million in tax credits over the next ten years. According to a recent poll by Politico/Morning Consult, 60 percent of voters say the Carrier deal gives them a more favorable view of Trump – including 87 percent of Republicans, 54 percent of independents and 40 percent of Democrats. Despite the popular reception among the voters polled, critics say this could set a dangerous precedent. Soledad O'Brien analyzes the economic implications of the deal with business analyst James Pethokoukis from the conservative American Enterprise Institute.
10.24.16	6pm Newscast	6:11 :25	Education	A local St. Bernard Parish teacher received the National Milken Educator Award. The award was for her efforts in helping rebuild the elementary school after Hurricane Katrina.
10.25.16	4pm Newscast	4:46 1:15	Health/Hospitals	Local medical professionals recommend residents get an annual flu vaccine and also recommend getting the vaccine around October and November. They also recommend getting the injectable flu shots which protect against up to 4 flu virus strains.
10.27.16	Early News at 5am	5:07 1:20	Economy/Jobs	An update on the mid-city area along Carrollton Avenue. A decade after

				suffering major damage from the flood waters of Hurricane Katrina, the area is in the middle of a major redevelopment with businesses and residences.
10.30.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy/Crime	MTP: CLINTON CAMPAIGN MANAGER ON NEW 'PERTINENT' EMAILS IN FBI PROBE: "I HAVE ALL THE FACTS... THAT'S WHY WE ARE SO PUZZLED RIGHT NOW"
10.30.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Health	One-in-five adults in America suffer from symptoms of mental illness. Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City, wants to change that narrative. A strong advocate for improved mental healthcare, she knows the damage mental illness can cause firsthand. Her daughter is open about her ongoing recovery from depression and substance misuse, which McCray says has opened her eyes to how easily people dismiss the seriousness of the issue. Using her platform as First Lady, McCray recently launched NYC Well, a 24/7/365 hotline working to connect those who suffer with the appropriate medical care. In time, she hopes the program can be a model for the state of New York and the nation
10.30.16	10pm Saturday Night Newscast	11:35 :30 (delayed due to football)	Jobs/Economy	The increasingly popular VooDoo Fest wraps up. The music and art festival set on Halloween weekend grow in popularity each year, bringing in music from both local and national artists.
10.31.16	6pm Newscast	6:17 :40	Crime Jobs/Economy	The newest group of police recruits start training. Superintendent Michael Harrison says that the 34 men and women bring the total of new officers hired so far this year to 104.
11.2.16	4pm Newscast	4:17 1:00	Education	The newest school to be rebuilt in the 9 th Ward since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina more than a decade ago, opens. Residents and parents in the area are excited and hope that the newly opened school will lead to more people and businesses returning.
11.3.16	10pm Newscast	10:00 1:45	Crime	Nearly two dozen vehicle burglaries in the past few days had one thing in common, according to police officials. The cars were left unlocked and the break-ins were across both Orleans and

				Jefferson Parishes.
11.5.16	9am Saturday Morning Newscast	9:16 2:40	Health/Hospitals	The options available to citizens for Medicare enrolment options. Medical experts give their opinions as to the medical plans available.
11.6.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	MTP: PODESTA: "LEAKERS SHOULD SHUT UP"; SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE: GINGRICH: "WE ARE IN FOR A LONG, DIFFICULT COUPLE OF YEARS" NO MATTER WHO WINS
11.6.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Health/Economy	<p>This week on MATTER OF FACT, the Democratic National Committee answers questions about Hillary Clinton's dropping poll numbers, the leaked emails, and Chairman Donna Brazile's sharing of a CNN town hall question with the Clinton campaign. The woman second in command at the DNC, Stephanie Rawlings Blake, the Mayor of Baltimore, joins Soledad O'Brien to talk about the controversies swirling around the DNC, the strategy for getting out the vote, and the future of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>Plus, he's supervised election coverage for the Washington Post since Reagan faced off with Mondale, now the paper's former Executive Editor, Len Downie Jr, sits down with Soledad to talk about voter fraud and efforts to compensate for a problem he says doesn't exist. Get the data for yourself, as he shares the findings from an Arizona State University study that looked at nearly one billion votes cast over a ten year period.</p> <p>Then, the issue veterans say has been overlooked this election season. Matter of Fact correspondent, Diane Roberts, profiles a Marine veteran fighting a battle with post-traumatic stress. Find out how a unique clinic system is providing free services to veterans and their families, offering hope to the hundreds of millions of vets who suffer with the disorder.</p> <p>And, Soledad O'Brien looks at some of the ballot initiatives in states that could affect your life. On the ballots, questions about legalizing marijuana, requiring background checks for ammunition purchases, and state run health care programs promising premium free care. Find out where the measures stand and the states that could be affected by the vote.</p> <p>Finally, the science of election stress. Are you losing sleep? We'll share the data and give you a prescription for weathering Election Day.</p>
11.7.16	4pm Newscast	4:13 1:30	Health/Hospitals Crime	The managing board of the new St. Bernard Hospital is under investigation for potentially criminal use of how the board used credit cards.
11.8.16	4pm Newscast	4:14 1:00	Crime	Three members of a family found dead in their burning Metairie home had been murdered. The former boyfriend of one of the victims is arrested for the triple homicide.
11.9.16	4pm Newscast	4:11 1:20	Health/Hospitals Crime	The Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office now has a new tool to help save the lives of people who have overdosed on opioids. A joint effort between state and local law enforcement officials will train officers how to administer Naloxone and Narcan, which can save the lives of overdose victims.

11.10.16	6am Early Morning News	6 :39 1:00	Housing	<p>Business and community leaders plan to spend the night sleeping on the streets of the city to highlight the issue of homelessness and at-risk youth. The event is part of the Covenant House's 5th Annual Sleep Out to support teen and young adults who depend on the shelter.</p>
11.13.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	<p>MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. BOOKER: "GOD BLESS THE PROTESTERS," NEXT DNC CHAIR "NEEDS TO BE A COMMITTED PROGRESSIVE"</p>
11.13.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00		<p>Plus, Hillary Clinton's feminist firewall failed to deliver the Presidency as women broke for Donald Trump. What happened to her coalition and why didn't her candidacy resonate with female voters? Time contributor Jay Newton-Small, the author of "Broad Influence: How Women are Changing the Way America Works," joins Soledad for a fascinating conversation about the intersections of gender, party, and race in this election cycle.</p> <p>They are called the swing vote. Latinos taking on a larger presence in every state. President Elect Trump's support for building a wall on the southern border and his rhetoric fueled speculation that Latinos would turn the election for Clinton. Where did their votes make a difference, and what don't the parties understand about this voting bloc. Brent Wilkes, the leader of the nation's oldest and largest Hispanic organization, discusses the assumptions and the realities of the Latino vote.</p> <p>Plus, Veterans Day makes us pause to thank our nation's military. Meet a Navy Vet, who brought his young family to Washington, DC, and took on the battle for Capitol Hill. Find out why he turned in his uniform and put on a tie to help make policy, and created a national movement in the process. It's an eye opening look hiring practices in Congress.</p> <p>And finally, with the election over, the country looks for a shared path forward. The peaceful transition of power is a cornerstone of democracy. Matter of Fact reflects on the prayers of a nation.</p>
11.14.16	4pm Newscast	4:33 1:20	Education	<p>State legislators and educators meet to discuss Early Education Tax Credits. Studies show that early education for</p>

				kids improves future development but the state is unsure if the budget will be there to fund the Early Education Tax Credits.
11.18.16	5pm Newscast	5:06 1:15	Levees/Flooding	A new levee construction project on the Westbank is expected to help keep flood insurance premiums low in that area. The levee had settled over three feet in the last two years. Officials plan to raise the levee about two feet and the Corp of Engineers will come in a place other protective materials on top to fortify the structure.
11.18.16	10pm Newscast	10:06 :50	Hospitals/Health	After more than a decade of work, the new Veterans Hospital in New Orleans is now open. The former Veterans Hospital was destroyed in the flood waters of Hurricane Katrina.
11.19.16	6pm Saturday Newscast	6:38 :30	Economy/Jobs	The head of Louisiana's largest film and television production studio hopes to see the sluggish movie-making industry rebound due to the state approving a new tax rebate for movie productions in the state.
11.20.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00		MTP: TRUMP CHIEF OF STAFF PRIEBUS ON MUSLIM REGISTRY: "I'M NOT GOING TO RULE ANYTHING OUT, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A REGISTRY BASED ON RELIGION"
11.20.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00		<p>This week on MATTER OF FACT, President-elect Donald Trump looks to solidify the conservative majority on the Supreme Court. His litmus test: a pro-life constitutionalist. Whoever he picks to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia will return the court to the status quo before Scalia's death. Is it enough to tilt the balance on major cases? Could Roe v. Wade be overturned? Soledad O'Brien talks to well-known legal scholar, Jonathan Turley, about the make-up of the court, the cases on the docket, and whether or not Chief Justice Roberts will push a conservative agenda.</p> <p>Also, Donald Trump promised trade policies that would bring jobs back from China, Mexico, and Japan. That campaign plank successfully wooed voters. Will the Republican controlled Congress push the agenda? And, what are the consequences of the policies for various sectors of the economy and for family wages. Linda Chavez, the highest ranking woman in the Reagan Administration, and Chad Stone, an economist for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, weigh in on everything from tax policies to trade policies in the next administration.</p> <p>Plus, for the fifth time in history, the candidate that won the popular vote failed to win the Presidency. A look at the Electoral College from the perspective of our founding fathers--their issues and compromises. It's a Special Report from Matter of Fact correspondent Liz Palka.</p> <p>Then, worried about student loan debt? We explore the proposal that could cap payments and free up personal capital sooner than you thought.</p>
11.21.16	5pm Newscast	5:05	Crime	After a rash of car burglaries in the

		:25		Covington area, officials warn residents to keep valuable possessions out of sight if they leave them in their cars and to be sure that their cars are locked.
11.22.16	5pm Newscast	5:01 1:35	Education	After a school bus crash in Tennessee leaves five children dead and dozens more injured, local safety and school officials review the lack of seat belts on most school buses.
11.25.16	6am Early Morning Newscast	6:04 1:15	Economy/Jobs	Black Friday shopping kicks off with hopes for a good season from local retailers.
11.27.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00		MTP: RUBIO: U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS "SHOULD BE CONDITIONED UPON SPECIFIC CHANGES"; PLUS: CONWAY: "PEOPLE FEEL BETRAYED" THAT ROMNEY COULD BE SEC. OF STATE
11.27.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Economy/Jobs	This week on MATTER OF FACT with Soledad O'Brien, we put President Barack Obama's vision for hope and change under a microscope with two Presidential historians. Soledad O'Brien is joined by Allan Lichtman of American University and Michael Kazin of Georgetown University to talk about his accomplishments, the missed opportunities, and the indelible mark he'll leave on both American and world politics. Plus, photographer and writer, Chris Arnade, joins Soledad in New York City for a conversation about forgotten America. Arnade traveled 100,000 miles, crisscrossing the country, to find out what Trump voters think about the country, their own economic future, and what they call a lack of respect for the working class. In the process, Arnade uncovered a widespread concern about addiction issues in rural America. Hear Arnade describe America's future from their perspective, and challenge yourself to confront their belief that the American Dream is a farce. Also, millions of teens living meal to meal because their families are struggling financially. A new Urban Institute study calls the numbers "scandalous." Soledad O'Brien shares the stories of two young men who say they were willing to break the law to get food for their families. And, we visit Covenant House in Washington, D.C. to find out what strategies work to serve this population of young people, so averse to being vulnerable in the public eye. And, the election of Donald Trump has inspired charitable giving to "progressive" causes. It's the inverse effect that we see every time the Presidency changes party. Donations increase to support the programs and services perceived to be at risk. Pillsbury heir, Tracy Gary, a leading edge philanthropist, sits down with Soledad to talk about the impact of targeted giving, and the reason why charity is good for democracy.
11.27.16	Sunday 5pm Newscast	5:00 1:20	Crime	Another mass shooting on Bourbon Street makes national news as ten people are wounded and one dies after getting caught in the crossfire of what witnesses say was two men who got into an argument that ended in gunfire.
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11.29.16	4pm Newscast	4:20 1:15	Housing	A homeless shelter in the Slidell area, which had been on the verge of expansion, was forced to shut down due to fire code violations.
12.1.16	6am Early Morning Newscast	6:37 .20	Jobs/Economy	Attendance for the 2016 Bayou Classic Football event hit attendance records according to city officials.
12.2.16	5pm Newscast	5:00 1:30	Crime	A former professional football player is shot and killed in what authorities call a road rage incident. The player was also a local high school standout.
12.4.16	Meet the Press	Sunday 10:00a and 2:30a 60:00	Economy	MTP: VP-ELECT PENCE: TRUMP'S CALL WITH TAIWAN WAS "COURTESY," "WOULDN'T EXPECT" OUTREACH TO CHINA TO CALM WATERS
12.4.16	Matter of Fact	Sunday 5:30a and 1135p 30:00	Health/Economy	Coming up this weekend on MATTER OF FACT with Soledad O'Brien, the North Dakota Congressman under consideration for Energy Secretary sits down with Soledad O'Brien to discuss solutions to the North Dakota Access pipeline standoff. Representative Kevin Cramer (R-ND) details the struggle to complete the final quarter mile of pipeline, the viewpoints of those involved, and his reactions to violence between protesters and law enforcement officials. Donald Trump is set to be sworn in as the 45th President, but questions loom over his domestic and international business interests. Larry Noble, a lawyer who has served Republican and Democratic presidents, explains the Constitutional requirements and the conflict of interest laws that apply to the Presidency. Now the General Counsel of the Campaign Legal Center, Noble answers Soledad's questions about what roles the Trump children can play in the administration, and who is responsible for enforcing the ethics rules. Plus, Fidel Castro will be laid to rest this weekend, and many are wondering what Cuba will look like in ten years. Will American investment push Cuba toward democracy or simply line the pockets of those loyal to Castro? What path should the President-elect take? Cuban Americans, Mike Gonzalez of the conservative Heritage Foundation and Pedro Freyre, a Miami based lawyer assisting American businesses investing in Cuba, face off over the best policies and their impact on Cuba's citizens. And, recounts are underway in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. Green Party candidate, Jill Stein, leads the effort she says guarantees the integrity of the vote. We look at the numbers and what the recounts mean for the coming Electoral College vote. Finally, if you find the holidays stressful, we've got the data to prove that those feelings are real. Biometric monitoring shows the stress could be as much as what marathon runners

12.5.16	4pm Newscast	4:44 1:30	Education	Xavier University announces that it is starting a program to teach future educators in the New Orleans area. The school is starting a teacher residency program, modeled after the school's medical residency program.
12.6.16	6pm Newscast	6:16 :40	Education	The Louisiana Accountability Commission, is looking at a new way for the state to grade its public schools. The State Superintendent of Education is proposing that the grades be connected to the growth of student achievement for all students, and not just struggling students.
12.8.16	5pm Newscast	5:07 :20	Housing	The New Orleans City Council put off voting on a plan to purchase a building that would be converted into a low-barrier homeless shelter. Residents in the proposed area protested that they do not want the shelter near their school.
12.11.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00		MTP: TRUMP CHIEF OF STAFF ON REPORTS OF RUSSIAN ELECTION INTERFERENCE: "I JUST DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR NOT.... I DON'T KNOW WHO DID THE HACKING"
12.11.16	Matter of Fact	5:30a and 1135p 30:0		<p>The Democratic Party in disarray. Republicans swept control and the minority party is doing some serious soul searching. Will their "autopsy" reveal a path to midterm victories? Democratic Congressman Don Beyer of Virginia sits down with Soledad to discuss whether the best strategy is centrist politics, identity politics, or veering further left.</p> <p>Plus, President Elect Donald Trump made a deal with Indiana manufacturer, Carrier, to keep jobs in the U.S. Soledad O'Brien examines the details of the deal and the economic implications with a business analyst from the conservative American Enterprise Institute, James Pethokoukis. He describes the ramifications for the free market, and explains why he thinks Republicans are confused about their own economic principles.</p> <p>Then, have you fallen victim to fake news? The real threat to democracy and to individual lives. It's an international conversation between Soledad and Buzzfeed Canada Editor, Craig Silverman. Silverman analyzes the business models that promote fake news and discusses the difficulties facing social media platforms that try to monitor them.</p> <p>And, Air Force One. We investigate the real cost of putting a "situation room" in the air. Should the deal with Boeing be canceled?</p> <p>Finally, the lame duck session is producing some major bi-partisan legislation. The effort to combat opioid abuse that puts resources to work in states where addiction is at epidemic proportions.</p>
12.13.16	5pm Newscast	5:09 1:15	Education	City officials break ground on the site of a school that was torn down after damages from Hurricane Katrina. Residents were concerned because the original area was the site of a city

				dump from 1890 to 1930 but officials say that the environmental samples are better than the requirements laid out by FEMA.
12.14.16	4pm Newscast	4:31 1:15	Jobs/Economy	A developer wants to build a 44 room hotel along with some retail space in an area of the 7 th ward. Residents in the area welcome the new economic development and say that, along with the completion of a new street car line a couple of blocks away, this could open up a new corridor of opportunity for businesses.
12.15.16	6pm Newscast	6:01 1:20	Crime	Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office makes an arrest in the shooting death of a 10-month old baby. The suspect and another man opened fire on a home in Marrero, injuring a teenager and killing the baby.
12.16.16	10pm Newscast	10:16 :20	Health/Hospitals	The deadline to enroll in the health insurance plans in the federal Affordable Healthcare, is extended three more days for residents looking to enroll in the plan.
12.17.16	10pm Saturday Night Newscast	10:04 2:15	Economy/Jobs	On the last weekend before Christmas, shoppers look to finish off their holiday shopping. Many local stores will have extended hours during the week to accommodate shoppers.
12.18.16	5pm Sunday Newscast	5:05 :20	Crime	A baby who had been abducted at gunpoint by his biological father, was found safe and returned to his mother. Authorities believe that the father may be heading to the Texas area.
12.18.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00		MTP EXCLUSIVE: PODESTA: "THE FIRST TIME I WAS CONTACTED BY THE F.B.I. WAS TWO DAYS AFTER WIKILEAKS STARTED DROPPING MY EMAILS"
12.18.16	Matter of Fact	5:30a and 1135p 30:0		Coming up on Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien, influential Senators from both parties are calling for an independent investigation of Russian meddling in the U.S. election. It could set up a clash with President-elect Donald Trump over U.S. policy toward Russia. John Hudak, an expert on campaigns and presidential power with the Brookings Institution, sits down with Soledad to discuss Putin's intentions, the President-Elect's public statements on Russian hacking, and the dangerous waters ahead for U.S.-Russian relations. Plus, former CIA operative and Independent presidential candidate, Evan McMullin, weighs in on the dynamics of Russia's long term efforts to undermine faith in our democratic systems and the implications for our national security.

				<p>And Matter of Fact correspondent, Jessica Gomez, travels to Middletown, Ohio to see how the city once called the "10th fastest dying city in America" is making a comeback. Find out how this Rust Belt city is fighting back from the recession, loss of manufacturing jobs, increased poverty, and a soaring death rate due to Opioid abuse. It's a ground level look at the problems and the potential of middle America.</p> <p>Then, his critically acclaimed book, HILLBILLY ELEGY, is called an account of the anger and frustration of working class America. New York Times bestselling author, J.D. Vance, joins the show to discuss his childhood in Middletown, Ohio, how he views the breakdown of society, and why he thinks the gulf between Americans has less to do with race and color than with level of education. We explore the gulf between opportunity and preparedness.</p> <p>It's a Birthday bash for the Bill of Rights as it turns 225 years old. Could you pass our spot quiz on what's in the top ten list of American government?</p>
12.20.16	6am Morning News	6:37 :55	Floods/Levees	Construction on a drainage project along popular Napoleon Avenue, which has kept Mardi Gras parade goers off the neutral ground for the past two years, should be completed. The Army Corps of Engineers says that the new construction should help alleviate some of the flooding that occurs in the area.
12.22.16	4pm Newscast	4:48 :45	Health/Hospitals	Local doctors give their advice on how to stay healthy during the holiday season, which has a higher rate of heart and health problems.
12.25.16	Meet the Press	10:00a and 2:30a 60:00		FROM CAMPAIGN TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CLIFFNOTES TO PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP INTERVIEWS – THIS SUNDAY ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD”
12.26.16	5pm Newscast	5:02 1:30	Flood/Levees	Many residents in the Ponchatoula area, after the devastation of the summer floods, are now in the process of raising their homes as part of their flood recovery.
12.27.16	6am Early Morning Newscast	6:06 :30	Flood/Levees	Louisiana has already received over four-hundred million dollars in disaster relief funds for the August flooding but will get over a billion dollars as part of a disaster relief package which was approved by Congress.
12.28.16	4pm Newscast	4:05 1:30	Jobs/Economy Crime	The New Orleans Police Department's fourth and final recruiting class for 2016 started academy training. This class will join the previous classes and will bring the total number of new officers hired in 2016 to 114.
12.29.16	5pm Newscast	5:05	Housing	Low income and disabled residents at

