

**WLWT-TV
First Quarter 2024
Issues/Programs List**

During this quarter, we served the public interest by addressing the following issues and concerns of our communities.

Black History Month

Celebrating local and national Black History.

Breaking News

Coverage of major stories that are happening in real time.

Commitment 2024

Political coverage including candidate and issue profiles. Helping voters understand issues before heading to the polls.

Consumer Information

Information about scams & rip-offs and avoiding them, preventing identity theft, food recalls, and other consumer-related information.

Crime

Crime, crime prevention, and keeping the family safe from crime.

Developing Stories

Ongoing coverage of major stories.

Education

Stories that impact the education of students in Greater Cincinnati.

Economy

The status of the economy, cost of fuel, ways to save money, events affecting the local economy, new development, and revenue streams along with information about employment and unemployment.

General News

Stories that cover a variety of topics of community interests or concerns.

Government & Politics

Politics and government policy making, including information about political candidates, policy making, reform, national security, police, and city council business; and other related issues & concerns.

Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana Tornado Outbreak

Stories on a tornado outbreak that hit three states and the clean-up after the storms.

Israel/Hamas War

Coverage of the Israeli response following a deadly terrorist attack by Hamas that killed more than a thousand people in Israel.

2024 Summer Olympics

Local, national and international coverage of the Summer Olympics in Paris. We follow the stories of local athletes competing in the games.

Project Community

Local programming that aligns with organizations to showcase the work they are doing in the community.

Public Affairs Show

Shows that present topics and stories of local and national interest in long form allowing local leaders and organizations to have a voice in the community.

Reds Opening Day

Greater Cincinnati celebrates the beginning of the 2024 MLB Reds season with a parade and fanfare.

Teen Issues

Drug use and abuse, underage drinking, driving, peer pressure, crime, and other issues related to teenagers.

Teen Violence

Stories concerning the rise of teen violence and how community and political leaders are addressing the issue.

Very Local Presents

A weekly show produced by Hearst Television that ranges from adventure to food to true crime.

Weather

Providing lifesaving information to viewers before, during and after severe storms move through Greater Cincinnati and the nation.

Issues/Programs List for WLWT-TV

The following list contains *some* of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WLWT-TV during the quarter. In no way is this list intended to be exhaustive.

Date	Program	Time/Duration	Issue(s)	Description
1-1	News	5 pm/ 2:30	Crime	A 17-year-old boy is found shot and killed in University Heights.
1-1	News	5:30 pm/ 2:38	Crime	An 18-year-old man is charged with killing an 18-year-old woman in Roselawn.
1-1	News	11 pm/ 2:45	Crime	Neighbors react to street takeover in reading.
1-2	News	6 pm/ 2:40	Government & Politics	John London talks 2024 priorities with DeWine.
1-2	News	11 pm/ 2:40	General News	Chris talked to a neighbor who went door to door to get everyone out of the burning apartment building.
1-2	News	11 pm/ 3:05	General News	UC health doctors discuss new device that helps diagnose/treat cardiac arrest.
1-3	News	Noon/ 1:50	Breaking News Crime	The FBI investigates the scene where a dismembered female body was found back in November.
1-3	News	6 pm/ 2:25	Government & Politics	Calls to reboot city program that deploys community outreach workers to crime scenes.
1-3	News	6 pm/ 2:25	Teen Issues	New social media law going in effect for minors in Ohio.
1-4	News	4:30 am/ 1:00	Consumer Information	Jeff Rossen explains why you may have an easier time finding affordable cars in 2024.
1-4	News	5 am/ 1:20	Government & Politics	Battle lines are drawn on immigration after republicans visit the southern border setting the

				stage for difficult negotiations in the week ahead.
1-4	News	7 pm/ 2:03	General News	Hamilton county sees a sudden spike in overdoses after the New Year's Eve weekend.
1-4	News	10 pm/ 1:00	Crime	A Colerain high school teacher is seriously injured after an altercation with a student.
1-5	News	5 pm/ 2:20	Government & Politics	Governor DeWine signs an executive order to ban gender surgeries for minors; he also lays out a three-pronged plan for trans healthcare for minors and adults.
1-5	News	5 pm/ 2:22	Consumer Information	Jeff explains how to reduce debt, improve your credit score, and save for retirement in the new year.
1-5	News	10 pm/ 1:45	General News	Cincinnati police department sees dozens of new recruits graduate the police academy.
1-6	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Cincinnati's vice mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney talks about the major issues facing the Queen City in 2024.
1-6	News	11 pm/ 2:03	Government & Politics	The political and legal fallout from the January sixth capitol riots impacts the 2024 election cycle.
1-7	News	9 am/ 2:00	General News	Fans tailgate as the Bengal's prepared to face the browns in their last game of the season.
1-7	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The topics included The Iowa Caucuses and securing the southern border.
1-7	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The Great Recession. The Big Quit. In recent years, many Americans left their jobs citing frustrations like stagnant pay. But now, a new survey shows several professions are seeing substantial wage increases. Soledad breaks down who's making more and who isn't.
1-9	News	Noon/ 1:30	Israel Hamas War	Sec. Antony Blinken visits Israel as military assault on Gaza continues.
1-9	News	4 pm/ 1:02	Commitment 2024	Appeals court hears arguments for presidential immunity in 2020 election case against Donald Trump.
1-10	News	5 pm/ 1:31	Commitment 2024	Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis will debate in Iowa, while trump holds a town hall and christie drops out of the GOP primary.
1-10	News	11 pm/ 2:00	General News	Rise in respiratory illness overwhelming hospitals.

1-11	News	7 pm/ 1:30	Crime	UC students living at an off-campus housing unit are frustrated after a rash of car break-ins.
1-12	News	5 pm/ 2:40	Developing News	Butler county's prosecutor declines to charge an officer who punched a Miami student when he resisted arrest.
1-12	News	10 pm/ 1:53	General News	A WW 2 veteran and lifelong Bengal's fan is gifted a trip to the super bowl.
1-13	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm / 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Cincinnati celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Day. We look back at the impact of the civil rights icon's life and how his message lives on today.
1-13	News	11 pm/ 1:35	Weather	Heating experts explain how to prepare your home for winter.
1-13	News	11 pm/ 1:15	Commitment 2024	Republican candidates prepare for the Iowa caucus amid record-low temperatures.
1-14	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The focus was the Iowa Caucuses.
1-14	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The 2024 primary season gets underway with the Republican caucus in Iowa followed by the New Hampshire primary. As voters decide who will be on the general election ballot, some states are trying to decide whether they should rethink their primary process. For example, Arizona, Idaho, and Oregon are all considering moving to nonpartisan primaries. Soledad breaks down which states are considering what changes
1-14	News	11 pm/ 1:40	Weather General News	Neighbors in a Colerain apartment complex have been living without heat for several days.
1-14	News	11 pm/ 2:13	General News	Speakers for an MLK Jr day event share their hopes for Cincinnati and reflect on the life of Martin Luther King Jr.
1-15	News	Noon/ 1:05	Breaking News	A woman is dead after a house fire in Springfield Township.
1-16	News	5 pm/ 2:45	General News	Some NKU students report issues logging onto the new FAFSA application site.
1-16	News	11 pm/ 2:25	Crime	Child rapist sentenced and faced victim in court.
1-17	News	7 pm / 1:35	Weather	Water rescuers warn about the dangers of icy ponds and lakes during the winter.
1-17	News	10 pm/ 1:12	Developing News	911 calls released show the moment skeletal remains were found in Harrison township.

1-17	News	11 pm/ 2:40	General News Weather	Adams county dog warden answers questions about dogs left out in the cold going viral on social media.
1-18	News	10 pm/ 1:21	Breaking News	Shots are fired into a local restaurant window in Findlay Market.
1-18	News	11 pm/ 2:10	Weather	Roads crews are getting a head start before potential problems in the morning.
1-19	News	10 pm/ 1:35	Crime Teen Issues	A homeless man is assaulted by a group of teenagers at Washington park.
1-20	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Financial advice to jump start your 2024, plus, a local singer's role in the hit movie "The Color Purple".
1-20	News	11 pm/ 1:33	Breaking News	Scanner traffic reveals police responded to multiple reported random attacks in OTR and downtown Cincinnati.
1-21	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The focus was on the New Hampshire Republican Primary.
1-21	Matter Of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	This year brings a major development for veterans struggling with PTSD and depression. The Veteran Affairs Department announced it will fund studies into whether psychedelic-assisted therapy is helpful in treating mental health disorders for former military personnel. This comes after lobbying by several combat veterans who say they turned to psychedelics as a last resort. Correspondent Jessica Gomez sits down with a former Marine who shares how the treatment worked for him.
1-22	News	4 pm/ 2:10	Commitment 2024	Race for GOP presidential nominee now down to 2 ahead of primary.
1-25	News	6 pm/ 2:17	General News Project Community	Furniture fair donates winter gear to veterans in need.
1-25	News	7 pm/ 1:48	Government & Politics	Governor DeWine and parents of LGBTIQ youth share their concerns about the HB68 veto override.
1-25	News	11 pm/ 2:05	Crime	A mom is charged after her teenage son shot himself; the city of Cincinnati passed a law to hold more adults accountable if they leave guns out and someone gets hurt.

1-26	News	4 pm/ 1:41	Project Community	Saint Vincent DePaul discusses needs for coat drive beyond the holiday period, and the impact it's made so far this year.
1-26	News	10 pm/ 2:10	Crime	A shooting victim's family says a girl lured him to a park for a robbery and the suspects left him for dead.
1-27	News	5 am/ 1:30	Crime	Video captures man being attacked and robbed downtown.
1-27	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	We profile an organization, a church and a business providing help to people in Cincinnati who are in need year-round. Plus, a museum that preserves Cincinnati's role in providing information to Europe during World War 2.
1-27	News	11 pm/ 1:35	Education Teen Issues General News	Reaction to Cincinnati Public Schools board meeting about restructuring recommendations.
1-28	News	9 am/ 1:45	Consumer Information Government & Politics	Federal tax credits for families with children could expand if a bipartisan deal clears congress.
1-28	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The Israeli Hamas war is the main topic.
1-28	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Beverly Johnson made history in 1974 as the first Black model to appear on the cover of American Vogue. But Johnson tells Soledad while there has been progress in the fashion industry towards greater diversity and inclusion, there's still work to be done. Johnson is marking the fiftieth anniversary of her breakthrough cover with a one-woman show in New York City. She talks with Soledad about the show, the modeling industry and her fascinating career.
1-28	News	11 pm/ 1:11	Government & Politics	Congressional leaders struggle to reach an agreement on border security legislation.
1-28	News	11 pm/ 1:46	Breaking News	Three U.S. service members are killed in a drone strike in Jordan.
1-31	News	4 pm/ 1:28	Teen Issues Education Government & Politics	A bill in Kentucky would ban cell phone use in classrooms.
1-31	News	5 pm/ 1:12	Consumer Information	Rossen explains how you can save big on flatscreens for your super bowl party.
2-1	News	4:30 am/ 1:20	Teen Violence Crime	Cincinnati police search for teenage boy in connection to downtown attacks.

2-1	News	5 pm/ 2:55	General News	A middle school teacher pool wins a million-dollar Powerball prize.
2-1	News	5:30 pm/ 1:25	Breaking News	Procter and Gamble employees taken hostage in Turkey; Cincinnati office says it's working with law enforcement to resolve.
2-3	News	5 am/ 1:25	Education	One of Ohio's oldest preschools is shutting down leaving parents scrambling to find a replacement.
2-3	News	10 am/ 1:55	Government & Politics Commitment 2024	Democratic primary underway in South Carolina,
2-3	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show Black History Month	Celebrating Greater Cincinnati's Black History with a visit to the First Free Black School in Ohio, plus, exploring a little-known Black history fact about the Harriet Beecher Stowe House.
2-4	News	9 am/ 1:30	Breaking News	Skipper's River Cafe floats away from riverbank
2-4	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The race for the White House and the economy.
2-4	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	More than 30 million children in America can't afford school meals, increasing lunch debt for many. During the pandemic the government paid for every public-school student to eat, but now only nine states offer free meals. Correspondent Laura Chavez traveled to Pennsylvania, where advocates are pushing for free lunches, to talk to teachers and cafeteria employees who are fighting for all children to eat.
2-4	News	11 pm/ 1:50	Black History Month	Allen Temple AME Church celebrates its 200th anniversary.
2-9	News	5 pm/ 2:55	Breaking News Crime	A 14-year-old is charged with planning a shooting and/or gas attack at Mariemont high school.
2-9	News	7 pm/1:11	Breaking News	The father of the student who alerted authorities to a mass shooting plot shares his story.
2-10	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	A Cincinnati teen tells his story of surviving a beating from a mob of other teens, while the mayor talks about efforts to reduce teen violence. Plus, exploring the reasons behind a rise in homelessness and what can be done to provide housing.

2-10	News	11 pm/ 1:45	Government & Politics	Biden administration is on defense after special counsel's report renews concerns over president's age.
2-11	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	On a week in which Republicans suffered embarrassing defeats on Capitol Hill, it was President Biden who wound up dealing with perhaps the biggest crisis.
2-11	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	As Congress stalls on border legislation, the residents of Denver are confronting the migrant crisis head on. More than 38,000 migrants have arrived in Denver in the last 14 months, straining the city's services. Now, local volunteers and business owners are filling the gap. Correspondent Jessica Gomez traveled to Denver to meet the city's new mayor and a local motel owner who has opened her doors, taking in hundreds of migrants in need of shelter.
2-11	News	11 pm/ 2:10	Developing News Mariemont High School Shooting Plot	The student who alerted authorities to a school shooting plot shares his story.
2-14	News	Noon/ 2:05	Breaking News	An amber alert is issued for a five-year-old boy missing from Columbus with his foster mother.
2-14	News	5 pm/ 3:00	Breaking News	10-15 people were hurt in a shooting after the parade honoring the Chiefs' super bowl win.
2-14	News	10 pm/ 1:33	Developing News	Cincinnati city leaders discuss safety and security at big events following the mass shooting in Kansas City.
2-16	News	4:30 am/ 1:35	Teen Violence	Community advocates talk with young people in hope of reducing violence.
2-16	News	5 pm/ 2:10	Consumer Information	Jeff Rossen says - cancel when your show is over and look back at bundles and streaming tiers.
2-17	News	5 am/ :40	General News	Sights and sounds of first Fish Fry Friday.
2-17	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	A look inside at the N-A-A-C-P Cincinnati Chapter's new voting education mission, plus, a Black History lesson in golf and the local program bringing golf to underserved communities.

2-18	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	We are one week out from the South Carolina Republican primary, but this week the frontrunner former President Trump was on defense: his legal battles growing, Biden impeachment efforts suffering a setback and mounting concerns about how he would confront Vladimir Putin if he were re-elected.
2-18	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	It's the first in the South! South Carolina's Republican primary is fast approaching, and it's gained a reputation for being incredibly important in the race for the White House. South Carolina's Republican voters have a nearly perfect record of picking the eventual presidential nominee. And this election is especially interesting with the state's former governor on the ballot. Nikki Haley won South Carolina twice as governor and was quite popular in the state. But, as Gibbs Knotts, chair of the Political Science Department at the College of Charleston, explains to Soledad, Haley is up against someone who also won the state twice and is extremely popular with its voters, former President Donald Trump.
2-18	News	11 pm/ 1:20	Commitment 2024	Donald trump and Nikki Haley campaign in South Carolina ahead of the GOP primary.
2-19	News	Noon/ 1:30	Commitment 2024	Both parties are hoping to get young voters on their side in the 2024 election.
2-19	News	5 pm/ 2:05	Crime	A man is in custody after someone reported a person with a gun behind the Walmart in West Chester.
2-21	News	11 pm/ 1:30	Breaking News	2 students are hospitalized after taking marijuana edibles during class at Colerain middle school.
2-24	News	5 am/ 1:40	Developing News Teen Issues Teen Violence	The man accused of texting with a 14-year-old to plan a school shooting gets a protection order preventing him from having guns.
2-24	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	We celebrate everthing Cincinnati Reds as the team prepares for the 2024 MLB season.
2-25	News	9 am/ 1:45	Commitment 2024	Former president Trump wins South Carolina GOP primary.
2-25	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Former President Donald Trump is solidifying his grip on the

				Republican nomination after beating Nikki Haley in the Midwest, the Northeast, the West and now the South.
2-25	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The Great Resignation is being replaced by the Great Retirement. During the pandemic there was a spike in retirements but according to new modeling by the St. Louis Federal Reserve, we're seeing a second surge. The analysis projects that there are nearly three million more people retired now than originally predicted. What's that mean for the balance of the economy as more baby boomers reach retirement age? Wendy Edelberg of the Brookings Intuition explains.
2-26	News	5 pm/ 2:15	Crime	Two sex assaults are reported at residence halls on Miami University's campus.
2-27	News	Noon/ 1:05	Israel Hamas War Developing News	President Biden says he hopes for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas by Monday.
2-27	News	4 pm/ 1:47	General News	The grand marshals have been revealed for the 2024 Findlay Market opening day parade.
2-29	News	5 pm/ 1:33	Education	The Northwest District is talking about restructuring grades and school buildings.
3-1	News	5 pm/ 2:07	Consumer Information	Jeff Rossen shows who qualifies to not file taxes.
3-2	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	A Cincinnati group is making college more affordable by helping students find thousands of dollars in scholarships, plus, honoring local civil rights leaders, and renovating a historic theater to house a Multi-Cultural Arts Center.
3-3	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Super Tuesday is just 48 hours away, is this Nikki Haley's last stand? And could this be the beginning of the general election?
3-3	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Finding love online can be exciting but it can also be exhausting. Researchers say our brains can only process a few options at a time, making "dating app fatigue" an issue as people become overwhelmed by possible connections. Correspondent Laura Chavez talks with a dating app expert about the impact all that

				swiping, and messaging has on our brains.
3-4	News	Noon/ 1:45	Crime	A man is charged for threatening the Walmart in Evandale where he used to work on social media.
3-4	News	5 pm/ 2:25	2024 Summer Olympics	An equal number of male and female athletes will compete in Paris, as sports around the world look for more female participation.
3-5	News	Noon/ 2:05	General News	Cincinnati police identify problem traffic areas, talk enforcement strategies to address bad driving.
3-5	News	5 pm/ 2:25	General News	The Reds community fund makeover in bond hill will help build a Jesuit elementary school for boys.
3-8	News	5 pm/ 2:29	Consumer Information	Jeff Rossen explains how you can track if/when your information ends up on the dark web and what to do next.
3-9	News	5 am/ 1:30	Developing Story	Majority of North College Hill firefighters submit resignation amid investigation into city.
3-9	News	10 am/ 1:05	Government & Politics	Senate passes six funding bills, avoiding a partial government shutdown.
3-9	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	A one-on-one interview with former mayor of Cincinnati Dwight Tillery. He talks about a wide range of issues including his time as mayor, his community advocacy, and his founding of the Center for Closing the Health Gap.
3-10	News	5 am/ 1:40	Developing Story	City council ends meeting after executive session without commenting on North College Hill firefighter resignations.
3-10	News	5 am/ 1:40	Government & Politics	Kentucky legislature considering bill that would crack down on underage vaping, but critics say certain provisions in it would put small vape shops out of business.
3-10	News	7 am/ 2:00	Israel Hamas War	A push to pause the fighting in the Israel Hamas war ahead of Ramadan tonight will likely fail.
3-10	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 Minutes	Public Affairs Show	Could a third-party candidate act as a spoiler? The general election race for the White House has officially started this week. And on Saturday, President Biden and former President Trump faced off in battleground Georgia, a state Mr. Biden won in 2020 by fewer than 12,000 votes. Mr. Biden wasted no time taking aim at the former president, including for hosting

				Hungarian autocrat Viktor Orbán at his Mar-a-Lago club on Friday.
3-10	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	We head to Virginia to meet a retired coal miner who suffers from black lung. The disease is caused by exposure to silica dust which, when inhaled, can damage and scar lungs. John Robinson is being treated in an Appalachian clinic that has seen a spike in cases. From 2013 to 2017, more than 400 people were diagnosed with black lung. Robinson, who started working underground when he was 20 years old, shares his story.
3-11	News	4 pm/ 2:03	Commitment 2024	President Biden and former president Trump ramp up messaging on campaign trail.
3-11	News	4 pm/ 1:33	Teen Issues General News	Warning from CDC about kids taking melatonin unsupervised.
3-11	News	5 pm/ 1:40	Teen Issues Government & Politics General News	Ohio cracking down on substitute teachers who apply for jobs with falsified resumes.
3-11	News	5:30 pm/ 1:00	Developing Government & Politics	North College Hill city council holds meeting after 75 percent of firefighters resign.
3-12	News	Noon/ 1:00	Breaking News	Man charged after taking a 17 and 1 year old from a foster home prompting an Amber Alert.
3-13	News	5 pm/ 2:45	General News	Ohio transportation officials gear up for eclipse tourists while warning you to leave extra time.
3-14	News	6 am/ 1:50	Government & Politics	The House of Representatives passes a bill that could ban TikTok in the United States.
3-14	News	5 pm/ 1:04	Consumer Information	Rossen breaks down the five worst airports for delays and says you should sign up for apps to track your flight and avoid checking bags.
3-14	News	7 pm/ 1:40	Kentucky Ohio Indiana Tornado Outbreak Breaking News Weather	Extreme storms and possible tornadoes strike the greater Cincinnati area.

3-14	News	10 pm/1:35	Kentucky Ohio Indiana Tornado Outbreak Breaking News Weather	There is extensive damage to communities in Indiana, after a possible tornado ripped through the city of Vevay.
3-15	News	5 pm/ 2:50	Kentucky Ohio Indiana Tornado Outbreak Breaking News Weather	Three deaths reported after tornadoes hit the Indian Lake area of Ohio.
3-15	News	5 pm/ 1:50	Kentucky Ohio Indiana Tornado Outbreak Breaking News Weather	Milton, Kentucky is cleaning up after a potential EF2 tornado.
3-15	News	7 pm/ 1:14	Kentucky Ohio Indiana Tornado Outbreak Breaking News Weather	Brian Hamrick tours the damage left by a string of tornadoes in midway, Ohio.
3-16	News	11 pm/ 1:46	Commitment 2024	Trump visits Ohio to campaign for republican senate candidate Bernie Moreno.
3-17	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	In a week where Donald Trump officially became the presumptive Republican nominee for president, his threats of retribution are mounting. Promising one of his first acts as president would be to free those charged and convicted for attacking the Capitol on January 6th.
3-17	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Plus, this winter didn't feel much like winter at all for most of the United States. According to NOAA, this was the warmest winter on record for the Lower 48. It's the latest indication of the impacts of climate change. The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking some fresh perspectives as it looks to address climate concerns. It's launched the first-ever federal advisory council comprised solely of young people. We meet a

				25-year-old climate activist who now sits on that panel.
3-19	News	4 pm/ 2:08	Commitment 2024	Five states are hosting their primaries today that could have national implications.
3-19	News	5 pm/ 2:13	General News	A junior at St. Rita's who has speech apraxia records his first song.
3-19	News	7 pm/ 2:10	Commitment 2024	Low voter turnout in the Ohio 2024 Primary Elections
3-19	News	7 pm/ 1:45	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Bernie Moreno as primary election results start to come in.
3-19	News	7 pm/ 1:50	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Matt Dolan as primary election results start to come in.
3-19	News	7 pm/ 1:40	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Frank LaRose as primary election results start to come in.
3-19	News	11 pm/ 2:45	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Bernie Moreno as he wins the primary race.
3-19	News	11 pm/ 1:40	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Matt Dolan as he concedes in his primary race.
3-19	News	11 pm/ 1:35	Commitment 2024	Live at the headquarters of US GOP Ohio Senate Candidate Frank LaRose as he concedes in his primary race.
3-19	News	11 pm/ :25	Commitment 2024	Incumbent Ohio Democrat U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown reacts to learning Bernie Moreno will be his opponent in November
3-20	News	Noon/ 2:00	General News	First responders train with rope suspension following semitruck crash on a Louisville bridge.
3-20	News	4 pm/ 1:15	Government & Politics	Senators briefed on national security risk posed by TikTok App.
3-20	News	6 pm/ 2:30	General News	The NCH police chief is on leave after hostile environment claims.
3-20	News	7 pm/ 2:18	Commitment 2024	A levy to increase funding for the Colerain township police fails.
3-21	News	10 pm/ 1:30	Crime	Kenton county officials release body camera video of Covington police shooting and killing a man with a knife
3-22	News	5 pm/ 2:20	General News	Local high school marching bands prepare for opening day parade.
3-22	News	10 pm/ 1:22	Crime	A missing university student is found dead, two weeks after he disappeared during spring break.

3-23	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	We celebrate everything Cincinnati Reds as the team prepares for the 2024 MLB season.
3-23	News	11 pm/ 1:23	Education Government & Politics	Teachers discuss concerns about upcoming budget cuts for the Cincinnati public school district.
3-24	Meet the Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Former President Donald Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election is putting an unprecedented stress test on American institutions, ahead of the 2024 election. With the Supreme Court already deciding Trump can remain on the ballot in Colorado, now weighing whether he has total immunity in prosecution for his election subversion efforts.
3-24	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	New maps reveal several cities along the east coast are sinking at an alarming rate. New York City and Baltimore are dropping by an average of almost two millimeters a year. Charleston, South Carolina is one of the fastest-sinking cities; the downtown area is just ten feet above sea level. Soledad reports on the reasons and potential solutions to stop the sink.
3-24	News	11 pm/ 1:33	Commitment 2024 General News	Donald Trump prepares to turn over nearly 500 million dollars in civil penalties.
3-25	News	5 am/ 1:30	Israel Hamas War	Biden administration host Israeli leaders in hopes of cooling war in Gaza.

3-25	News	5 pm/ 2:30	General News	U.S. sec. Of energy in Middletown to promise historic investment to help make Steel Factory Green.
3-26	News	Noon/ 2:05	Breaking News	Six people are unaccounted for after a cargo ship lost power and crashed into the support beam of the key bridge in Baltimore.
3/26	News	4 pm/ 1:49	General News	A book was returned to the Louisville library 100 years after it was due.
3-27	News	5 pm/ 1:09	Consumer Information	You're encouraged to throw out water beads to prevent risks to kids.
3-27	News	7 pm/ 1:42	Developing News	The collapse of the Francis Scott Key one bridge will cause nationwide economic impacts.
3-27	News	7 pm/ 1:37	General News	Cincinnati city leaders announce new projects to improve pedestrian safety in multiple neighborhoods.
3-27	News	10 pm/ 2:02	Breaking News	Dozens of nursing home residents are seeking shelter at a church after an assisted living facility catches fire.

3-28	News	4:30 am/ 1:15	Reds Opening Day	Businesses are looking forward to reds opening day crowds.
3-28	News	6 am/ 1:45	Reds Opening Day	Elly De La Cruz talks about his preparations for his second season as a Red.
3-28	News	7 pm / 2:25	Reds Opening Day	People come from across the country to see the Opening Day Parade.
3-28	News	10 PM/ 1:36	Reds Opening Day	The Ohio Health Department explains how you can check the safety of your eclipse glasses.
3-30	News	5 am/ 1:25	Crime	Man arrested in Fairfield Township accused of secretly recording women in a Walmart.
3-30	News	5 am/ 1:20	General News	Coach of Purcell Marion girls' basketball team talks about winning three state championships in a row.
3-30	Let's Talk Cincy	7:30 pm/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	Topics included a mission by Black Judges to reach out to teens and a Cincinnati high school girls basketball team that won its 3 rd state title in a row.
3-30	News	11 pm/ 1:05	Reds Opening Day	Children and families celebrate the beginning of baseball season at kids opening day.
3-31	News	5 am/ 1:25	Government & Politics	Advocates argue controversial safer Kentucky Act would effectively criminalize being homeless.
3-31	News	9 am/ 1:25	Government & Politics	Congress is pouring another billion dollars into the childcare industry under a new budget deal.
3-31	Meet The Press	10 am/ 60 minutes	Public Affairs Show	The 2024 campaign is intensifying with that historic show of force for President Biden from his democratic predecessors Barack Obama and Bill Clinton at Radio City Music Hall. The Biden campaign also announcing a new effort to reach out to Nikki Haley voters, using Donald Trump's own words against him.
3-31	Matter of Fact	11 am/ 30 minutes	Public Affairs Show	From overseeing the election to the power of voters, this week Matter of Fact focuses on the foundations of democracy.
3-31	News	11 pm/ 1:27	Crime Breaking News	A mother speaks out after witnessing a deadly shooting near a playground in Carthage.
3-31	News	11 pm/ 1:48	General News	Doctors raise awareness about a rare childbirth complication after a new mom survives it.

Project CommUnity

WLWT's stated goal is to use Project CommUnity to highlight major issues in our cities and provide solutions. Our push is to highlight community heroes, feature organizations making a difference and show what's being done to solve problems. WLWT does this on a daily basis during newscasts and also again each week on the station produced *Let's Talk Cincy* program that airs on Saturday evenings from 7:30pm-8:00pm and again on Sunday mornings from 4:30am-5:00am. *Let's Talk Cincy* can also be viewed on WLWT.com.

Commitment 2024

Under the Hearst Television groupwide banner "Commitment 2024," WLWT aired numerous political stories, both national and local, in all newscasts. The coverage provided key information on candidates and issues people voted on the primary elections.

Commitment 2024: U.S. Senate G.O.P Ohio Debate

WLWT aired a live special one-hour debate from Miami University of Ohio on March 6, 2024, from 7 pm to 8 pm. Republican candidates Bernie Moreno, Matt Dolan and Frank LaRose answered questions from WLWT anchor Sheree Paoello. The winner of the March 19, 2024, primary elections will face incumbent Democrat, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown in November.

Commitment 2024; Ohio Primary Election Night

WLWT aired extensive live primary night voting and results on March 19, 2024, during all regularly scheduled newscasts and a special half hour from 7:30 pm to 8 pm, right after polls closed in Ohio. During non-news periods, WLWT ran an election night crawl at the bottom of the television screen during primetime and overnight.

Very Local

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January 2, 2024

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay.

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Go for a spin on the track and on the dance floor. Chat up alpacas and meet the granddaughter of a legendary four-legged athlete in Greer, South Carolina.

January 9, 2024

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay.

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

With more breweries per capita than any city in the country, Portland is set up for success. Catch lobsters, eat donuts & oysters, & take a selfie with Bigfoot.

January 16, 2024

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay.

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Discover where they serve the best omelets on the planet in 'Biggest Little City in the World.' Meet an unlikely taxidermist & eat cuisine of other cultures.

January 23, 2024

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay.

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Meet real witches, eavesdrop on a psychic reading, and indulge your sweet tooth at America's oldest candy company. The magic happens in Salem, Massachusetts.

January 30, 2024

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay.

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

In the otherwise pleasant beach town of Pensacola, you can find racing crabs, big jerks, burgers smashed, & fruity sours. Welcome to the oldest city in America!

February 6, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Known as one of the first cases of the digital age, Maura Murray's mysterious disappearance continues to confound investigators and internet sleuths.

February 13, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

A missing Milwaukee woman's family pushes for answers about her disappearance. What authorities learn a week later sends shockwaves through the city.

February 20, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

As girl scouts settle into their tents, footsteps and distant cries haunt them. It turns out to be one of the largest murder investigations in Oklahoma's history.

February 27, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

A beloved University of Kentucky football player is murdered on the porch of his house during his 21st birthday party in an assassination style killing.

March 5, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

A couple vanishes, social media posts begin cropping up claiming the pair is fine. But loved ones are convinced they're not the one who penned the posts.

March 12, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

A 12-year-old paperboy's disappearance during his Sunday morning route shocks a peaceful Iowa city. Panic sets in when a second paperboy goes missing.

March 19, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

When bones are discovered burned on a property in New Hampshire, an ugly reality emerges: a charming killer preyed on the vulnerable.

March 26, 2024

Very Local Presents: Hometown Tragedy

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

A young boy and his family's housekeeper are brutally killed. The case goes cold until another double homicide reveals the link and unmask a serial killer.

2024 1st QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

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

"Meet the Press" is seen on WLWT-TV on Sundays from 10:00-11:00am and again later Sunday overnights from 2:00-3:00am

January 7, 2024

The Iowa caucuses are just 8 days away. We are just 303 days from election day and democracy is front and center. Faced with low approval ratings, and trailing former President Trump in head-to-head polling, President Biden kicked off his 2024 campaign on Friday. On the third anniversary of the January 6th attack on the Capitol, Biden framed the election as an existential choice for the future of democracy.

January 14, 2024

Good Sunday morning from a bitterly cold Des Moines, Iowa, where tomorrow night, Republican voters will finally get their say on who they want facing off against President Biden in November. Will former President Trump, who's been dominating the race here, despite just visiting 14 of the state's 99 counties, crack 50%? What about the race for second place? Can Nikki Haley or Ron DeSantis make a stronger-than-expected showing and gain momentum? We begin this morning with our new NBC News-Des Moines Register Iowa poll, and I'm joined by National Political Correspondent Steve Kornacki to break it all down.

January 21, 2024

Good Sunday morning from Manchester, New Hampshire, where just 48 hours from now, Republican voters will go to the polls to decide whether this primary race is, in effect, over, or whether Nikki Haley or Ron DeSantis can deliver the kind of comeback this state has long been known for. With her political life on the line, Haley is stepping up her attacks while President Trump appears to rule her out as a running mate.

January 28, 2024

Urgent talks are underway in the Middle East as American-led negotiators close in on a deal in which Israel would suspend its war in Gaza for about two months, in exchange for the release of more than 100 hostages. That's according to the New York Times. CIA Director Bill Burns is in Paris today meeting with Israeli, Egyptian and Qatari officials. It comes as NBC News is reporting exclusively the Biden administration is discussing using weapons and ammunition sales to Israel as leverage to persuade the Israeli government to scale back its military assault on Gaza. Officials tell NBC News the U.S. is considering slowing or pausing the delivery of weapons including artillery and precision-guided munitions to pressure the Israelis to do more to protect Palestinian civilians. All of it, the backdrop of a two-front campaign, with a defiant Nikki Haley vowing to stay in the race for the Republican nomination, despite losses in Iowa and New Hampshire. The next big battleground: Haley's home state of South Carolina, where overnight she sharpened her attacks against former President Donald Trump.

February 4, 2024

We begin with our brand-new NBC news poll, which brings more warning signs for President Biden and his reelection campaign. One of our pollsters tells us we are looking at a quote, "presidency in peril." With the general election just nine months away, President Biden has declined on every measure since 2020, is struggling with key elements of his base, and now trails former President Donald Trump by wide margins on the issues voters say are most important to them. Joining me now to take us through the numbers is National Political Correspondent Steve Kornacki. Steve, these are some truly stunning numbers.

February 11, 2024

On a week in which Republicans suffered embarrassing defeats on Capitol Hill, it was President Biden who wound up dealing with perhaps the biggest crisis. Democrats are reeling using words like "nightmare," "beyond devastating" to describe Special Counsel Robert Hur's report on President Biden's handling of classified documents. The special counsel found no criminal charges against President Biden are warranted but the report says the president, quote, "willfully retained and disclosed classified materials after his vice presidency when he was a private citizen" including marked classified documents about Afghanistan and notebooks containing sensitive intelligence sources and methods which he shared with a ghostwriter. That's an allegation Biden denies. The documents found in a badly damaged box, near a collapsed dog crate in Mr. Biden's Delaware garage. Especially devastating, the report puts what it calls Biden's "diminished faculties in advancing age" front and center. President Biden fired back on Thursday.

February 18, 2024

We are one week out from the South Carolina Republican primary, but this week the frontrunner former President Trump was on defense: his legal battles growing, Biden impeachment efforts suffering a setback and mounting concerns about how he would confront Vladimir Putin if he is re-elected. On Friday, the former president faced a stunning legal and financial defeat. A judge in New York ordered him to pay a massive \$355 million penalty, an amount which could rise to more than \$450 million with interest. The ruling also bars Trump from personally running a business in New York for three years.

February 25, 2024

Former President Donald Trump is solidifying his grip on the Republican nomination after beating Nikki Haley in the Midwest, the Northeast, the West and now the South. Trump delivering a crushing blow to Haley in her home state on Saturday, trouncing her by 20 points, with nearly 60 percent of the vote. The former president dominating nearly every key group in the South Carolina Republican primary electorate, according to NBC News exit poll results. Trump is now setting his sights squarely on the general election.

March 3, 2024

Super Tuesday is just 48 hours away, is this Nikki Haley's last stand? And could this be the beginning of the general election? Fifteen states cast their votes in Republican nominating contests on Tuesday, the biggest primary day of the election season with 865 delegates at stake, more than a third of the delegates in the Republican race. Now, Nikki Haley has lost eight of the first eight contests, struggling to match the 43% of the vote she won in New Hampshire. On Saturday, she lost caucuses in three more states: in Missouri, where former President Donald Trump won every county; Idaho, where Trump swept all 32 of the state's delegates. Trump also won the caucuses in Michigan, after winning the primary there earlier this week.

March 10, 2024

Could a third-party candidate act as a spoiler? My guests this morning: Democratic Senator Raphael Warnock of Georgia, Republican Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, and Democratic Congressman Adam Schiff of California, now competing for a U.S. Senate seat this fall. Joining me for insight and analysis are: NBC News Senior White House Correspondent Kelly O'Donnell, Politico "Playbook" co-author Eugene Daniels, Marc Morial, the president of the National Urban League, and Republican strategist Sara Fagen.

The general election race for the White House has officially started this week. And on Saturday, President Biden and former President Trump faced off in battleground Georgia, a state Mr. Biden won in 2020 by fewer than 12,000 votes. Mr. Biden wasted no time taking aim at the former president, including for hosting Hungarian autocrat Viktor Orbán at his Mar-a-Lago club on Friday.

March 17, 2024

In a week where Donald Trump officially became the presumptive Republican nominee for president, his threats of retribution are mounting. Promising one of his first acts as president would be to free those charged and convicted for attacking the Capitol on January 6th. Nearly 800 of whom have plead guilty to their crimes. On Ukraine, while he publicly says he supports a loan, he reportedly told Hungary's authoritarian leader in private he would cut off aid if re-elected. And last night at a rally in Ohio, he said some undocumented immigrants aren't people.

March 24, 2024

Former President Donald Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election is putting an unprecedented stress test on American institutions, ahead of the 2024 election. With the Supreme Court already deciding Trump can remain on the ballot in Colorado, now weighing whether he has total immunity in prosecution for his election subversion efforts. This week, I spoke exclusively with former Supreme

Court Justice Stephen Beyer, where I asked him about the weight a justice feels while considering these cases that have become central to the presidential election.

March 31, 2024

The 2024 campaign is intensifying with that historic show of force for President Biden from his democratic predecessors Barack Obama and Bill Clinton at Radio City Music Hall. The Biden campaign also announcing a new effort to reach out to Nikki Haley voters, using Donald Trump's own words against him.

2024 1st QUARTER MATTER OF FACT TOPICS

Matter of Fact is seen on WLWT on Sundays from 11:00am-11:30am and then again later Sunday evening at approximately 12:30am-1:00am.

January 7, 2024

America's livestock and dairy industries are worth more than \$100 billion annually. To ensure animals' health, farmers and ranchers need access to veterinary services. But in 2023, more than 230 regions across 47 states were designated as "Veterinarian Shortage Areas" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That's the most ever. Correspondent Jessica Gomez takes us to South Dakota to meet a veterinarian struggling with a brutal workload and the young student training to one day take over the role.

Wawa Gatheru, 25, is an inaugural member of a new Environmental Protection Agency council. It's the EPA's first-ever national youth advisory council. The committee is made up of 16 people between the ages of 16 and 29. They're now tasked with providing the EPA administrator with policy advice and recommendations for environmental issues including climate change, environmental justice, and air quality. Gatheru shares her hopes for the committee and explains how young people can use history as a guide for addressing climate change.

The United Methodist Church is fracturing. More than 7,000 congregations have received permission to break away from the UMC since 2019. The divide is driven in large part by disagreements over the church's approach to LGBTQ policy. This fracturing isn't unique to the UMC. Correspondent Dina Demetrius traveled to Michigan, where a youth pastor and his family are coming to grips with losing their own faith community over his refusal to denounce the LGBTQ community.

The Great Recession. The Big Quit. In recent years, many Americans left their jobs citing frustrations like stagnant pay. But now, a new survey shows several professions are seeing substantial wage increases. Soledad breaks down who's making more and who isn't.

Finally, where do train cars go when they're retired? Soledad has the story about a centuries-old method of getting rid of old vehicles, while fostering a thriving marine environment.

January 14, 2024

The United States has the highest population of incarcerated people in the world. That includes thousands of people awaiting trial, unable to afford their bail. Several states and local governments have recently reformed their bail systems. In Michigan, advocates for reform hope to see action by the end of the year while opponents argue any changes will threaten public safety. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to Michigan and speaks with a sheriff, a judge and a woman who spent months behind bars as a teen, unable to pay her bail.

More than 400 million children live in countries where there is ongoing war or violent conflict. And these fights are often protracted, like the conflict between Israel and Palestine and the war in Ukraine. Dr. Zlatina Kostova is a clinical psychologist with the University of Massachusetts. She's helping train mental health providers in Ukraine on how to assist children living through war. She tells Soledad about how war impacts children's brains and development and what can be done to help them cope with the toxic stress created by their environment.

Even as more and more people "get online," the digital divide persists. According to Pew Research Center, more than 40% of adults making under \$30,000 do not own a laptop or computer. A business in Minnesota is working to change that by providing people with free or discounted computers. Correspondent Laura Chavez meets the owner and creator of PCs for People and a woman who says the organization changed her life.

The 2024 primary season gets underway with the Republican caucus in Iowa followed by the New Hampshire primary. As voters decide who will be on the general election ballot, some states are trying to decide whether they should rethink their primary process. For example, Arizona, Idaho and Oregon are all considering moving to nonpartisan primaries. Soledad breaks down which states are considering what changes.

Finally, some of the best-known artists in the world contributed to an amusement park in the 1980s. It opened for a short time in Hamburg, Germany and then was virtually forgotten. That is until now. Soledad tells the story behind "Luna Luna: Forgotten Fantasy," now open to the public in Los Angeles, CA.

January 21, 2024

The winter cold is adding urgency to the migrant crisis in many major cities including New York, Chicago, and Denver. In New York City, more than 170,000 migrants have arrived since Spring 2022, straining the city's support system. But St. Louis, MO, which has a history of rolling out the welcome mat to refugees, sees the migrants' arrival as an opportunity. An organization there is creating programs to help asylum-seekers from the Southern border, hoping they can resettle there and boost the city's economy. Correspondent Joie Chen travels to the Gateway to the West and meets with the people who immigrated there years ago.

Rob Reiner is many things: actor, director, filmmaker and now, podcaster. As the son of comedian and Emmy-winning actor Carl Reiner, it's clear the entertainment industry is in his blood. Soledad visited Rob Reiner at his home in California where he told her about growing up as Carl Reiner's son, his most personally meaningful works, and his fascination with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. That fascination led him to launch his latest project, "Who Killed JFK," a podcast he and Soledad

partnered on.

This year brings a major development for veterans struggling with PTSD and depression. The Veteran Affairs Department announced it will fund studies into whether psychedelic-assisted therapy is helpful in treating mental health disorders for former military personnel. This comes after lobbying by several combat veterans who say they turned to psychedelics as a last resort. Correspondent Jessica Gomez sits down with a former Marine who shares how the treatment worked for him.

As the 2024 election officially gets underway with the start of primaries, recent polling by the Bipartisan Policy Center shows more than 80% of voters are worried about the state of America's democracy. One voting method that's garnering traction as a possible solution is rank-choice voting. Soledad breaks down how rank-choice voting works and why some are warning against it.

Finally, large portions of the country have been dealing with snowy, icy roads. While salt is key to keeping the roads safe, some states and municipalities are adding another ingredient to the mix: beet juice. The molasses-like byproduct of beets lowers the freezing-point of ice. It also has environmental benefits, lowering the amount of salt needed to treat the roads. But Soledad explains that, as with anything, it's not a miracle cure.

January 28, 2024

America's teachers are finding themselves on the frontlines of the youth mental health crisis. According to a government survey in 2021, 42% of high schoolers reported feeling persistently sad or hopeless. This is especially challenging for rural communities that lack the access to treatment centers. Correspondent Dina Demetrius visited a school in the California desert that's launched a new program aimed at providing students with better mental health support. She introduces us to the teachers running the program and a student who says it's made a major impact on her, and her friends' lives.

Beverly Johnson made history in 1974 as the first Black model to appear on the cover of American Vogue. But Johnson tells Soledad while there has been progress in the fashion industry towards greater diversity and inclusion, there's still work to be done. Johnson is marking the fiftieth anniversary of her breakthrough cover with a one-woman show in New York City. She talks with Soledad about the show, the modeling industry and her fascinating career.

It took several days following the 2020 Presidential Election before it was clear who had won the White House. That's because election workers needed more time to properly to process and count the influx of mail-in ballots. Now some states are considering changes to their ballot-processing rules to ensure things run more smoothly, and quickly, in future elections. Soledad breaks down the potential changes.

Home ownership is out of reach for millions of Americans. Housing prices are high as are interest rates. And affordable housing advocates say private investment companies are further upsetting the market. Correspondent Dan Lieberman traveled to Milwaukee to see how one innovative program is helping residents compete against private companies for the keys to their first homes.

Finally, plastic six-pack rings are getting a more environmentally friendly upgrade. A company in Mexico has developed six and four-pack holders that are 100% biodegradable and won't pollute oceans

or landfills. Soledad has the details.

February 4, 2024

The Supreme Court will soon hear a case that is critical to the presidential primary calendar. A group of Republican and unaffiliated voters in Colorado said that former President Trump cannot be on the state's Republican primary ballot. Their decision pertains to the 14th Amendment, which states that anyone who has taken an oath to the Constitution and gone on to engage in insurrection, cannot hold office. In early 2022, Kim Wehle, a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, was one of the first people to note the 14th Amendment's potential impact on any future run by former President Trump. Soledad speaks with Wehle about how the Supreme Court might handle the case.

"I have finally gotten so I'm not angry, but it's taken a long time." Those are the words of educator and Portland, OR native, Donna Maxey. She was 12 years old when her family was forced out of a predominantly Black community. The city had claimed much of their neighborhood, called Albina, for what it dubbed "urban renewal." Their home, and her father's business, were demolished along with dozens of others. Correspondent Alexis Clark visited Portland where a non-profit now has a bold plan to build a new community where the neighborhood once stood.

More than 30 million children in America can't afford school meals, increasing lunch debt for many. During the pandemic the government paid for every public-school student to eat, but now only nine states offer free meals. Correspondent Laura Chavez traveled to Pennsylvania, where advocates are pushing for free lunches, to talk to teachers and cafeteria employees who are fighting for all children to eat.

Plus, tax season is underway, and this year brings some big changes. Tax brackets have been amended and could prove favorable for many families. And for those moving to cleaner energy, the IRS is offering tax credits on new electric vehicles, as well as for any energy-efficient home improvement. Soledad reports about additional changes and tools to help you file.

Finally, most workers in the U.S. have desk jobs. According to a new study published by the American Medical Association, that's taking a toll on people's health. Those who sit all day have a 16% higher risk of mortality - from all causes - than those who have more active jobs. But the research also found that if desk-workers did 15 to 30 minutes of additional exercise each day, the increased health risks disappear.

February 11, 2024

As Congress stalls on border legislation, the residents of Denver are confronting the migrant crisis head on. More than 38,000 migrants have arrived in Denver in the last 14 months, straining the city's services. Now, local volunteers and business owners are filling the gap. Correspondent Jessica Gomez traveled to Denver to meet the city's new mayor and a local motel owner who has opened her doors, taking in hundreds of migrants in need of shelter.

Lilliana Mason is a political psychologist who for years has been tracking Americans' feelings about politics. Recently, she started to notice a disturbing trend. As Americans became more divided

politically and geographically, they became more distrusting, hostile, and even accepting of political violence against people in the opposing party. In fact, these sentiments were particularly high around the January 6th insurrection. Mason shares her findings with Soledad and explains how George Washington actually warned hundreds of years ago that this could happen.

“Our voices were largely absent from the conversation, and we had really important insights.” Those are the words of Aaliyah Bilal, a Black Muslim American. When she realized she didn’t see anyone like herself in the media, literature, or the national conversation, she decided to do something about it. Her resulting book, “Temple Folk”, landed the first-time author a final spot in the National Book Award in 2023. She shares how she approached the book and the role she hopes it plays in shedding light on the Black Muslim experience.

Tip earners are not guaranteed the minimum wage under federal law, but some states are considering stepping in. Many tip workers earn the federal sub-minimum wage of \$2.13. If their tips plus those wages don’t add up to the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, employers are expected to make up the difference, but industry analysts say many don’t. Now some states are considering ballot measures that would require businesses to pay all employees the minimum wage, regardless of whether they earn tips or not.

Finally, researchers would like you to go outside and count the birds. The annual Great Backyard Bird Count runs from February 16 to 19. Participants are asked to spend 15 minutes counting and recording all the birds they see or hear. They then report that information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Birds are an excellent indicator of environmental issues, so the global count helps researchers build a better understanding of the world around us.

February 18, 2024

It’s the first in the South! South Carolina’s Republican primary is fast approaching, and it’s gained a reputation for being incredibly important in the race for the White House. South Carolina’s Republican voters have a nearly perfect record of picking the eventual presidential nominee. And this election is especially interesting with the state’s former governor on the ballot. Nikki Haley won South Carolina twice as governor and was quite popular in the state. But, as Gibbs Knotts, chair of the Political Science Department at the College of Charleston, explains to Soledad, Haley is up against someone who also won the state twice and is extremely popular with its voters, former President Donald Trump.

Philadelphia’s Chinatown is one of the oldest in the country. But now, the National Trust for Historic Preservation lists it as one of America’s most endangered historic places. The organization sites a plan to build a new basketball arena abutting the neighborhood, as the primary threat. Residents worry the years-long construction project could block its streets, hurting local businesses. But the developers tell special correspondent Joie Chen that their project would benefit the community and that private investment is “critical for the long-term health and vibrance of Center City.” Joie Chen travels to the City of Brotherly Love where a community finds itself caught between development and preserving identity.

America's schools are facing shortages on several fronts: teachers, custodians and in many places, bus drivers. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to a school district in Carroll, Iowa that’s taking an all-

hands-on-deck approach to getting kids to class. Everyone from teachers to the school superintendent is driving a bus, easing the burden on the parents like Adam and Bailey Warnke whose son uses a wheelchair and needs a specially equipped bus to get to school.

In the 1980s, America's malls were in their prime. But recently, spurred by the convenience of online shopping, malls have struggled, and many have had to close their doors. That's left massive, empty retail spaces across the country. Dr. Resa Lewiss, a professor of emergency medicine and physician health care designer, is lobbying for these spaces to be converted into medical malls. Medical malls are one-stop-shops for health care needs. From seeing the doctor to getting an MRI to physical therapy, it would all be under one roof. Dr. Lewiss says such centers could be especially helpful for disadvantaged neighborhoods where people often lack access to proper health care.

Finally, humans are changing the geology of the planet. Scientists have found that plastics in our environment are starting to fuse with rocks. These part-plastic rocks have been found in more than 11 countries. Now, scientists say they're distinctive and pervasive enough to merit their own designation as a type of sedimentary rock. Soledad takes us to science class.

February 25, 2024

Buckeye, Arizona is one of the country's fastest growing cities. The historically small agriculture community is now the center of several major residential builds. But as the mega drought wears on, city officials are searching for new sources of water to sustain growth and a future with more people. Correspondent Dan Lieberman heads to the city on the outskirts of Phoenix and talks to the mayor and residents about the challenges and possible solutions.

Nearly 17 million people have lost Medicaid coverage in the last 11 months. On the face of it, that number seems staggering. But Matt Salo, former founding Executive Director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors, tells Soledad the program is simply right sizing following the pandemic. But some people who still qualify are losing their health coverage. Salo explains the steps states are taking to minimize that number and what they're doing to help those removed reenroll quickly.

Colorado is one of the many states headed to the primary polls on Super Tuesday. The Centennial State has had a fair amount of turnover in its election offices since the 2020 presidential race. More than a third of the election administrators have either quit or left their jobs because of term limits. We introduce you to Jefferson County's clerk, Amanda Gonzalez, who's taken on the job others are walking away from.

The Great Resignation is being replaced by the Great Retirement. During the pandemic there was a spike in retirements but according to new modeling by the St. Louis Federal Reserve, we're seeing a second surge. The analysis projects that there are nearly three million more people retired now than originally predicted. What's that mean for the balance of the economy as more baby boomers reach retirement age? Wendy Edelberg of the Brookings Intuition explains.

Finally, this month NASA's Mars rover, Perseverance, is marking three years since its arrival on the Red Planet. The little rover is continuing to amaze. Soledad shows some of the images it just captured of

a solar eclipse on Mars, as one of the planet's moons crossed in front of the sun.

March 3, 2024

Children are missing school at a record rate in the United States. During the 2021-2022 school year, nearly 15 million students were chronically absent. That's almost twice what it was before the pandemic. "If we don't address this issue among our youngest learners, we are going to suffer huge consequences as they grow older," says Hedy Chang, the executive director of Attendance Works. Now, one school in Virginia is taking a new, more personal approach to getting kids back into the classroom by working with their families. Correspondent Jessica Gomez travels to Richmond, VA and meets the people going door-to-door to make sure kids are getting the education they need.

Wastewater testing is quickly becoming an important tool for communities' health. This testing method rose to prominence during the Coronavirus pandemic to measure infection rates at a time when individual tests were still hard to come by. BioBot, an MIT startup in Massachusetts, assisted in that testing but its head of chemistry, Kaitlyn Hess Jimenez, says wastewater can help communities with so much more, from detecting other illnesses like flu to substances like medications in wastewater.

Finding love online can be exciting but it can also be exhausting. Researchers say our brains can only process a few options at a time, making "dating app fatigue" an issue as people become overwhelmed by possible connections. Correspondent Laura Chavez talks with a dating app expert about the impact all that swiping, and messaging has on our brains.

Methane is a greenhouse gas that traps heat, raising the earth's temperature. Researchers say cutting methane emissions from fossil fuel operations, agriculture and other sectors could slow global warming by as much as 30%. But tracking the sources of those emissions is challenging. One solution could be an innovative satellite that is about to launch. It will provide accurate, detailed, free mapping of methane emissions around the world.

Finally, this spring brings an historic event. For the first time in more than two centuries, two broods of cicadas will emerge at the same time. Soledad explains that while annoying and maybe a little unsettling, this massive influx of cicadas actually has environmental benefits.

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Comedian and Alabama native Roy Wood Jr. joins Soledad in the studio to talk about the 2024 election, his passion for baseball and his commitment to his home state. He says, "a lot of people make a mistake of thinking that the news that comes out of Alabama represents all of the people that are in Alabama, and that's not the truth." Alabama is on the verge of making state history if it sends a second Black representative to the U.S. Congress. Roy Wood Jr. also digs into the role and responsibility of comedy in politics.

And we head to Virginia to meet a retired coal miner who suffers from black lung. The disease is caused by exposure to silica dust which, when inhaled, can damage and scar lungs. John Robinson is being treated in an Appalachian clinic that has seen a spike in cases. From 2013 to 2017, more than 400 people were diagnosed with black lung. Robinson, who started working underground when he was 20 years old, shares his story.

Plus, at least 10 million people around the world are considered stateless, someone who the UN defines as "not recognized as a national by any state under operation of its law." More than 200,000 of them live in the United States. Matter of Fact's special correspondent Joie Chen talked to two stateless people trying to navigate their unusual immigration situations.

Some U.S. cities are turning to zoning reform to try and mitigate the country's housing crisis. Strategies they're employing include allowing multifamily homes to be built in neighborhoods that traditionally only had single-family dwellings. Stephen Menendian, the University of California, Berkley's assistant director of the "Othering and Belonging Institute," tells us about an interactive map tracking these zoning reform efforts.

Finally, our Viewfinder segment features images from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Houston Chronicle photographers give viewers a glimpse of the world's largest show and rodeo of its kind, with famous musicians, carnival rides and portraits of some of the more than two million people expected to attend this year's event.

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With nearly 400,000 children in foster care, the system is strained. That means when kids turn 18, they're often pushed out of the system and on their own. Young people who age out of foster care are more likely to experience homelessness and incarceration. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Boulder County, Colorado where volunteers and non-profits are stepping in to make sure these young people land on their feet.

From work contracts to internships to grants, a series of lawsuits across the country is taking aim at programs that help minorities. One of the latest cases is against the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), a federal agency that's been around more than 50 years. A federal judge in Texas says it's violating the constitution by providing services based on race. Soledad speaks with civil rights attorney Alphonso David about the ruling's potential impact. David also represents the Fearless Fund, an organization that's being sued because it helps businesses run by women of color.

Plus, this winter didn't feel much like winter at all for most of the United States. According to NOAA, this was the warmest winter on record for the Lower 48. It's the latest indication of the impacts of climate change. The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking some fresh perspectives as it looks to address climate concerns. It's launched the first-ever federal advisory council comprised solely of young people. We meet a 25-year-old climate activist who now sits on that panel.

There's a national push to remove the lead service pipes still carrying water to millions of homes. This effort could be getting a little easier, thanks to researchers at Drexel University, who say that by pinging a pipe still buried underground and measuring the sound waves, they can determine whether it is made of lead.

Finally, the Smithsonian Women's History Museum is marking Women's History Month with an inaugural online exhibition. Digital curator Liz Harmon explains that the exhibit brings attention to some of history's hidden women.

March 24, 2024

Swatting is when someone calls 911 reporting an active attacker at a location. Law enforcement and SWAT teams race to the scene, weapons at the ready. But these calls are completely fabricated and that means an unsuspecting person and their family are shocked by an intense police response. Lawmakers are some of the most common targets, and with incidents rising, the FBI has launched a national database to track these calls. In Georgia, a rash of calls recently sent police rushing to several lawmakers' homes. Correspondent Dan Lieberman traveled to Atlanta where those representatives are now coming together across the aisle to stop swatting.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court takes up one of its biggest cases of the term. It involves mifepristone, one of the most used abortion pills. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved mifepristone in 2000. And then twice it expanded access to the drug, including allowing doctors to prescribe it via Telehealth appointment. Now, a group of anti-abortion doctors is challenging the FDA's expanded access to the drug. Amy Howe covers the Supreme Court and joins Soledad in the studio to discuss the potential impact this case could have on both access to mifepristone and the FDA's approval process.

Baseball season's opening day is March 28th, but one former player is trying for a different kind of win, one for his hometown. Cleon Jones was part of the "Mighty Mets", the team that won the 1969 World Series. Even though he retired from the game decades ago, Jones hasn't slowed down. For the last 40 years he has been revitalizing his hometown of Africatown. Alexis Clark visits the Mobile, Alabama neighborhood to see what Jones is doing to save the place that gave him his start.

New maps reveal several cities along the east coast are sinking at an alarming rate. New York City and Baltimore are dropping by an average of almost two millimeters a year. Charleston, South Carolina is one of the fastest-sinking cities; the downtown area is just ten feet above sea level. Soledad reports on the reasons and potential solutions to stop the sink.

Finally, a tiny fish is creating an underwater cacophony. Recently discovered in Myanmar, the *Danionella Cerebrum* lives in murky waters. German scientists discovered that the fish makes an incredibly loud noise, comparable to a jet engine. Soledad shares their findings.

March 31, 2024

From overseeing the election to the power of voters, this week Matter of Fact focuses on the foundations of democracy.

The presidential election is just months away but with high turnover in election offices, are states ready for voting day? According to a survey by the Brennan Center for Justice, this will be the first presidential election for one in five local election officials. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to Pennsylvania, one of the states looking to recruit and retain its election staff. Officials there tell him more security and support are needed to improve conditions for the people at the backbone of our democratic process.

Nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults say the political climate is a significant source of stress in their lives, according to the American Psychological Association. But a political cartoonist is hoping brevity, and some levity, can help people engage in politics. Soledad sits down with award-winning cartoonist Christopher Weyant who says his goal isn't to change minds but to make people think about important issues.

Every vote count, but where you live can impact how your vote counts. In Ohio, advocates are concerned that current voting maps are gerrymandered to weaken the political power of minorities. Redistricting has been a long-running issue in the state, and a commission was founded to help draw fairer maps. But critics say the commission is making the situation worse. Correspondent Diane Roberts travels to Ohio and meets the people divided over the state's dividing lines.

During an election year, billions of dollars go to turning out the vote. The last three national general elections saw some of the highest voter turnout in decades. Still, less than 40% of Americans voted in all three elections. That's according to new numbers from the Pew Research Center. Soledad explains what the findings tell us about who is and who isn't heading to the polls.

Finally, we pivot from politics to astronomy. NASA is looking to build on research from the 1930s during April's solar eclipse. Soledad explains the project and why NASA is asking for your help to complete this mission.