

**WLWT-TV  
Fourth Quarter 2023  
Issues/Programs List**

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

Bengals News

Coverage of the Cincinnati Bengals as the team made a run to make the 2023 NFL playoffs.

Breaking News

Coverage of major stories that are happening in real time.

Commitment 2023/2024

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.

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.

Israel/Hamas War

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

Mass Shooting

Coverage of mass shooting events in our area and across the country

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.

Teen Issues

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

UAW Strike

National and local coverage of the United Auto Worker Strike shutting down auto plants.

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   |
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| 10-1 | News             | 11 pm/ 1:21          | General News          | People take over roadways and intersections, driving recklessly and stopping traffic.   |
| 10-1 | News             | 11 pm/ 1:30          | Government & Politics | Biden signs short term stopgap bill, preventing a government shutdown.  |
| 10-2 | Let's Talk Cincy | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show   | A one-on-one conversation with Cincinnati city manager Sheryl Long about the state of the city, and her selection of a new fire and police chief.   |
| 10-2 | News             | 5 pm/ 2:10           | Crime                 | A man is charged with killing his grandfather, as the court plays the 911 call from his cousin who was also shot.                                   |
| 10-2 | News             | 11 pm/ 2:15          | Crime                 | Sex trafficking sting leads to more than 100 arrests across Ohio.   |
| 10-4 | News             | Noon/ 2:00           | Crime General News    | Four protesters are arrested after hanging a banner from the Roebling Bridge -- closing it to traffic for hours.                                    |
| 10-4 | News             | 7 pm/ 1:21           | Government & Politics | Congress is in chaos, after the House speaker seat is vacated.  |
| 10-4 | News             | 10 pm/ 1:42          | General News          | Preview of funeral procession for CVG firefighter who died of cancer.   |
| 10-5 | News             | 5 pm/ 1:05           | Consumer Information  | Jeff says to accept cookies to run sites but block third-party sites.   |
| 10-8 | News             | 5 am/ 1:30           | Israel Hamas War      | Local leaders call for peace after Hamas launches surprise attack on Israel.  |
| 10-8 | Meet The Press   | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show   | Israel is at war after Hamas launched a surprise multi-front attack from Gaza which Israel says has killed more than 300 and wounded at least 1500. |

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| 10-8  | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 Minutes    | Public Affairs Show  | What happens when you're not a citizen where you live, but you also don't have an existing country of origin? You join a group of people who are "state-less." we talk to the folks caught in immigration limbo. |
| 10-9  | News                | Noon/ 1:45           | Israel Hamas War     | An Indiana woman traveling through Israel when the war started shares what she's seeing in lockdown.   |
| 10-9  | Let's Talk Cincy    | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show  | Honoring a Cincinnati Radio Legend. Lincoln Ware shares stories from his 50-year career in radio and the city shows how much his dedication means to our community.  |
| 10-10 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents  | Kinga is in Manchester, New Hampshire, to meet Matt Krajcik, a developer with a difficult past. He wants to reconnect with nature, where he found solace as a child.   |
| 10-13 | News                | 5 pm/ 1:38           | Consumer Information | Penalties for tax returns filed for extension kick in Monday.  |
| 10-15 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show  | The eyes of the world are on Gaza today as Israel prepares to broaden its assault on Hamas.  |
| 10-15 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 Minutes    | Public Affairs Show  | We'll take you inside 'haven for hope' in San Antonio Texas. A 22-acre shelter housing 85-percent of the city's homeless population. Find out why some think it could be a model for the nation.                 |
| 10-16 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show  | The new concern over the rise of Covid-19 cases; the impact of Ohio's new distracted driver law; plus, the new mission linking the past and the present at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.     |
| 10-16 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:38        | UAW Strike           | Local workers at Sharonville ford transmission plant laid off re: Ky plant UAW strike.   |
| 10-16 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 2:15        | Consumer Information | Scammers use ai to impersonate USPS, how to protect your personal information.   |
| 10-17 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents  | Daniel Johnson is a single father juggling three jobs and three kids. Kinga comes to Pittsburgh to help him clock out and reset outdoors.  |
| 10-17 | News                | 4 pm/ 2:16           | Israel Hamas War     | President Biden prepares to travel to Israel amid the war with Hamas.  |
| 10-18 | News                | 6 pm/ 3:05           | Israel Hamas War     | Local rabbis and a Palestinian American woman talk about the growing fear for the Jewish and   |

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|       |                     |                      |  | Muslim communities in light of Israel Hamas's war.   |
| 10-19 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:30           | Government & Politics                  | London has one-on-one with Mike DeWine on upcoming issues on ballot.   |
| 10-19 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:32        | Government & Politics                  | Jim Jordan losing support in bid for house speaker.  |
| 10-21 | News                | 5:30 am/ 1:40        | Israel Hamas War                       | A woman with Cincinnati ties is working with families of the American hostages held by Hamas.  |
| 10-21 | News                | 6 am/ 1:45           | Crime                                  | A suspect is in custody after a woman was shot in Delhi at a vigil for a person killed there less than 24 hours before.  |
| 10-22 | News                | 5 am/ 1:45           | Government & Politics                  | City of Cincinnati hosts first of three workshops to get input on how to spend money if voters decide to sell the railroad.  |
| 10-22 | News                | 9 am / 2:00          | Government & Politics                  | Republicans will meet this week to try once again to elect a house speaker.  |
| 10-22 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show                    | The U.S. is stepping up its military readiness across the Mideast, citing "escalations by Iran and its proxy forces," as the U.S. and Israel prepare for a widening war.   |
| 10-22 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 Minutes    | Public Affairs Show                    | Looking stylish comes with a price, but it's the environment that's paying the most. The fashion industry is a major contributor to global emissions. Discarded clothes are ending up in landfills and incinerators. We head to d-c to talk to a group of women addressing this growing problem with an old solution... consignment. |
| 10-23 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show                    | We profile the 2023 Men of Honor Honorees and the community groups receiving grant money from the honorees.  |
| 10-23 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:30        | Crime                                  | Sixteen-year-old identified as intruder killed in vape shop break-in, suspect's brother shoots woman at vigil, store owner begs for calm and says employees will defend themselves.  |
| 10-24 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents                    | Jessie Fiacco is a single mother and nurse who goes above and beyond for everyone but herself. Kinga is in town to show her home to unwind without going far.  |
| 10-24 | News                | 4 pm/ 2:45           | Israel Hamas War Government & Politics | More aid rolls into Gaza after more airstrikes overnight   |

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| 10-24 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:35           | Crime                                 | The prosecutor releases video of the OTR fight that led to a man's death as the alleged attacker is charged.   |
| 10-25 | News                | 5:30 pm / 1:14       | Consumer Information                  | Experts share tips to avoid bed bugs while traveling.  |
| 10-25 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:35        | General News                          | Photographer sets up local couple on blind date, they end up getting married.  |
| 10-26 | News                | 4:30 am/ 1:40        | Crime                                 | Breaking down stand your ground laws after man charged with murder in shooting in northern Kentucky.   |
| 10-26 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:45           | UAW Strike                            | Ford reaches a tentative agreement with the UAW; Sharonville workers called back Monday and other big-3 workers hope to follow suit.   |
| 10-27 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:42        | Government & Politics Commitment 2023 | Planned Parenthood CEO visits Cincy, gov Mike DeWine softens stance on abortion.   |
| 10-27 | News                | 5:30 pm/ 2:25        | General News                          | Local teacher Harvey Lewis breaks world record in 450-mile run, speaks to students, and auctioning shoes for local charity.  |
| 10-29 | News                | 9 am/ 2:10           | Israel Hamas War                      | Amid Israel Hamas war, antisemitism and antimuslim incidents are on the rise in the us   |
| 10-29 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show                   | The nation is reeling after a week which saw the 10th deadliest mass shooting in modern American history with 18 people between 14 and 76 years old gunned down at a bowling alley and bar in Lewiston, Maine.                             |
| 10-29 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 Minutes    | Public Affairs Show                   | It's been eight months since the major train derailment in Ohio. Have the calls for regulation across the country led to any changes? We'll have an update on the progress to protect our waterways and communities closest to the tracks. |
| 10-30 | News                | Noon/ 1:30           | UAW Strike                            | GM becomes final of the big 3 to reach a deal with the UAW which could mean an end to the UAW strikes.   |
| 10-30 | Project Community   | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Project Community                     | Our annual 30-minute show about the Urban League of Southwestern Ohio and the work the civil rights group does in our community.   |
| 10-31 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents                   | After transitioning, Madison Wilkins finally feels comfortable in her own skin. Kinga takes her on an adventure as the woman she's always longed to be,  |

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| 10-31 | News             | 5 pm/ 3:13           | Consumer Information      | Jeff Rossen has the do's and don'ts when fighting grease fires in the kitchen.  |
| 11-1  | News             | Noon/ 1:20           | Breaking News             | A worker is dead after a coal plant in eastern Kentucky collapsed. Covington firefighters are on the way to help.   |
| 11-1  | News             | 5:30 pm/ 1:35        | Crime                     | Defense takes the stand in trial of stepmom accused of child abuse.   |
| 11-2  | News             | 4:30 am/ 1:45        | Crime                     | Woman robbed while shopping inside local Meijer store.  |
| 11-2  | News             | 6 am/1:50            | Israel Hamas War          | Lawmakers to vote on funding for Israel today.  |
| 11-2  | News             | 7 pm/ 2:53           | General News              | The us medical team that treated Damar Hamlin speaks about their experience for the first time.   |
| 11-3  | News             | 5:30 pm/ 4:35        | Commitment 2023           | We ask political experts to fact check issue one ads on abortion.   |
| 11-3  | News             | 10 pm/ 1:54          | Teen Issues General News  | Cincinnati Public Schools and local businesses team up to host CPR training.  |
| 11-4  | News             | 5 am/ 1:30           | Israel Hamas War          | Congressman Greg Landsman cancels town hall amid rise in national security threats.   |
| 11-4  | News             | 11 pm/ 1:42          | Breaking News Crime       | Community leaders call for change after an 11-year-old boy is killed and five others are shot in the west end.  |
| 11-5  | News             | 5 am/ 1:55           | General News              | Christmas tree arrives at fountain square ahead of light up the square later this month.  |
| 11-5  | Meet The Press   | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show       | A preview of the third republican presidential debate being held in Miami Florida.  |
| 11-5  | Matter of Fact   | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show       | Our series on psychedelic therapies takes us to Kentucky. The opioid epidemic there has led to thousands of drug overdoses. Now, some there are backing the study of a little-known psychedelic drug called ibogaine for addiction. |
| 11-5  | News             | 11 pm/ 1:46          | General News              | WLWT teams up with the red cross, to raise funding to provide free CPR training in greater Cincinnati.  |
| 11-6  | Let's Talk Cincy | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show Crime | A look at the rise of gun violence in Cincinnati after the deadly shooting of an 11-year-old boy and wounding of four other teens and an adult.   |
| 11-6  | News             | 5:30 pm/ 1:30        | Commitment 2023           | One day to go until election day, ky gubernatorial candidates make last effort to swing voters as new poll shows them neck and neck.  |



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| 11-6  | News                | 7 pm/ 4:05           | Commitment 2023                       | Todd dykes travels to Michigan to see how legalization of recreational marijuana is working out there.   |
| 11-7  | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents                   | Anthony Carignan has never felt at ease in the outdoors. Kinga is here to help him connect with nature and become an authentic Mainer.   |
| 11-8  | News                | 4:30 am/ :50         | Commitment 2023                       | Cincinnati voters sign off on selling railway to Norfolk Southern for \$1.6 billion.   |
| 11-8  | News                | Noon/ 1:10           | Commitment 2024                       | Preview of the third republican debate.  |
| 11-8  | News                | 6 pm/ 2:30           | Commitment 2023                       | Issue 2 passes in Ohio, now what.  |
| 11-8  | News                | 6 pm/ 2:05           | General News                          | Colerain pd gets therapy dog for officers/first responders.  |
| 11-9  | News                | 5 am/ 1:50           | Commitment 2024                       | Breakdown of the third GOP presidential debate.  |
| 11-9  | News                | 5 pm/ 2:45           | Economy                               | Shoppers react to Publix's plans to open a store in Richwood in 2025.  |
| 11-9  | News                | 6 pm/ 4:30           | Government & Politics<br>General News | One on one with ham co prosecuting attorney Melissa Powers.  |
| 11-9  | News                | 7 pm/ 1:42           | General News                          | Judge Ralph Winker hosts adoption ceremonies for nine kids in six families for national adoption day.  |
| 11-9  | News                | 10 pm/ 1:26          | Crime                                 | A man is found shot in his vehicle on the Western Hills viaduct.   |
| 11-10 | News                | 4:30 am/ 1:00        | Consumer Information                  | Jeff Rossen breaks down which states get hit the most by porch pirates.  |
| 11-10 | News                | 6 pm/ 1:50           | Crime                                 | Funeral held for 11-year-old boy killed in west end mass shooting.   |
| 11-10 | News                | 7 pm/ 1:45           | Government & Politics                 | Congress is scrambling to beat a new deadline to prevent a government shutdown.  |
| 11-11 | News                | 5 am/ :45            | Crime                                 | 26-year-old UC graduate student shot in car on Western Hills viaduct.  |
| 11-11 | News                | 11 pm/ 1:35          | Crime                                 | Community leaders weigh in on youth violence after west end shooting.  |
| 11-12 | News                | 5 am/ 1:35           | General News                          | Blue ash celebrates veterans' day.   |
| 11-12 | News                | 9 am/ 1:20           | Government & Politics                 | House republicans share plan to fund government, but it is already seeing push back.   |
| 11-12 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show                   | Israeli strikes are pounding Gaza City, as ground forces close in on Gaza's largest medical complex, Al-Shifa hospital, which Israel says sits on top of Hamas' main command center, claims Hamas and Al-Shifa staff deny. |

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| 11-12 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show        | A story of heroines that's rarely told. In 1945, an army unit of black women worked tirelessly to clear up a backlog of mail for American soldiers. We talk to the people dedicated to making sure the history of the *six triple eight* is told. |
| 11-13 | News                | Noon/ 1:00           | Crime                      | A uc grad student is dead after a shooting on the Western Hills viaduct on November 9,  |
| 11-13 | News                | Noon/1:25            | Israel-Hamas War           | The world health organization says Gaza's main hospitals are no longer functional due to a lack of power and resources amid Israeli strikes.  |
| 11-13 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show        | A conversation with new Cincinnati Fire Department Chief Frank McKinley. We learn about his background and his plan to address concerns within the department.  |
| 11-14 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents        | Jenelle "J. Belle" Vannoy is living her dream as a radio DJ in Albuquerque. Kinga is here to help her discover her new city and some new adventures.  |
| 11-15 | News                | 7 pm/ 1:39           | Israel-Hamas War Crime     | FBI officials warn about a surge in terroristic threats, amid the Israel Hamas war.   |
| 11-15 | News                | 10 pm/ 1:25          | General News               | Safety concerns remain after debris fell from the Carew Tower earlier this week.  |
| 11-15 | News                | 10 pm/ 1:37          | General News               | Bellevue police announce plan to retain current officers while struggling to recruit new ones.  |
| 11-16 | News                | 4:30 am/ 2:40        | General News               | Firearms experts and police encourage gun locks to prevent tragedy over the holidays.   |
| 11-16 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:25           | Economy                    | Ge announces plans to move downtown workers to their Evendale location and lease the building at the banks.   |
| 11-16 | News                | 10 pm/ 3:57          | Crime Consumer Information | A West Chester couple is swindled out of thousands of dollars, in a banking 'spooof' scam.  |
| 11-18 | News                | 5 am/ 1:40           | Crime                      | Couple found guilty of murdering their adopted son and alternate juror speaks exclusively with WLWT.  |
| 11-18 | News                | 11 pm/ 1:20          | General News               | Boxing tournament aimed at teaching children alternatives to gun violence.  |
| 11-18 | News                | 11 pm/ 1:20          | General News               | Men of Honor ceremony recognizes local Black leaders who made an exceptional impact on greater Cincinnati.  |

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| 11-19 | News                | 9 am/ 2:15           | Consumer Information                    | Traveler protections you should know about if you're flying for the holidays.   |
| 11-19 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show                     | NBC News has learned that U.S. Israeli and Hamas negotiators are closing in on a deal to release some of the nearly 240 hostages held in Gaza in exchange for a pause in fighting.      |
| 11-19 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show                     | An interview with a former NFL about him taking a knee during social justice protests before football games.  |
| 11-19 | News                | 11 pm/ :45           | Breaking News                           | First Lady Rosalyn Carter dies at 96.   |
| 11-20 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs                          | A look at the current rise of antisemitism in Greater Cincinnati and America while local Holocaust survivors talk about their determination to ensure the atrocity never happens again. |
| 11-20 | News                | 6 pm/ 5:45           | WLWT Investigates                       | First part of investigative piece looking at kids charged with violent crimes.  |
| 11-21 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents                     | Engineer Trina Pham loves her hometown of Greenville, but she's ready to move beyond the city limits. With Kinga's help, she'll discover a whole new world.                             |
| 11-21 | News                | 6 pm/2:25            | Mass shooting<br>Breaking News<br>Crime | Day after gunman opens fire in Beavercreek Walmart new details about shooting.  |
| 11-22 | News                | 10 pm/ 1:32          | Israel Hamas War                        | Israel and Hamas reach agreement for temporary truce and release of some hostages.  |
| 11-23 | News                | 5 pm / 3:01          | Government & Politics                   | Both democrats and republicans underestimate where the opposing party stands on certain views; tips to find common political ground over the holidays.                                  |
| 11-23 | News                | 6 pm/ 2:24           | General News                            | Price hill's Thanksgiving parade returns after one-year hiatus.   |

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| 11-23 | News | 10 pm/ 2:07 | General News          | Exclusive on restaurant that opened its doors to a family with a four-year-old battling stage 4 cancer on Thanksgiving. |
| 11-24 | News | 6 am/ 1:40  | Government & Politics | New calls for change as borrowers resume federal student loan payments.   |

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| 11-24 | News                | 4 pm/ 4:00           | Consumer Information  | Holiday shopping scams getting more sophisticated.  |
| 11-24 | News                | 11 pm/ 1:14          | General News          | WLWT kicks off the holiday season by lighting the Christmas tree at fountain square.  |
| 11-24 | News                | 11 pm/ 1:37          | General News          | A Lawrenceburg mother honors her late son by donating ornament making kits to Cincinnati children's hospital.   |
| 11-25 | News                | 5 am/ 3:30           | General News          | Bengals prepare to face Steelers without Joe Burrow and FC Cincinnati prepares for eastern conference semifinals.   |
| 11-25 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 7:30 pm/ 30 minutes  | Public Affairs Show   | A conversation with Reds Hall of Fame player George Foster. Foster talks baseball and his commitment to the youth of Greater Cincinnati.                  |
| 11-26 | News                | 9 am/ 1:10           | Consumer Information  | Threat of credit card debt mounting for some shoppers this holiday season.  |
| 11-26 | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs show   | The U.S. brokered cease fire in the Israel-Hamas war.   |
| 11-26 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show   | Topics included meeting an award-winning chef with a menu honoring Native-American culture and cuisine.   |
| 11-28 | News                | Noon/ 1:20           | Crime                 | A couple pleads guilty to stealing over \$30,000 from a performing arts club in the Winton Woods school district.   |
| 11-28 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents   | Live like a legend in this coastal city, Devour a burger, race high speed go-karts, climb to the top of a historic lighthouse and experience fine dining. |
| 11-28 | News                | 5 pm/ 3:03           | Consumer Information  | Rossen explains how to properly store rice, potatoes, and poultry after thanksgiving.   |
| 11-29 | News                | 7 pm/ 1:25           | Israel Hamas War      | Survivor from the nova music festival is sharing his story.   |
| 11-29 | News                | 10 pm/ 1:07          | Israel Hamas War      | Hamas releasing more hostages as ceasefire with Israel continues  |
| 11-30 | News                | 5 pm/ 1:42           | Breaking News         | Community members in Hillsboro pull together to help the victims of a deadly explosion.   |
| 12-1  | News                | 4:30 am/ 2:20        | Government & Politics | Cincinnati city leaders consider possible expansion of the streetcar service.   |
| 12-2  | News                | 5 am/ 1:35           | General News          | FC Cincinnati fans share their excitement for the eastern conference final.   |
| 12-2  | News                | 6 am/ 1:30           | Government & Politics | A new Biden administration proposal would require the city to replace lead water pipes in the next decade   |
| 12-2  | Let's Talk Cincy    | 7:30 pm/ 30 minutes  | Public Affairs Show   | A one-on-one conversation with Mary Wineberg. She talks about winning a gold medal in the Beijing   |

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|       |                     |                      |                       | Olympics, her work in education and business.  |
| 12-3  | News                | 5 am/ 2:05           | Commitment 2024       | Gop presidential candidates' campaign in Iowa over a month out from the first contest of 2024.   |
| 12-3  | Meet The Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show   | U.S. officials calling on Israel to use constraints in its war against Hamas to avoid civilian casualties.   |
| 12-3  | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show   | Top U.S. officials are toughening their tone, urging Israel to do more to spare civilians after the collapse of a fragile truce between Israel and Hamas.  |
| 12-4  | News                | 4 pm/ 2:21           | Economy               | Small businesses push for support during holiday shopping season.  |
| 12-4  | News                | 4 pm/ 3:01           | General News          | Air traffic controllers overworked; whistleblowers say some are resorting to alcohol drugs. Faa says it is working to fix shortage.  |
| 12-5  | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents   | Take a surf lesson on Capitola's nice beginning waves. Satisfy your appetite at the local deli, and journey into the forest looking for clues at The Mystery Spot.   |
| 12-5  | News                | 5:30 pm/ 1:34        | Government & Politics | City council approves zoning ordinance to bring large entertainment district to west end, some residents not happy.  |
| 12-6  | News                | 4:30 am/ 1:40        | Crime                 | The family of a woman shot and killed in 2016 address the final killer to be sentenced in the case.  |
| 12-6  | News                | 5 pm/ 2:20           | Government & Politics | City council pushes for two new laws to encourage safe gun storage and require reporting of stolen guns.   |
| 12-7  | News                | 5 pm/ 2:30           | Mass Shooting Crime   | One survivor and families of those killed in the Lewiston mass shooting call for more accountability after finding out the gunman had a history of violence and psychiatric problems.  |
| 12-9  | News                | 5 am/ 1:35           | General News          | College student donates bone marrow to man in need.  |
| 12-9  | News                | 6 pm/ 1:49           | Consumer Information  | Experts explain how you can best take retirement savings out for daily spending.   |
| 12-9  | Let's Talk Cincy    | 7:30 pm/ 30 minutes  | Public Affairs Show   | We spoke with Cincinnati legendary photojournalist Michael Mitchell about his 50 years of taking iconic photos. Plus Dr. Cleaster Mims on her journey from the cotton fields to college. And we learned how the group Mortar is changing lives and communities through its efforts to create business opportunities. |
| 12-10 | News                | 9 am/ 1:05           | Israel-Hamas War      | State department approves military sale to Israel as congress is running   |

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|       |                     |                      |                              | out of time to agree on foreign aid package.  |
| 12-10 | Meet the Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | Topics included ramp up or Israel-Hamas war.  |
| 12-10 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | Topics included the closing of maternity wards across the country, young people turning to TikTok for news and more high school graduates opting not to go to college.  |
| 12-11 | News                | 12/Noon/ 1:30        | Breaking News                | Fire crews respond to a call to a horse therapy center - no horses were harmed.   |
| 12-12 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents          | Dine alongside raccoons and see the art on the walls change as you sip a boozy milkshake. Then, zip and climb and get fit with a new goat curl fitness routine.   |
| 12-12 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:55           | Consumer Information         | Jeff Rossen tells you the best times to shop for clothes and how to determine if a deeper discount could be coming to an item you want.   |
| 12-16 | News                | 5 am/ 1:30           | General News<br>Bengals News | Preview of Bengals vs. Vikings as fans begin tailgate ahead of game.  |
| 12-16 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 7:30 pm/ 30 minutes  | Public Affairs Show          | We sit down with Western & Southern CEO John Barrett to discuss the company's sponsorship of the Crib of the Nativity since 1939. Plus, we take you inside a local museum that's preserving the legacy of TV icon Ruth Lyons. |
| 12-17 | News                | 5 am/ 1:30           | General News                 | Family of one of the two workers killed in an accident sewage treatment speaks out.   |
| 12-17 | News                | 6 am/ 1:00           | Weather                      | Check of morning road conditions on a rainy weather impact day.   |
| 12-17 | News                | 6 am/ 4:55           | Bengals News                 | Bengals came back in fourth quarter to beat the Vikings in overtime.  |
| 12-17 | Meet the Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | The latest on the Israel-Hamas and Ukraine wars and possible U.S. aid.  |
| 12-17 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | Topics include lack of election workers for 2024 presidential elections and the mass closing of newspapers and its impact on communities.   |
| 12-18 | News                | 4:30 am/ 1:25        | Crime Mass Shooting          | A family shares the recovery progress of a woman who survived the shooting at a Beavercreek Walmart.  |
| 12-18 | News                | Noon/2:40            | General News                 | The 911 call from the scene of the Bromley construction accident is released.   |
| 12-19 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents          | Despite recent storms, this community grows stronger and  |

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|       |                     |                      |                              | stronger, Experience the neighborly love for yourself in Bay St. Louis Mississippi.  |
| 12-19 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:15           | Crime                        | A man went to the hospital after police say a car owner shot him in the neck for allegedly stealing her car and trying to take off as her boyfriend tried to stop him.   |
| 12-20 | News                | Noon/ 1:20           | Commitment 2024              | The Colorado Supreme Court bars Trump from the 2024 republican primary citing the 14th amendment.  |
| 12-23 | News                | 5 am/ 3:55           | Bengals News<br>General News | Bengals prepare to face steelers and UC and Miami basketball teams win games.  |
| 12-24 | News                | 5 am/ 1:15           | Teen Issues                  | After school program to combat gun violence.   |
| 12-24 | News                | 5 am/ 1:25           | General News                 | Covid and flu cases rising as families travel for holidays.  |
| 12-24 | Meet the Press      | 10 am/ 60 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | This morning, we are unveiling a special series and we're calling it Meet the Moment. From authors to activists, to community leaders, poets and scientists, the voices outside of our politics shaping conversations that matter. |
| 12-24 | Matter of Fact      | 11 am/ 30 minutes    | Public Affairs Show          | Topics included the growing use of DNA testing to discover family roots, an inventor who developed an affordable soap to treat skin cancer and the backstory on cranberries.   |
| 12-25 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:20           | Crime                        | Two people are killed in 5 shootings across Cincinnati since Saturday night.   |
| 12-26 | Very Local Presents | 12:30 pm/ 30 minutes | Very Local Presents          | Browse a haunted bookshop, indulge in veggie-licious vegan treats, and tour the town with your very own wise man in the land of continuous Christmas.  |
| 12-28 | News                | 5 pm/ 2:45           | General News                 | Descendants of Marian and Donald Spencer weigh in on redevelopment for Conely Island after the couple famously got the park integrated.  |
| 12-29 | News                | 4:30 am/ 4:00        | Bengals News                 | Bengals prepare to face the chiefs in Kansas City in must-win game.  |
| 12-29 | News                | 5 am/ 1:15           | Commitment 2024              | Maine's secretary of state removes former president trump from primary ballot.   |
| 12-30 | News                | 5 am/ 1:40           | Government & Politics        | Ohio governor Mike DeWine vetoes house bill 68 which would have banned trans girls in sports and ban gender affirming care for minors.   |
| 12-30 | Let's Talk Cincy    | 7:30 pm/ 30 minutes  | Public Affairs Show          | A conversation with Reds Hall of Fame player George Foster. Foster talks baseball and his commitment to the youth of Greater Cincinnati.   |

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| 12-31 | News           | 6 am/ 2:10        | Consumer Information  | Tips on how to start a new budget.   |
| 12-31 | News           | 9 am/ 2:40        | Government & Politics | Looking back at a chaotic year in congress.  |
| 12-31 | News           | 9 am/ 1:40        | General News          | Safety precautions being put in place in New York city for New Year's Eve celebration.   |
| 12-31 | Meet the Press | 10 am/ 60 minutes | Public Affairs Show   | A discussion on mental health, which is now being called a public health crisis by the U.S. surgeon general.                         |
| 12-31 | Matter of Fact | 11 am/ 30 minutes | Public Affairs Show   | Topics included voter disenfranchisement, African American studies in high schools and the high demand for home health care workers. |

### **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.

### **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 daily during newscasts and again each week on the station produced Let's Talk Cincy program that airs on Saturday evenings from 7:30pm-8:00pm, on Sunday mornings from 4:30am-5:00am and again Monday afternoons from 12:30pm-1pm. Let's Talk Cincy can also be viewed on WLWT.com.

November 2, 2023

WLWT News 5 Special Edition: Ready to Roar

Time: 7:30 pm to 8 pm

Show Description:

A special edition of WLWT News 5 looking ahead to the NBC Sunday Night game between the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengal on November 5, 2023. The game marked the return of Bills player Damar Hamlin to Cincinnati, 10 months after he suffered cardiac arrest in a game against the Bengals.

November 24, 2023

WLWT Light Up The Square

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Show Description:

In its 16th year, WLWT televised, live, Cincinnati's traditional tree lighting ceremony. WLWT's main anchors, Sheree Paoello and Mike Dardis hosted Macy's Light Up the Square. The show featured Cincinnati leaders and a special guest appearance from Santa Claus.



## **Commitment 2023/2024**

Under the Hearst Television groupwide banner “Commitment 2023/2024,” WLWT provided comprehensive coverage of various issues and campaigns that were of importance to voters in the tri-state area.

November 6, 2023

WLWT News 5 Special Report: Commitment 2023

Time: 7:30 pm to 8 pm

Show Description:

We get voters prepared for the 2023 General Elections with information on high profile political races and issues a day before they go to the polls.

November 7, 2023

WLWT News 5 Special Report: Commitment 2023

Time: 7:30 pm to 8 pm

Show Description:

WLWT provides viewers with the first results on Election Night right after the polls close. Our reporters were stationed throughout Greater Cincinnati getting reactions to the results.

## **Very Local**

Very Local is an Over-The-Top initiative by our parent company Hearst Television. The App provides viewers with a variety of content produced by local Hearst TV stations like WLWT and Hearst Media Production Group. Some Very Local original programs are also shown on traditional Hearst Stations including WLWT-TV.

September 26, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Isabelle Sander has had to overcome a lot in her young life with hearing loss. She is on a mission to participate in nature and be active outdoors.

October 3, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Camryn Simpson, a student in Pittsburgh and a social media ambassador, can't stay off her phone. Kinga will get Camryn to log off and get outdoors.

October 10, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Kinga is in Manchester to meet Mat Krajcik, a developer with a difficult past. He wants to reconnect with nature, where he found solace as a child.

October 17, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Daniel Johnson is a single father juggling three jobs and three kids. Kinga comes to Pittsburgh to help him clock out and reset outdoors.

October 18, 2023

Very Local Presents: Local Love

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Kurt the Flirt is ready to get serious. Will he fall for a glam gamer, a total catch who loves baseball, or an animal-lover with a great sense of humor?

October 24, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Jessie Fiacco is a single mother and nurse who goes above and beyond for everyone but herself. Kinga is in town to show her how to unwind without going far.

October 31, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

After transitioning, Madison Wilkins finally feels comfortable in her own skin. Kinga takes her on an adventure as the woman she's always longed to be.

November 7, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Anthony Carignan has never felt at ease in the outdoors. Kinga is here to help him connect with nature and become an authentic Mainer.

November 14, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Jenelle “J. Belle” Vannoy is living her dream as a radio DJ in Albuquerque. Kinga is here to help her discover her new city and some new adventures.

November 21, 2023

Very Local Presents: Finding Adventure

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Engineer Trina Pham loves her hometown of Greenville, but she’s ready to move beyond the city limits. With Kinga’s help, she’ll discover a whole new world.

November 28, 2023

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Live like a legend in this coastal city. Devour a burger, race high speed go-karts, climb to the top of a historic lighthouse and experience fine dining.

December 5, 2023

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Take a surf lesson on Capitola’s nice beginner waves. Satisfy your appetite at a local deli, and journey into the forest looking for clues at The Mystery Spot.

December 12, 2023

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Dine alongside raccoons and see the art on the walls change as you sip a boozy milkshake. Then, zip and climb & get fit with a new goat-curls fitness routine.

December 19, 2023

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Despite recent storms, this community is growing stronger and stronger. Experience the neighborly love for yourself in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

December 26, 2023

Very Local Presents: Eat. Play. Stay

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Description:

Browse a haunted bookshop, indulge in veggie-licious vegan treats and tour the town with your very own wise man in the land of continuous Christmas.

## **Rossen Reports**

Jeff Rossen is Hearst Television's national consumer correspondent. He provides weekly stories that help our audience save money. Each month, Jeff also produces a 30-minute consumer special.

October 1, 2023

Rossen Reports: Back to Work

Time: 5 am to 5:30 am

Show Description:

Summer breaks are over, the kids are back in school, and you are back to work. Rossen Reports is bringing you insider tips to help save time, cut household costs, search for a new job, and even improve your Wi-Fi signal at home. It's all in a Rossen Reports special program, Back to Work.

November 15, 2023

Rossen Reports: Shopping Guide

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Show Description:

It is the season for holiday shopping and holiday travel. In a special program, Rossen Reports: Shopping Guide, Chief National Consumer Correspondent Jeff Rossen shows us the shopping tricks that will save you cash, easy ways to spot counterfeit toys, devices to protect your packages from porch pirates, and he has the list of the hottest gifts this season. Plus, the hacks to make holiday travel easier and safer.

December 13, 2023

Rossen Reports: Ultimate Holiday Checklist

Time: 12:30 pm to 1 pm

Show Description

The holidays are chaotic, but we've got you covered with the only checklist you'll need this season. In a special program, Rossen Reports: Ultimate Holiday Checklist, Chief National Consumer Correspondent Jeff Rossen shows us the tricks to save major cash while shopping, how to secure that big-ticket gift that's hard to find, how to make money on old toys your kids don't play with anymore, and the easy ways to turn unwanted gift cards into cash. Plus, we have extended return policies from all of the major retailers, so you know how long you have to return that sweater that doesn't fit! And we're testing some of this season's hottest toys, to see if they're a hit with your kids or just a big bust!

### **2023 4th 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**

October 8, 2023

Israel is at war after Hamas launched a surprise multi-front attack from Gaza which Israel says has killed more than 300 and wounded at least 1500. The timing added to the devastation. It's the largest attack on the state of Israel since the 1973 Arab-Israeli War almost exactly 50 years ago. The bombardment began with thousands of rockets launched into Israel. Hamas gunmen used explosives to breach the border fence, crossing with motorcycles, pickup trucks, paragliders, and boats. Israel's military confirms both civilians and soldiers have been abducted, taken as hostages into Gaza. More than 300 people have been killed in Gaza in retaliatory strikes and nearly 2000 wounded. This morning the war threatens to expand as Israel exchanged strikes with Hezbollah in the north. The attack comes at a time of deep divisions and political instability in Israel, and as the U.S., Israel and Saudi Arabia have been negotiating what would be an historic diplomatic agreement, opposed by Iran. Everyone was caught off guard in a stunning intelligence failure, from Israel to Washington, with one senior U.S. military official saying "we were not tracking this." On Saturday, a flurry of urgent calls. President Biden speaking with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

October 15, 2023

The eyes of the world are on Gaza today as Israel prepares to broaden its assault on Hamas. This, as more than a million Palestinians in northern Gaza are trying to head south in car, by foot, and in carts pulled by donkeys after Israel warned almost half of the territory's population to leave their homes. The United Nations has urged Israel to withdraw its evacuation order, with one official calling it a death sentence for Gazans forced to leave hospitals. The U.S. has been trying to broker a deal to reopen Egypt's Rafah Crossing with Gaza to allow Americans and other foreigners to leave. Palestinian officials say more than 2,300 people have been killed in Gaza. In Israel, more than 1,400 have been killed. The dead include 29 Americans. Fifteen Americans remain unaccounted for, feared to be among the more than 120 hostages Hamas is holding in Gaza. On Friday, President Biden met virtually for more than an hour with their families, and he spoke about that call last night.

October 22, 2023

The U.S. is stepping up its military readiness across the Mideast, citing "escalations by Iran and its proxy forces," as the U.S. and Israel prepare for a widening war. American Israeli hostages Judith and Natalie Ranaan spoke to President Biden on Saturday, after being released by Hamas. They were abducted in the terror attack two weeks ago in southern Israel.

October 29, 2023

The nation is reeling after a week which saw the 10th deadliest mass shooting in modern American history with 18 people between 14 and 76 years old gunned down at a bowling alley and bar in Lewiston, Maine. The election finally of a new speaker of the house, Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson after weeks of Republican infighting. And the end of the former vice president's campaign for the White House, further solidifying former President Donald Trump's hold on the Republican party. But we begin this morning with the war between Israel and Hamas which has entered its next stage. On Saturday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israeli forces had entered the Gaza strip on Friday, beginning "the second stage of the war," but he avoided calling the campaign an "invasion." The escalation has intensified domestic pressure on Israel's government to secure the release of the 230 hostages seized in the October 7th attack. Netanyahu met with family members on Saturday. For its part, the U.S. carried out air strikes on a weapons and ammunition storage area in eastern Syria on Friday in retaliation for recent rocket and drone attacks on American forces in Iraq and Syria. Here's Prime Minister Netanyahu.

November 5, 2023

Good Sunday morning from Miami, where we will be hosting the third Republican presidential debate on Wednesday night with foreign policy front and center. Secretary of State Antony Blinken made an unannounced visit this morning to the Israeli-occupied West Bank to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. It comes as the war in Ukraine is raging: the largest armed conflict in Europe since World War II. Russia now controls about 18% of Ukraine. 18% of the U.S. would be about the size of Alaska or four Californias. This includes Crimea and part of eastern Ukraine, which Russia has occupied since 2014. It's a war which many predicted Russia would quickly dominate, instead has been drawn into what one of Ukraine's top generals called a "stalemate." NBC News now reporting that

U.S. and European officials have begun quietly talking to the Ukrainian government about what possible peace negotiations with Russia might entail to end the war. President Biden has proposed \$105 billion dollars in emergency support for Ukraine, Israel and other national security threats. But Republican support for war is flagging. On Thursday, the Republican-led House passed a \$14 billion dollar bill in military aid for Israel alone, a bill the White House says President Biden will veto. The newly-installed House speaker responded.

November 12, 2023

Israeli strikes are pounding Gaza City, as ground forces close in on Gaza's largest medical complex, Al-Shifa hospital, which Israel says sits on top of Hamas' main command center, claims Hamas and Al-Shifa staff deny. Thousands of civilians have been sheltering in the Shifa compound in recent weeks, but many fled Friday after nearby strikes. Still, doctors say it is impossible for everyone to get out, trapped with no electricity or fuel to run generators. Pressure is growing on Israel which has agreed to short daily pauses in some areas of northern Gaza. On Thursday, President Biden said pauses should have come sooner.

November 19, 2023

NBC News has learned that U.S. Israeli and Hamas negotiators are closing in on a deal to release some of the nearly 240 hostages held in Gaza in exchange for a pause in fighting. But these sources caution nothing has been finalized yet. The outline of a deal has been put together during weeks of talks in Doha, Qatar. One senior Israeli official tells NBC News: "as the military pressure increases, the chances of a release of hostages grows because Hamas is desperate for a cease-fire." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also under pressure. Families of the hostages have been on a five-day march from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and are fiercely criticizing the prime minister for not doing more to secure their release. On Saturday, Netanyahu emphasized that no deal is done.

November 26, 2023

It took weeks of excruciating secret negotiations involving U.S., Israeli, Qatari and Egyptian officials, and personal pressure from President Joe Biden to persuade a reluctant Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to accept a four-day cease-fire that has so far freed 26 Israeli hostages from Hamas. This morning, two senior administration officials tell NBC News the Biden administration is "disappointed" Americans have not yet been released but say they are hopeful three Americans will still be among the 50 civilian women and children freed as a part of this deal.

December 3, 2023

Top U.S. officials are toughening their tone, urging Israel to do more to spare civilians after the collapse of a fragile truce between Israel and Hamas. Israel is pounding targets in crowded southern Gaza and has ordered more neighborhoods designated for attack to evacuate, driving up the death toll. Now warnings from the U.S., previously delivered behind closed doors, are breaking out into the open. Secretary Blinken, saying: "the massive loss of civilian life and displacement of the scale we saw in northern Gaza must not be repeated in the south." And both the vice president, traveling in the region, and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Saturday calling for restraint.

Dec. 10, 2023

In many ways this week has felt like an inflection point with Israel's war against Hamas intensifying and claiming more lives and tensions boiling over here at home about how to address hate speech. Adding to the mix, with less than a week to go before lawmakers leave Washington, there is still no deal on Israel and Ukraine aid. NBC News has learned that the White House is expecting to ramp up its outreach to Capitol Hill this week. but a senior administration official is making it clear the engagement will be dependent on having a clear framework on border negotiations to work from and that hasn't yet emerged.

Dec. 17, 2023

In just hours there will be more urgent talks on Capitol Hill between Republicans, Democrats and White House negotiators as all sides aim to reach a deal to ramp up security at the border, a part of a larger package that would also provide more aid to Ukraine and Israel. Bipartisan talks have zeroed in on GOP proposals including those that would make it more difficult to claim asylum, seek parole and a return to a Trump-era policy that could trigger mass expulsions at the border. On Saturday, the White House met with leaders of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus who expressed concerns Democrats are poised to cave to Senate Republicans.

Dec. 24, 2023

For more than 75 years, Meet the Press has had a history of shining a light on people who influenced our politics from outside of Washington, from Jackie Robinson to Robert Frost, Jane Fonda, and Gloria Steinem. This morning, we are unveiling a special series and we're calling it Meet the Moment. From authors to activists, to community leaders, poets and scientists, the voices outside of our politics shape conversations that matter. We begin with actor Selma Blair who is known for her deadpan humor with quirky, intelligent performances in iconic films like "Cruel Intentions", "Heathers" and "Legally Blonde":

Dec. 31, 2023

The U.S. surgeon general calls it the defining public health crisis of our time: Mental health. One in five adults experience mental illness every year. Depression rates are at an all-time high. A third of adults report being diagnosed with depression sometime during their lifetimes – a figure that is rising. Nearly



50,000 Americans died by suicide last year, more than any year on record. The president says we are falling short.

## **2023 4th 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.**

October 8, 2023

Nearly a quarter-million people are living in the United States in a most unusual state of legal limbo. They're called the "stateless." For various reasons they are unable to claim citizenship to any nation on earth. That makes daily life challenging from being able to legally work to having the right identification to collect a package from the post office. Special Correspondent Joie Chen met with two people living stateless in the U.S. to learn how they landed in this position and what Congress could do to help them and the thousands of others get out of immigration limbo.

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

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

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

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

October 15, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

October 22, 2023

Looking stylish comes with a price, but it's the environment that's paying the most. The fashion industry is a major contributor to global emissions. Discarded clothes are ending up in landfills and incinerators. We head to d-c to talk to a group of women addressing this growing problem with an old solution... consignment.

Plus, a first-of-its-kind study reveals a hidden truth--babies and toddlers are the most affected by evictions. How researchers are putting numbers to the challenges families face when renting.

And it's been a historic year for women in sports with record-setting viewership to match. But the men are still winning in the salary game. So why do female athletes still struggle to get paid fairly? I talk to sports journalist Ari Chambers about a different fight for equality.

October 29, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

November 5, 2023

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

Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day, with voters casting ballots in gubernatorial and state legislative contests. Despite it being an off-year election, the approximately 10,000 districts still need between 600,000 and 700,000 poll workers. Many election officials have received death threats, online abuse, and harassment. And 11% say they are very, or somewhat, likely to resign before November 2024. In Colorado more than one third of the administrators have either quit or left their jobs because of term

limits. We introduce you to Jefferson County’s new county clerk, Amanda Gonzalez, as she takes on the job others are walking away from.

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

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

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

November 12, 2023

This Veterans Day weekend we explore a truly inspirational but largely untold story of heroism in World War II. D-Day preparations had the Allied forces on edge, trying to prevent battle plans from leaking. The US military largely stopped the distribution of mail to and from its forces. But that meant letters were piling up and morale was low as soldiers were unable to communicate with loved ones back home. That’s where the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion came in. The all-Black, all-female battalion was dispatched overseas to clear the massive backlog of mail under the cloud of war. Correspondent Alexis Clark meets with the women working today to make sure their story is told.

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

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

In November 1945, the Johnson Publishing Company released the first edition of Ebony magazine. A few years later, the Black-owned company published the first edition of Jet magazine. Together, Ebony & Jet chronicled the Black American experience for decades. All these years later, the millions of photos taken for the magazines are sitting in a warehouse in Chicago. We introduce you to the team shifting

through this treasure trove, preserving, and sharing it for current and future generations.

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

November 19, 2023

Eric Reid, a former NFL safety, made headlines when he decided to take a knee alongside his friend and teammate Colin Kaepernick. The move to protest racial injustice and police brutality sparked intense backlash and changed the trajectory of both players' careers. But Reid tells Soledad it was instilled in him as an athlete to be a role model and help others and that was his goal. He continues that mission today, now off the football field. He joins Soledad in studio to discuss why he's trying to help close the racial wealth gap.

While becoming a parent can be one of life's greatest joys, it's also emotionally taxing. From dramatic hormonal shifts to changes in lifestyle, new parents navigate it all. For some, it can trigger postpartum depression. A recent study in the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* finds postpartum depression is 40% more likely for Latina women than white women. But Latina women can face barriers to treatment, including cultural. Correspondent Dina Demetrius travels to Arizona where one clinic is working to break down those barriers and make sure that both mothers and their partners are receiving the mental health care they need.

Despite some positive economic indicators, many Americans are pessimistic about the current state of the economy and where it's headed. Former federal reserve economist Claudia Sahm says some of that pessimism could be a lingering effect of the pandemic. She explains to Soledad why the country is at an economic crossroad and how our feelings about the economy play out at the ballot box.

A groundbreaking new poll of U.S. immigrants surveyed more than 3,000 people and was conducted in 10 different languages. The major takeaway- immigrants are optimistic about their futures. Many said their economic and educational opportunities have improved here in the U.S. But some also report facing discrimination at work and feeling uncertain about U.S. immigration rules.

Finally, eight locations in Ohio are now designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. They're called the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks and are comprised of massive geometric formations built more than a thousand years ago.

November 25, 2023

This week Matter of Fact catches up with a family that became a lot bigger when they made a surprising discovery about their ancestry. Plus, an award-winning chef "decolonizes food" with a menu inspired by his indigenous roots. And a 14-year-old scientist receives a top honor for creating a soap to treat skin cancer.

December 3, 2023

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

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

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

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

Book bans have been sweeping the nation at a historic rate. Nearly 2000 unique titles were challenged between January and August alone. Now, one library is pushing back. The Brooklyn Public Library is making digital copies of banned books available to anyone ages 13-21, anywhere in the United States.

December 10, 2023

Senior year of high school is a pivotal crossroads in life. While many graduates still decide to continue to college for a four-year degree, some students are questioning the value of it and are deciding to opt out. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Kokomo, Indiana and introduces us to two seniors choosing a different path. That includes Owen Moore, the youngest of five and the first in his family not to continue to college.

More hospitals across the U.S. are closing their maternity wards. That includes Monroe Country Hospital, the third Alabama hospital to recently shutter its labor and delivery unit. That is putting expectant parents in a pinch, facing long drives to get urgent care. Pregnant women in Texas are facing a

similar problem. Correspondent Leone Lakhani travels there to meet with the women stuck in maternity deserts and those trying to provide them with care.

A lot of work went into those dinosaur skeletons you see at the museum. Just ask Robert Gaston. Gaston studied fine art in college but when he discovered the bones of a new dinosaur, it launched a career he could never have imagined. Now he partners with paleontologists to build and sculpt replica dinosaur skeletons, working to depict these long-extinct creatures as accurately as possible.

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

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

December 17, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

December 24, 2024

The holidays are a time when many families come together. With the help of at-home genetic testing, some people are learning more about their ancestry and family tree. The most recent numbers show at least 26 million Americans have taken an at-home test. Soledad O'Brien introduces us to one family whose research revealed a surprise- their family tree has both Black and White roots. She shows us how they are embracing their past and their plans to build a more united future.

Chef Sean Sherman didn't go to culinary school. In fact, he says he couldn't afford cookbooks. And, as a child growing up on an Indian reservation, the food options were limited to government staples. Then inspiration hit. What if he started making foods based on what was growing and living on the land before it was colonized? That launched a career sharing indigenous culture through food, winning him the Julia Childs and James Beard awards as well as a place on TIME's list of 100 most influential people.

Fourteen-year-old Heman Bekele had an idea. As a child growing up in Ethiopia, he was familiar with the unrelenting sun and the dangers of skin cancer. But then he learned that treatment could cost thousands of dollars. So, he developed a soap that could serve as a more affordable treatment for skin cancer. That caught the attention of one of the largest companies in America, 3M. It's named Bekele "America's Top Young Scientist" of 2023 and is lending a hand as he moves ahead with his medical innovation.

In October alone, Customs and Border Protection reports more than 32,000 migrants crossed into the U.S. through the Rio Grande Valley. Many of these people are seeking asylum and are in immediate need of basics like food and shelter. That's where Sister Norma Pimentel and the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley come in. We meet the nun and her team, driven by faith to meet a need that takes no holiday.

Finally, the humble cranberry. It's a staple of many holiday dinners but as correspondent Joie Chen tells us, it has an interesting backstory. For example, the name cranberry originated with the Pilgrims who called it a "cranberry" because its blossoms resemble the head of a Sandhill Crane.



December 31, 2023

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 solve disagreements over new maps. Critics say, though, that since the commission is comprised of politicians, it's making the situation worse. Correspondent Diane Roberts travels to Ohio and meets the people divided over the state's dividing lines.

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

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

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

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