

QUARTERLY LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WITH ILLUSTRATIVE RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

January 10, 2020

The attached report summarizes CW 34's on-air response to the area's most important concerns, as determined by the station's active Ascertainment Report. The Ascertainment was derived from interviews with approximately 100 area community leaders. These interviews determined what most needs to be addressed by our station's efforts toward resolution of such problems in our broadcast field.

The information has been compiled by our Public Affairs Department, and program input has been garnered from our entire range of programming possibilities.

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HEALTH

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**Thursday 10/16/2019
CW 34 News @ 10pm
30 Minutes**

St Lucie County Gets Mental Health Grant

Students today face all sorts of pressure and challenges,
“I would say that the counselors do have a huge job on their hands.”

Pressures Dawn Montoya knows sees every day, like bullying, sexuality, homelessness, suicidal thoughts, conflicts at home and divorce.

Dawn Montoya Is a school counselor who saying she thinks students today need support and especially at the school where they can get in quickly. She is one of 80 school counselors in the St Lucie County School system. Soon that number will increase, enough to where the ration of students to counselors could be cut in half. The district just learned it is getting a \$1.6 million-dollar federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to add more counselors. The grant money will help pay the tuition cost at Florida Atlantic University for teachers in the St Lucie County School District who want to get a master’s degree and become a school counselor. They will have to complete about 18 months of counselor education classes at night and on weekends

More counselors, more convenient and more help to keep students safe.

Friday 11/08/2019
CW 34 News @ 12:00pm
30 Minutes

Jerome Golden Center

At Family Pharmacy RX in Greenacres, the race is on to get Mental Health Patients the help they need ever since The Jerome Golden Center closed its doors last month.

Pharmacists here have been reaching out to its former patients to make sure that no one falls between the cracks, especially since the center's clientele, mostly low income, are at risk. So, the Pharmacy picked up some of the Golden Center's Staff like Pharmacist Tanh Le.

Health Care experts say since the Golden Center's closing, many patients don't know where to get their medicine. The South County Medical Center in Delray Beach is also fulfilling some prescriptions, but it's farther from West Palm Beach where most of the patients live. To make it more convenient, staff here are delivering prescriptions to patients at a cost comparable to what the Golden Center offered.

Monday 12/02/2019
CW 34 News @ 9:00am
30 Minutes

Transplant App

Just seven weeks before we met 72-year old Raymond Wykerd he could barely breathe. His lungs were deteriorating more and more. He has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and was put on a waiting list for a lung transplant. Eventually, doctors found a match.

After surgery, Raymond said he felt like a new man, however constant monitoring is necessary to ensure patients are recovering well. That often means many trips back to the hospital. But thanks to this APP on his phone, Raymond is now able to do much of that close follow up at home. The technology allows him to have regularly scheduled visits with his doctors by video chat. Ray checks his vitals like his blood pressure and temperature and even lung capacity automatically and sent to his doctor in real time every day.

This gives his doctor a constant connection with his patient and can save Raymond time and money. Raymond says he loves the convenience of the technology and the reassurance it brings.

CRIME

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Tuesday 10/01/2019
CW 34 News @ 10pm
30 Minutes

Kidnapping and Carjacking

21-year-old Jaquay Jean Walks into the Martin County Sheriff's Office in handcuffs. Sheriff William Snyder expect him to be behind bars for a long time.

A family from Miami stopped at this Turnpike Mobile gas station in Palm City to rest after driving from Disney World in Orlando. Surveillance video shows an armed man, believed to be Jean, approaching the car, opening the door and yanking a mother of a 4-month-old baby out of the car. A terrifying moment for the driver's brother seen here getting out. The Sheriff's Office says he has Asperger's, a form of Autism and appeared too terrified to fight.

In the video, you can see the mother opens the driver's door and tried to pull the armed suspect out of the car, she falls as he speeds away with her four-month-old daughter still inside.

Multiple agencies including the US Marshall s were able to identify Jean and locate him in North Miami.

Right now, investigators are working on getting a search warrant to find the weapon used in this crime.

Friday 10/04/2019
CW 34 News @ 10:00pm
30 Minutes

Lake Worth Murderer on the Loose

The owner of a store in Lake Worth Beach store was robbed and murdered nearly 2 months ago. The sheriff's office has posted flyers on the front window, asking for information that may help solve the case.

The victim's mother fights back tears, while sheriff's detectives try to find her son's killer.

PBSO posted a video on FACEBOOK, showing investigators going through the neighborhood handing out flyers about the August 7 murder of Jorge Vargas Cruz.

He was robbed at gunpoint and shot to death in the store he owned, Cruz Fashion Store in Lake Worth Beach.

Thursday 11/07/2019
CW 34 News at 12:00pm
30 Minutes

Massacre in Mexico

Mexican Government officials now believe the killers who opened fire on the families in Mexico belonged to "La Linea" part of the Juarez drug cartel.

They say the attackers entered the territory of the rival Sinaloa Cartel Sunday near La Mora. Where the extended Labaron family lived. All members of a breakaway group once associated with the Mormon Church. They say the local police have been on high alert ever since the two cartels engaged in gun battle early Monday morning. Mexican Authorities believe the gunmen opened fire on the family's three SUV's hours later, first mistaking them for other Cartel members. But family member, including Max Labaron, say the family was targeted. They pointed out that children travelling with 29-year-old Christina Langford Johnson say she raised her arms, to show she was not a threat.

Mexican officials say the first SUV was hit by bullets and exploded around 9am Monday, two hours later the other suburbans were ambushed about eleven miles down the road.

After that shooting, a relative says 13-year-old Devin Langford hid his siblings in bushes and went for help. About 6 hours later, he arrived in La Mora, 14 miles away and alerted family members. His uncles were forced to wait for Army reinforcements to arrive before they could set out the find the children.

The Mexican President says he is open to the US working alongside local authorities in this investigation. Officials here in Mexico say more than 200 bullet casings were found at the crime scene. They say those were manufactured by a US based gunmaker and are commonly used in military style assault rifles.

Monday 12/02/2019
CW 34 News @ 10pm
30 Minutes

Real Estate Scam on the Elderly

Facing foreclosure, a 77-year-old woman in Port St Lucie was eager to sell and put out a "For Sale by Owner" sign.

She says right away, she started getting inquiries from investors, promising to buy in cash, making the sale quick and easy. She trusted one of them, signed a contract and the so-called investor the deed. The catch? She says she wouldn't find out the selling price until closing. At the same time, she started to call real estate agents, hoping she would be in the market to buy something new.

That's how relator Laura O'Brien got involved and learned the investor bought the property for \$130,000. But O'Brien says it was worth more than twice that amount. Considering the money still owed on the mortgage, the homeowner was only walking with \$8,000, when realtors say she could \$160,000 in equity.

O'Brien broke the news to this senior citizen, her home might be gone and with it, most of her life savings.

Without any kind of commission to make, O'Brien started working on this woman's case, contacting police, attorneys and every state agency she could think of.

The homeowner tells us when one of those agencies got in touch with the investor, he decided not to go through with the sale. We aren't naming this investor because he hasn't been charged with a crime, but police tell us they are received a complaint.

For homeowners, O'Brien has advice, always work with a licensed professional.

EDUCATION

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Tuesday 10/01/2019
CW 34 News @ 12:00pm
30 Minutes

Arming Teachers for Safety

Starting today, students in Bay County Schools, along the Florida Panhandle, may be walking into a classroom where the teacher is carrying a concealed handgun.

Bill Husfelt, the Superintendent of Education in Bay County said, "Everybody wants to know 'how do we prevent it? how can we stop it? We don't look at it as we want more guns, we look at it as we want more protection.

The Schools already have an armed resource officer. The so called "Guardian Program" which has allowed some staff and coaches to carry guns on campus after a background check, psychological exam and more than 140 hours of range training, now extends to teachers.

For Husfelt, this is personal, He was held hostage once by a gunman. In 2010 a gun wielding man walked into a school board meeting firing right at Husfelt and others. He missed and was shot by a security guard before taking his own life.

Husfelt said, "You know, you are standing there in front of someone with a gun pointed at you, you don't realize how helpless you really are".

According to the education commission of the states, Florida joins eight other states that have laws allowing some teachers to carry guns on campus. Critics include family members whose love ones died in last year's Parkland shooting themselves, like Tony Montalto and Debbi Hixon. Montalto lost his daughter Gina and Hixon's husband Chris was the school's athletic director. They argue that mental health programs and responsible firearm ownership are better deterrents to mass shootings and that armed personnel should remain outside the classroom.

Critics also say the state lacks oversight over the program, including ensuring their training is enough. It's worth pointing out the state's largest school districts including Miami-Dade and Orland have opted out of the program, choosing to rely on armed police officers instead,

Thursday 10/17/2019
CW 34 News@ 12:00 pm
30 Minutes

Mental Health Education

The student sucker punched in a video last month, Diego Stolz, died of his injuries a week later and on Monday, there was another attack at the same school. Now, police are investigating whether ten-year-old Allison Wendel, who attended this southern California Elementary School died by suicide last weekend. Police have been scouring her social media and following leads at her school that she might have been bullied,

Allison's Aunt said she wants people to remember who she was and that she was still Allison, she wasn't some sad little girl in a horrible depression because according to her, that simply was not the truth.

"Rise Up Against Bullying" is a school violence program based in Southern California. Karyna Gonzalez is a counselor there. She says bullying is different now, "Now you have students who are bullied at school, and then it carries over at home because the bully continues online".

The online threat is addressed as part of three sweeping new anti-bullying laws signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom over the past month. "The Safe Place to Learn Act" requires that children in Kindergarten through sixth grade have easy access to suicide prevention materials, including on the internet.

Meanwhile, an amendment to the state's education code is also aimed at younger students, requiring an updated policy on suicide prevention, appropriate to the needs of those a "High Risk" including youngsters who are disabled, homeless or identify as gay, lesbian or transgender. Another law creates special suicide prevention fund for taxpayer contributions. It would help fund crises centers that are active members of the National Suicide Preventable Hotline.

Nationwide about 20 percent of students age 12-18 say they've been bullied, and experts say because of the internet students are often unable to escape their bullies and are constantly being retraumatized.

Monday 11/25/2019
CW 34 News @ 9:00 am
30 Minutes

New Common Core

Just bring up the words Common Core in Conversation or on Social Media and watch the parents explode.

Taylor Fountain is the mom of a Palm Beach County First Grader. She says, "There's a fundamentally good part of Common Core. It's making students think differently, but there's something missing, there's a disconnect".

Fountain isn't just a mom of a first grader, she's also a professional math tutor.

Even she says she sometimes has to read the question 2 or 3 times to understand what the question is asking.

I have read a question 2 or 3 times to understand what they're even asking us to do.

Here is an example. This is from a Palm Beach County First Grader's home work. The question is "16-7", but you can't just answer 9. You must start with 7... add 3 to make it 10 and then add 6 to the 16, color in some boxes and come up 9.

"It's frustrating, I get it", Diana Fedderman said. She's an assistant Superintendent of Palm Beach County Schools. She's in charge of curriculum. "Our students are learning in a different way and that's not bad".

But it is going to change. Governor DeSantis announced last year he was getting rid of the term Common Core and the department of Education would embark on a statewide search for feedback in crafting a new draft of education practices. So right now, you see what've they've come up with on the Florida Department of Education website. Parents can read the new draft of Math standards for each grade level and you can provide feedback on whether you think they are appropriate.

Among the new standards for first graders, apply the commutative property of addition and the associative property of addition as strategies to add and subtract whole numbers whose sum is within 20.

Compose and decompose two-digit numbers in multiple ways using tens and ones. Demonstrate each composition or decomposition with objects, drawings or equations.

The standards may be over, but parent's frustrations might not be.

Becoming a Teacher

Walthall Odom/Substitute Teacher: "It's a lengthy process to become a substitute teacher", says Walthall Odom about becoming a substitute teacher. The library became his second him, spending months at a desk with one big goal, to become a substitute teacher.

"It's not a job, it's like a lifestyle. And I just love helping people, kids, and just assisting and seeing what impact I can have on their lives, just like people impacted my life to get there."

According to the National Education Association, Iowa has a little more than nine thousand substitute teachers across the state. It's the highest those number have ever been, but compared to Thirty-Three thousand teachers, there's still a need for more.

Walthall Odom says that's why he chose this profession. "That's why I went into it. At first, I didn't know there was a greater need becoming a substitute teacher. But as I got into it and researched it, I saw that there was a great need of being a substitute teacher and being a teacher."

But last week, Odom got some news. It is official. He received his license.

Jennie Garner with the North Liberty Community Library watched Odom prepare and said, "Watching someone be able to meet a goal they're trying to meet or get a job, all those things are thrilling for us. That's what libraries are all about."

The North Liberty Community Library has been pushing to help people get jobs and Odom noticed how the staff went above and beyond to help him and now that he is certified to teach, Odom considers his dream job a chance to keep helping others.

Wednesday 12/11/2019
CW 34 News @ 12:00pm
30 Minutes

Civics Test Now Required for Seniors

High School seniors across Florida better brush up on their U.S. Civics. The governor just made twelfth-grade civics test a requirement.

Florida seventh grade students are already required to take an end of course civics exam. Some parents and teachers say there are just too many tests as it is. Others are praising the Governor and say this is a great idea.

The test is set to start next year. The Governor has not decided whether failing the test will impact graduation. He says more announcements on education are expected in the next few months.

OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS

Thursday 10/03/2019
CW 34 News @ 10pm
30 Minutes

Homelessness is Palm Beach County

These new signs were added here in this stretch of unguarded beach in the town of Jupiter city limits. If there's an emergency, the signs could help paramedics find the victim faster.

As the CBS12 News I-team first reported last year, there appeared to be some confusion finding the victim during a tragic incident in April 2018.

46-year-old Nader Khalil of Ohio-, whose obituary on Legacy.com, describes him as a "beloved husband and dear father of three children"---drowned when he was trying to rescue his kids and pull them out of a rip current.

It was clear from 911 calls, that dispatchers and callers struggled to find the exact location on the beach in Jupiter where the incident happened.

A Jupiter spokesperson says the town installed the signs on the beach earlier this summer, identifying beach access points with a number and a small white sign that reads: "In case of emergency call 911. Location is number above." The new signs are close to the water's edge and up along the street, by the curb on A1A.

The hope is that these signs will result in help getting to the scene a lot faster, because a few seconds could mean a huge difference.

Thursday 10/17/2019
CW 34 News @ 12:00pm
30 Minutes

Representative Cummings Death

Elijah Cummings, one of the most prominent African-Americans in Congress died this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. His office said it was due to complications concerning longstanding health conditions.

The 68-year-old has an unspecified medical procedure last month and hasn't been back to the office since. Cummings had heart surgery in 2017 and had been using a wheelchair and a walker to get around.

The Congressman recently feuded with President Trump over the White House's child separation policy at the border. Cummings was the Chairman of the house oversight and reform committee, one of the committees involved in the impeachment inquiry into President Trump.

The son of a sharecroppers, Cummings is survived by his wife and three children. He was first elected to congress in 1996.

Monday 11/11/2019
CW 34 News @ 9am
30 Minutes

Making a Bahama Teacher's Day

We told you a story about a passionate teacher in Cooperstown. After that story aired, volunteers from the treasure coast that were here weeks ago, found her mug in a primary school in treasure cay in all the rubble, so we decided, to give it back to her

Ms. Anthoneka Nixon is up and ready to teach another day of school as her kids settle in we reveal to her special surprise

She said, "the principal made this for us, as appreciation week, last year, she gave us all these cups personalized with messages on them"

It's a small something, but it's something that reminds her why she's doing what she's doing.

She has a mug back, she has her students back, and most importantly, she's close to having her life back.

Monday 12/09/2019
CW 34 News @ 10pm
30 Minutes

Help for Homeless Veterans

This is a busy time for Elida Barrios, who runs a non-profit group called Operation 120.

The group has leased a 3 bedroom house in Lake Worth Beach, and they've collected everything needed to turn it into a comfortable place, including donated beds, furniture for the entire house, kitchen items, even a Christmas tree and they will soon open their doors to provide a home for homeless female veterans who are now living on the streets or sleeping in the woods, with no place to go.

The home will have a house manager, Deborah Allen, a grandmother who's also a female veteran who spent 14 years in the Army.

Once they move in, homeless female vets will get a place to stay, food, clothes and help finding a job, so they can earn and save enough money to get their own apartment in a few months.