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Community Needs and Issues List – WKCF – CW18, Hearst Orlando

Based upon **CW18's** involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, **CW18** has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

1. CRIME

Below the surface of everyday life mischief and mayhem plague America's urban cities and counties.

2. PERSONAL/PUBLIC SAFETY:

With a high murder rate and crimes on the rise in Central Florida, viewers need to be informed of the dangers and how they can protect themselves and their children. Plus, with more and more people on city streets and highways, viewers need to be aware of driving risks and ways to avoid them.

3. ECONOMY

As the economy recovers, communities are growing but hesitant. Our viewers are interested in how to participate in better economic times while keep investments safe. They are also very observant of how our leaders and local companies are being responsible with their spending.

4. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Local, State and Federal Governments struggle to meet the needs of constituents amidst a tough economy and intense parties in political battles.

5. HEALTH

Knowledge is the key to long life and discipline the way to healthy living. Experts work out the minds and bodies of the American people.

6. OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Drug overdose deaths and Opioid-involved deaths continue to increase in the United States. Most drug overdose deaths (more than 6 out of 10) involve an Opioid. We now know that overdoses from prescription Opioids are a driving factor in the 15-year increase in Opioid overdose deaths. Since 1999, the amount of prescription Opioids sold in the U.S. nearly quadrupled, yet there has not been an overall change in the amount of pain that Americans report. Deaths from prescription Opioids have more than quadrupled since 1999 and heroine has become the drug of choice in many communities. Hearst and all their stations are bringing awareness to this national epidemic through specials and news reports, offering details on the need for laws to change and help families who are suffering from the effects of this epidemic.

7. SOCIAL-FAMILY

As Central Florida expands and grows so comes growing pains. It is important that the process of development includes collective actions and solutions generated by leaders and residents in our communities. Our stations provide information and stories that bring those issues and proposed changes to the public, so they can be part of the narrative.

8. EDUCATION

Central Florida's education is a hot topic in Florida government and viewers are concerned about overcrowding, funding and ways to get parents more involved. Education is the key to preventing crimes and drug and alcohol abuse.

9. WEATHER

Central Florida is known as the "Lightening Capital of the World". The weather continues to be an intense topic because of the danger's tornadoes, hurricanes, wild fires, thunderstorms, lightening and flooding can impose.

**A SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PROGRAM VEHICLES
THAT REGULARLY DEAL WITH
COMMUNITY ISSUES-PROBLEMS AND NEEDS**

1st QUARTER 2019

WESH 2 NEWS on CW18 regularly communicates public affairs program segments that deal with local issues-problems-needs in the News. These service and integrated additional segments are as follows:

WESH 2 News on CW18	4 AM-5 AM (Effective: 11/21/2018)
<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	4:30 AM-5 AM (Effective: 9/10/2018)
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<i>WESH 2 News on CW18</i>	7-9 AM, M-F
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TRAFFIC REPORTS: As a service to commuters, WESH 2 presents LIVE traffic reports which give viewers a visual location of traffic congestion, fires and severe weather; which accompany the audio reports.

FRIDAY FURRY FRIENDS: Every Friday, a pet that is available for adoption is featured; this is in partnership with the Seminole and Orange County Animal Services.

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COMMITMENT 2019: A daily commitment to viewers to devote a large amount of time to political coverage in WESH 2 News reports, programs and on-line.

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CHRONICLE: Project CommUNITY

WESH 2 Chronicle: Project CommUNITY – Part 1: WESH 2 will explore the work happening to make Central Florida a “good place to live”. It will highlight the affordable housing crisis, child homelessness, wage stagnation, and how to turn around tough neighborhoods. This is the first in a 4-part series. WKCF-TV CW18 air dates and times are: April 13, 2019 5p-6p, April 14, 2019 3p-4p, and April 21, 2019 4a-5a.

CW18 – CRIME

DATE: 1/4/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :21

SUMMARY: **New from Overnight** - one person is recovering after being shot in Ocala. Police found the victim just before one o'clock this morning in the parking lot of a Townhome on Southwest 5th Avenue. That's in an area just off U.S. 27. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to the hospital. No other information has been released.

DATE: 1/7/2019

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DATE: 1/3/2018

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: A Parramore community is mourning the loss of a sixteen-year-old after a deadly shooting. It happened on West Polk Street in the Parramore neighborhood. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** tells us what the victim's family wants people to know about the homicide.

DATE: 1/9/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: A local woman works as a detective to help takedown a statewide stolen car selling scam! Investigators say -- she bought a truck from this couple who were targeting people all over Florida. **WESH 2's Gail Paschall-Brown** has that couple's exclusive story.

DATE: 1/9/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH:

SUMMARY: We often hear how Narcan is used to revive people who have overdosed on drugs. Well tonight -- we've learned it helped save a Sheriff's office drug dog. That K-9 began showing signs of distress while busting CRUISE ship passengers with drugs. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** at Port Canaveral tonight.

DATE: 1/10/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:10

SUMMARY: It could be DAYS before we learn the identity of the remains found at a Marion County home today. That home belonged to a missing couple, 75-year-old Layton Underwood and his wife 69-year-old Donna Underwood. And tonight, another man last seen there is MISSING. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has the new details uncovered tonight.

DATE: 1/10/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: A suspicious death investigation tonight in Brevard County. Palm Bay Police are trying to find out how someone was killed in a Furth Road home. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** there with the latest.

DATE: 1/27/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: We are learning new details on the triple homicide investigation in Chuluota. Earlier today officials released the person of interest in the case. Investigators have also identified the victims in the case. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has the latest.

DATE: 1/27/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:40

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - Orange County deputies are searching for the person they say shot up a home, injuring a 2-year-old boy inside. Investigators say the gunfire erupted on Saturday night at a home near Kaley Avenue and 23rd Street. That child is now recovering. **WESH 2's Amanda Ober** is staying on-top of this story and has the latest developments.

DATE: 1/28/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: But we begin tonight with the latest on **Breaking News** out of Houston, Texas where five officers have been injured after getting into a shootout with two suspects. Tonight, we've learned both of those suspects are now dead. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** joins us in studio. Kelsi, what else have we learned so far?

DATE: 1/28/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 2:15

SUMMARY: After three days of searching, Investigators have finally arrested a man they say killed his father, mother, and brother at a home in Seminole County. Grant Amato was taken into custody early this

morning and is now being held without bond. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** has the latest developments from deputies.

DATE: 1/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:40

SUMMARY: A terrifying encounter at an Orlando food mart as a man bursts in and points a gun at the store owner, demanding money. Tonight, that suspect is still on the run. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** spoke with the business owner about the frightening incident.

DATE: 1/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: **Tomorrow Morning** - a man charged in the death of a 2-year-old will ask a judge to be let out on bond. Jayce Martin died last summer, days after blunt force trauma to the abdomen caused an infection. His mother, Victoria Toth and her boyfriend Johnathan Pursglove are charged in the case. Tonight, we're hearing what BOTH of them told police.

DATE: 2/1/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :25

SUMMARY: **New Details this Morning** on the hoax bomb threat in Titusville we first told you about last night at 5p. Titusville Police now say a 15-year-old girl is charged with a second-degree felony...she allegedly made a threat of "serious mass destruction via bomb." The bomb threat was for Titusville High School and referenced this coming Monday. But again, Police say it was "all a hoax" --- and adds "these types of threats will NOT be tolerated."

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SUMMARY: **Back to the Breaking News in Orange County** -- two people died in a crash, after speeding away from police. The crash also knocked out power just SW of Downtown Orlando near OBT and the 408. **WESH 2's Alex Villarreal is LIVE** with getting information from that scene. Alex, what happened?

DATE: 2/8/2019
NEWSCAST: 7a
LENGTH: 2:00

SUMMARY: Two people are dead after investigators say they tried to storm into a Mims home yesterday afternoon. Authorities say the person inside --- grabbed a gun and opened fire. **WESH 2's Hadas Brown** is LIVE with the latest from investigators. Hadas, have investigators revealed anything about whether these people knew each other?

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DATE: 2/4/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:40

SUMMARY: We are learning new details tonight about a major fire that ripped through this animal sanctuary in Orange County. More animals have been recovered -- alive -- from the damage. This happened on Baron Road -- near Bithlo. As **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud reports**, people have been pitching in to help the owner recover from the loss.

DATE: 2/6/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: **We Begin with Breaking News in Orlando** where a man has been found dead after a shooting. Good evening and thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. Police say they found the man at a home on Malibu Street. That's in a neighborhood just off South Ivey Lane. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** just got to the scene moments ago. Chris what do we know so far?

DATE: 2/6/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - a local family is demanding answers after their special-needs son was dropped off at home unconscious and later died. The student was on a bus leaving from an Osceola County high school. **WESH 2's Sanika Dange** spoke with investigators.

DATE: 2/8/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: But first-an Orlando police officer OFF the job. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has the video that sparked an excessive force investigation.

DATE: 2/8/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: Tonight, police want to find a driver involved in a ROAD RAGE fight. A victim says his car was keyed, his truck rammed, and he was almost run over. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** shows us how a dispute over a stop sign escalated into violence.

DATE: 2/7/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:25

SUMMARY: An Ormond Beach man is in jail tonight after allegedly setting his mobile home on fire with his roommate still inside. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** in Ormond Beach to show us the damage

DATE: 2/7/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 0:55

SUMMARY: But first, two people were shot and killed today after deputies say they tried to break into a home in Brevard County. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud is LIVE** near Titusville where the shooting happened.

DATE: 2/9/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:08

SUMMARY: Deputies are searching for answers after a double shooting in Apopka ended with one person dead and another in the hospital. Investigators have spent nearly a full day on the scene at a home along Ocean Avenue near State Road 436. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** spoke with people who live in the area.

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SUMMARY: Right Now - Investigators are trying to figure out how a person ended up dead at a motel in Kissimmee. Police say they found a man's body at the Star Motel. That's on Irlo Bronson Highway. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** has the latest developments in the case.

DATE: 2/12/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: Now to the latest on a frightening scene at an Orange County business as a man bursts inside with a gun. Chopper 2 was over the scene earlier today at the Cash American Pawn on South Orange Blossom Trail. That's where **WES 2's Gail Paschall-Brown is LIVE** right now. Gail the suspect was caught.

DATE: 2/12/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: **New Tonight** - A Brevard County basketball coach will NOT be fired for allegedly grabbing and pushing a 14-year-old student. The school board made their decision after a show of support for Kurt Kaufman during a meeting tonight. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** was at tonight's meeting and has more.

DATE: 2/13/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
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SUMMARY: **We Begin with Breaking News Tonight at 10p** as deputies swarm an apartment complex in Windermere. Thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. This is happening along Citra Circle. That's in a neighborhood just off Winter Garden Vineland Road. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** right now. Chris, what do we know so far?

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SUMMARY: We are learning more about a deputy-involved shooting caught on camera from multiple angles. The Orange County Sheriff says his deputies reacted to a suspect firing first at them. **WESH 2 News Reporter Chris Guardaro** breaks down the startling video from deputy body-worn cameras and the suspect's Instagram.

DATE: 2/15/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:34

SUMMARY: Frightening moment for a girl on her way to school. A man pulls up next to her in his car and detectives say he committed a lewd act. The search is now on to find him and put him in jail. **WESH 2's Gail Paschall-Brown** shows us how the man was caught on tape before the alleged act.

DATE: 2/16/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
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SUMMARY: That's the family of Tashaun Jackson in tears after finding out that she was found dead in a remote part of Osceola County. The mother of 4 had been missing since last Saturday. New tonight- **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** has the latest on the investigation.

DATE: 2/18/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:30

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DATE: 2/18/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: The State Fire Marshal is investigating a string of fires investigators say happened in Lake County over the last two days. The most devastating fire severely damaged a home off Wilson Parrish Road in Umatilla. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** was there when the fire department had to be called back out to the scene TONIGHT.

DATE: 2/25/2019

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LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: **We Begin Tonight with the Latest on Two New Cases of Arson in Umatilla.** Good evening and thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. These latest fires broke out at a dumpster and a mobile home. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud is LIVE** in Umatilla tonight. Kelsi, any connections to last week's string of arsons?

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SUMMARY: Three men have been arrested for the shooting that killed an Osceola County man inside his home Tuesday night. The Sheriff's office says 57-year-old Derik Febus (fee-bus) was an innocent bystander killed during a drug deal. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has more from Osceola County.

DATE: 3/2/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:05

SUMMARY: Deputies say Fnu Syedyaseen-Asher inappropriately touched the girl at Boggy Creek Elementary School in Kissimmee. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has been following this story and joins us live from the Osceola County Jail.

DATE: 3/7/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:05

SUMMARY: A man was killed during a shooting in Apopka; **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** has been following this story all evening; she has the latest details in the investigation.

DATE: 3/7/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:25

SUMMARY: A Brevard County deputy is trying to avoid a life sentence by claiming he stood his ground in the shooting death of Clarence Howard. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** shows us what to expect from a hearing tomorrow that could determine the fate of that deputy.

DATE: 3/8/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:10

SUMMARY: An Orange County elementary school teacher has been arrested for inappropriately touching a child. The Orange County Sheriff's office arrested 49-year-old Julio Soto just hours ago. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud is LIVE** at the Orange County Jail. Kelsi ... Soto is a 5th grade teacher?

DATE: 3/11/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:50

SUMMARY: We begin tonight with a man taken into custody after he barricaded himself inside a home in Deltona. Thank you for joining us. **I'm Stewart Moore**. And **I'm Summer Knowles**, it ended what deputies call a "day-long crime spree." Deputies took David Readdean (read-din) into custody just a few hours ago on Gainsboro Street. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** has the latest developments

DATE: 3/11/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: A newly released report is shedding light on what UCF's leaders knew about the unauthorized use of millions of dollars. The Florida House of Representatives' Public Integrity and Ethics Committee's Draft report was released this evening. **WESH 2's Sanika Dange** breaks it down.

DATE: 3/13/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:40

SUMMARY: For hours tonight, people were forced outside, and helicopters circled as the SWAT team focused on one apartment building. Only to find out the wanted man was not inside. Now, he's on the run. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** spent all night on the scene and has the new details.

DATE: 3/16/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:00

SUMMARY: **But First we Start with Breaking News.** One man is in the hospital tonight after a shooting in Orlando. Deputies found the victim at a home on Baronette Drive just a few hours ago. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** on the scene right now. Chris, what do we know so far?

DATE: 3/15/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:00

SUMMARY: Law enforcement agencies across Orange County are out tonight looking for drunk drivers. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud is LIVE** at F-H-P headquarters in Orange County. Kelsi, you got the chance to ride along with a trooper tonight?

DATE: 3/19/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:40

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - a family is mourning the loss of a pregnant woman who police say was strangled by her stepson. Ian Anselmo is facing second-degree murder charges in the case. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** tells us why detectives want harsher penalties for the suspect.

DATE: 3/22/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:31

SUMMARY: A man is in jail tonight after leading police on a high-speed chase, kicking a deputy, and doing something nasty inside a deputy's car. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** takes us through the series of events leading up to the arrest of Guy Saintluc {Saint-Luke}.

DATE: 3/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:12

SUMMARY: Police released new images of the bikers who allegedly attacked a pregnant woman after a crash on Orange Avenue. Investigators say they need your help identifying the bikers, this after two crimes involving ATV's were committed by the dirt bike groups. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** tells us how law enforcement is cracking down on these bikers this weekend.

DATE: 3/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - we're getting insight on the two people charged with manslaughter of a child... after the death of 2-year-old Jayce Martin back in July. Jailhouse phone conversations between the child's mother, Victoria Toth, and her boyfriend, Jonathan Purseglove, reveal the two are still very much in communication ... despite pleas from Toth's parents. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** went through them all.

DATE: 3/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:16

SUMMARY: **New Details Shout an Investigation into a Couple's Death in Marion County.**

Investigators say they now have enough evidence to charge Allyn Gilbert with murder. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** tells us how Gilbert was caught far away... and brought back to face justice.

CW18 - PERSONAL/PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: 1/4/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

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SUMMARY: We've been following the Breaking News for hours as the details grow more and more grim. Southbound I-75 is still closed near Gainesville. And as you can imagine - that's causing some big traffic troubles for drivers. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud is LIVE** tonight - just off I-75 where drivers are being detoured.

DATE: 1/10/19

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: A Polk County mother is making an emotional plea to her daughter. Please come home. Alice Clary claims her daughter is in an abusive cult-like relationship with singer R. Kelly and she hasn't spoken to her daughter in four years. **Reporter Melissa Marino** spoke with her - and why she spoke out in the docuseries - *Surviving R. Kelly*.

DATE: 01/29/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: We begin with growing concerns in Melbourne of people having their drinks spiked at local bars. Tonight, one of them is taking action to protect its patrons. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** spoke with the bar owner.

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NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :25

SUMMARY: **Breaking Right Now** - two people are being taken to the hospital after a possible Carbon Monoxide exposure in East Orange County. Orange County Fire rescue says this is happening at a home in the 10 thousand block of Creekwater Boulevard. We're told the two patients were taken to Advent Health Orlando. We have a crew headed that way and will bring you updates as soon as we get them.

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SUMMARY: **Tonight** - we are following Breaking News out of Marion County. A man is dead after an aircraft crash in a private aviation community. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** shows us the aftermath of the deadly wreck.

DATE: 2/2/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:20

SUMMARY: Things are back to normal at the Orlando international airport tonight after a frightening and chaotic scene this morning. Police say a T-S-A agent jumped from a balcony in the terminal to his death. The airport says the scare caused several people to run through security checkpoints, forcing the airport to bring all passengers back out into the terminal to be re-screened.

DATE: 2/4/2019

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SUMMARY: **Right Now** - all construction work along 21 mile stretch of I-4 has stopped after a worker died while working on the I-4 Ultimate project. Good evening and thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. **WESH 2's Jim Payne is LIVE** in studio to explain what happened and what it means for construction.

DATE: 2/4/2019

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LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: We are learning new details tonight about a major fire that ripped through this animal sanctuary in Orange County. More animals have been recovered -- alive -- from the damage. This happened on Baron Road -- near Bithlo. As **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud reports**, people have been pitching in to help the owner recover from the loss.

DATE: 2/11/2019

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SUMMARY: **Tonight** - Flyers, like this one, are up across Melbourne as police search for Matthew Robineau. They say he disappeared near the downtown area early Sunday morning. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** was in Melbourne tonight as friends and family put posters up across town.

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SUMMARY: **New Tonight** - the Orange County Sheriff's Office says they now have a school resource officer in every school. It comes just days before the one-year-mark since a school tragedy in Florida. **WESH 2's Gail Paschall-Brown** talked to local leaders tonight about protecting your kids.

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SUMMARY: The Norwegian Cruise ship seen around the world hitting and breaking a Puerto Rican pier is Central Florida bound. And thousands of people MAY be getting on that ship to head right back out this weekend. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** talked to current and future Epic passengers about the issues plaguing the ship.

DATE: 2/15/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 2:19

SUMMARY: **New Tonight** -- only WESH 2 News is showing you the small device that could protect you and your bank account from skimmers. The local inventors who created it call it the "Skim Reaper" and **WESH 2's Adrian Whitsett** shows us how it works.

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SUMMARY: **We Begin with Breaking News in Bithlo** where a fire ripped through a mobile home with a 98-year-old woman inside. Thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. This happened along 10th Street. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** there right now. Chris, what are you seeing?

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SUMMARY: A Good Samaritan says he was at the right place at the right time this morning at Merritt Island Airport...where he watched a plane crash into water and went in to rescue the pilot. We caught up with the man who says he didn't think twice about running into the water.

DATE: 3/06/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - Firefighters in Orlando are trying to figure out what sparked a car fire that ended up destroying an Orlando Home. This all happened along Willie Mays Parkway. The flames also impacted a house next door. A woman was inside sleeping at the time of the fire. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** in the area tonight. Chris, how bad is the damage?

DATE: 3/6/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 2:00

SUMMARY: A life-saving move was caught on camera at a restaurant in Grant-Valkaria. A waitress inside wasted no time the moment she saw someone choking. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin spoke with people who work there and has more.**

DATE: 3/12/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: **We Begin Tonight with BREAKING NEWS** - a deadly industrial accident at EPCOT. This is a story you FIRST saw tonight on wesh.com; these are the images captured from Chopper 2 over the scene. **WESH 2's Sanika Dange is LIVE.** Sanika, what do we know so far?

DATE: 3/15/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:38

SUMMARY: As bike week rumbles on in Daytona Beach, we are tracking a growing number of severe bike crashes in Central Florida. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** caught up with trauma doctors who are treating a lot more patients this week.

DATE: 3/17/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:09

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - fire crews in Seminole County are trying to figure out what caused this fire at a home in Longwood that killed a father and son. The flames broke out early this morning at the home on Nicole Lane. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** has more from investigators.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SAFETY

:15 **AD COUNCIL – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS “Ember”**

The new PSAs illustrate the importance of preparing for tomorrow as “you never know when the day before a natural disaster the day is before.” They direct audiences to Ready.gov-Today, where Americans can find local disaster preparedness information, a downloadable family emergency plan, emergency kit checklists, and other preparation resources.

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The PSAs highlight the need for Americans to prepare in advance for emergencies. Created pro bono by New York-based advertising agency Deutsch Inc., the PSA’s depict the aftermath of a disaster and show the importance of having a plan in place in the event of a disaster. Audiences are directed to start their family emergency plans at Ready.gov and Listo.gov, which provide extensive resources for preparing for emergencies.

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The PSA’s show Smokey the Bear surprising people with bear hugs for exhibiting proper fire prevention behaviors. The campaign also includes new PSA’s that feature outdoor lovers thanking Smokey for all that he has done in his 70 years by returning his signature bear hug. All the PSA’s include the hashtag# Smokey Bear Hug to encourage viewers to spread Smokey’s message. All PSAs direct people to www.SmokeyBear.com to learn all about wildfires and how we can protect our forests.

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The campaign will raise awareness about the seriousness of the issue and highlight simple, yet powerful actions children can take when they witness an act of bullying, like tell a trusted adult or help the person being bullied get away from the situation. Parents are directed to StopBullying.gov where they can hear advice from experts, students, and other parents on how to empower their children to be more than a bystander and help stop bullying nationwide.

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CW18 - ECONOMY

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NEWSCAST: 7a

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DATE: 3/1/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:20

SUMMARY: Excitement is building as we are just hours away from the historic Space X launch. If all goes to plan, the next Space X rocket will be carrying astronauts. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro is LIVE** tonight from Cape Canaveral just a few miles from the Air Force station. Chris, are people already waiting for the launch?

DATE: 3/2/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:51

SUMMARY: We are getting closer and closer to manned space flights off the Space Coast. It comes after this morning's successful launch of the Space X crew Dragon capsule! **WESH 2's Dan Billow** was there for the historic liftoff.

DATE: 3/7/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:15

SUMMARY: The world's largest motorcycle event is revving up in Daytona Beach. **WESH 2's Chris Guardaro** brings us some of the sights, sounds, and faces of the iconic "Bike Week."

DATE: 3/15/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:00

SUMMARY: A couple delays tonight pushed a scheduled rocket launch into the Central Florida darkness. The Air Force sent a satellite into space just before 8-30. **WESH 2's Dan Billow** was there for the sights and sounds.

ON THE MONEY

On the Money - is a weekly syndicated program where business, political and economic figures are interviewed regarding current trends; it airs on WKCF-TV CW18, Sundays at 4:30a

January 6, 2019

This week's ***On the Money*** – Reporter **Andrea Dayon** on how computer hackers can get passwords; Reporter **Phil LeBeau** on current auto loans; Reporter **Sharon Epperson** on what to buy and what to avoid buying in January; and Journalist **Ed Lee** on the way retailers are now scoring on line customers.

January 13, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Kate Rogers** on why certain industries are seeing a shortage of workers; **LinkedIn Editor in Chief Dan Roth** on the skills workers need to know to get and keep jobs in the future; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on new rules that make improving credit scores easier; **Reporter Jane Wells** on a new mug that keeps coffee at a preferred temperature; **Jen and Wendy Yuengling (D.G. Yuengling & Sons)** on their family's regional brewery and the challenges they face in running a family business owned business.

January 20, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on the importance of knowing one's net worth; **Reporter Christina Farr** on the keto diet; **Reporter Robert Frank** on Boston Red Sox owner's John Henry's \$25-million-dollar house for sale in Florida; and **Chris Velazco (Engadget)** on the next best tech gadgets.

January 27, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on the new tax code; **Reporter Robert Frank** on accompany called Jets Marter; **Hint Water Founder-CEO Kara Goldin** on unsweetened fruit – flavored water seltzer and a new line of suntan lotion; and **Liana Corwin (Hopper)** on Spring Break travel deals.

February 3, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Phil LeBeau** on Elon Musk's plan for underground tunnels; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on a financial education program for middle school students in New Jersey; **Tom Smith (American Society of Civil Engineers)** on the state of America's infrastructure; **Jeanine Poggi (Ad Age)** on Super Bowl commercials; and **Temple University Professor Jordan Shapiro** on screen time for kids.

February 10, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Diane Olick** on how climate change is affecting the housing and mortgage market; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on how to build an emergency fund in light of the recent government shut down; **Nela Richardson (Edward Jones)** on the real estate sales market for Spring 2019; **Nutrisystem CEO Dawn Zier** on keeping New Year's gym resolutions and staying fit; and **Chef Jacques Torres** on Valentine's Day trends in chocolate.

February 17, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Aditi Roy** and **Economist Danielle Hale** on a law that requires solar panels in new homes in California; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on getting the most out of savings; **Reporter Robert Frank** on a tour of Shaquille O'Neal's house and an indoor basketball court, in Florida, and Kevin Costner's compound in Aspen, Colorado which has a *Field of Dreams* baseball diamond ; and **HGTV Cofounder Susan Packard** on an emotional intelligence in the work place.

February 24, 2019

This week's **On the Money** – **Reporter Scott Cohn and Robert Franek (Princeton Review)** on the rising cost of higher education; **Reporter Jane Wells** on a viral video that helped launch an ice cream brand; **Charlie Munger (Berkshire Hathaway)** on Warren Buffet's lesson's on money and life; **Greenlight CEO Tim Sheehan** on a debit card for kids.

March 10, 2019

This week's ***On the Money*** – **Steve Liesman and Lisa Mensah** on Americas with little access to the traditional banking system; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on workplace and skills that are in demand; **Reporter Kate Rogers** on the need for EMT workers and, **Reporter Sue Herea** on a company that makes human food for dogs.

March 17, 2019

This week's ***On the Money*** – **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on ways to get more financial aid; **Reporter Diana Olick** on how boomers are renovating their homes so they can age in place; **Reporters Andrea Day and Edmund Lee** on downloading apps and privacy policies; **Farm.One Founder Rob Laing** on growing herbs and greens in the basements of New York City restaurants.

March 24, 2019

This week's ***On the Money*** – **Dr. Christine Cassel** and **Reporter Bertha Coombs** on pharmacies of the future; **Reporter Sharon Epperson** on how a new tax law is affecting charitable donations; **Reporter Robert Frank** on a \$54-million-dollar house in Malibu; **Ranu Coleman (Azazie)** on selling mail order wedding dresses and bridal accessories.

March 31, 2019

This week's ***On the Money*** – **Reporter Robert Frank** and **Purdue University President Mitch Daniels** on the college cheating scandal. **Robert Tuchman** (Entertainment Benefits Group) on getting to the Final Four; **Finance Reporter Jean Chatzky** on the different ways that men and women invest; and **Author Tod Emko** on the comic strip about his dog "Piggy."

CW18 - POLITICS

DATE: 1/7/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :21

SUMMARY: President Trump's national security adviser is signaling a pause in plans to withdraw all U.S. forces from Syria. John Bolton spoke on a visit to Israel yesterday. He discussed Syria and other security issues with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Bolton said U.S. troops will not leave Syria until ISIS is defeated -- and U.S. allies are protected.

DATE: 1/10/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :20

SUMMARY: Today President Donald Trump is taking the shutdown battle to the U.S. Mexico border. He's scheduled to visit a border patrol station in McAllen, Texas where he'll take part in a roundtable discussion about security. McAllen is in the Rio Grande Valley which is the busiest part of the border for illegal crossings.

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SUMMARY: New this Morning – U.S. troops are in the process of leaving Syria. American military officials say the U.S. led military coalition fighting the Islamic State group has begun the process of withdrawing troops from Syria last night. However -- they declined to discuss specific timelines, locations or troop movements out of concern for operational security. The U.S. has about two-thousand troops on the ground in Syria.

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NEWSCAST: 10p

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DATE: 3/4/2019

NEWSCAST: 5a

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Plus, Hamilton is set to premiere in Puerto Rico next week with Lin Manuel Miranda reprising his role as Alexander Hamilton. It's the first time Miranda has played the title character since he was on Broadway more than 2 years ago. He tells Soledad he's excited and a little nervous, but he says it's important to support Puerto Rico as the island continues to rebuild after Hurricane Maria.

In our weekly segment, “we’re paying attention, even if you’re too busy”, a new year means new laws. Thousands of them are taking effect right now around the country. We’ll look at a few that could spark changes nationwide, including a law to lower the drunk driving limit, raise the minimum wage, and increase gender equality on corporate boards.

And finally, every day brings new images from NASA’s Ultima Thule. Right now, the space blob looks like a lumpy snowman, but NASA is hoping it will shed light on the origins of the solar system. It took NASA 13 years and 4 billion miles to reach Ultima Thule, which is past Pluto on the edge of the solar system.

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Renee Adolphe had a successful career, owned a home, had two cars. She was living the so-called “American Dream.” So why did she give it all up to live in an impoverished community in Brazil? Correspondent Leone Lakhani tells us once Renee moved to Salvador, Bahia she discovered she wasn’t the only American in town and she also learned why Bahia is nicknamed “Black Rome.”

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Plus, a disturbing part of the immigration debate that’s been getting little coverage: Millions of visa requests by adult men seeking to bring their child brides to America. Thousands of these visas have been approved, the girls have been as young as ten years old. But Fraidy Reiss, who escaped a forced marriage when she was a teen, is trying to close the legal loophole.

And we revisit Merida, Mexico, which has become home to a growing number of American women who have left the U.S. after their undocumented spouses were deported. They tell Matter of Fact, life away from their families in the U.S. is difficult, but that you can’t help who you fall in love with.

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JANUARY 27, 2019

This week of **Matter of Fact with Soledad O’Brien**, can you change a neighborhood without changing the people who live there? One bold gentrification experiment promises to do just that with redevelopment projects totaling more than \$800 million dollars. Will it work? Or will Louisville become the next Brooklyn, New York – upgraded but unaffordable for the locals?

Plus, more mayors have their eyes on the White House. They may have 2020 vision, but are voters ready to see someone leap from Main Street to Pennsylvania Avenue? Soledad talks to Steve Benjamin, the mayor of Columbia, South Carolina and the President of the United States Conference of Mayors, about why so many local leaders say they’re ready to run the country.

And are you afraid to be fearless? Tech pioneer and philanthropist Jean case says one person can change the world in five simple steps, if they’re willing to get out of their comfort zone. She talks to Soledad about her new book, “*Be Fearless*.”

In our weekly segment we like to call, “we’re paying attention even if you’re too busy”, “brace yourself for sticker shock. Hospitals are now required to publish prices online. Now we know a “LAY CLOS / HND/FT = 2.5 CM” costs \$307 dollars. What?! How did a law designed to make hospital prices more transparent leave everyone more confused?

Finally, trade tensions may be high between the U.S. and China but that won’t eclipse a collaboration to explore the moon. Instead of competing against China’s space agency, NASA wants to work together to study moon colonization. Is this Lunar love fest one small step or a giant leap in the right direction?

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FEBRUARY 3, 2019

This week on **Matter of Fact with Soledad O’Brien**, Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment back in 1972, but nearly 50 years later the states still haven’t ratified it. Why is there so much opposition to protecting women’s rights in the U.S. Constitution? Democrat **Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA)** talks to Soledad about her new legislation that she hopes will finally get the ERA over the finish line, and Republican **Tom Reed (R-NY)** explains why he is co-sponsoring the bill.

Plus, for decades the Department of Justice has known that flawed forensic work done by one of the FBI’s top analysts may have sent innocent people to prison. People like **Elmer Daniels**. He was wrongfully convicted of rape as a teen, and spent 39 years in prison, until his case was dismissed back in December. He joins Soledad along with his **Lawyer, Emeka Igwe**, to talk about his case and how many more people are unjustly behind bars.

And, **Author Stephanie Land** joins Soledad to discuss her new memoir, “*Maid*”. Stephanie shares her story of how she went from what she calls a life of suburban privilege to one of poverty, living in homeless shelters as a young, single mother. Stephanie says she hopes her book will shed light on the struggle of the working poor to pull themselves out of poverty.

In our weekly segment, we're paying attention even if you're too busy, some leading scientists want to raise awareness about climate change by not talking about "climate change". They say "climate change" has become focused on who-or what-is causing climate change and isn't focused on the impact and the urgent threat.

And finally, airport parking can come with a lot of headaches, like trying to find your keys or remembering where you parked your car, well now a new robot could eliminate the hassle. It's called Stan and it's a robotic parking valet that will park and return your car right to you. In addition to the convenience for drivers, it's also expected to save a lot of space in already crammed airport parking lots.

This on *MATTER OF FACT* with Soledad O'Brien.

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

This week on a special edition of *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien, she takes viewers to the U.S. – Mexico border in Hidalgo County, Texas for an in depth look at President Trump's proposed border wall. Soledad gets the perspective from the people who live and work at ground zero in the fight over immigration.

First, we speak to three landowners who own property along the Rio Grande. A new border wall system would cut through their land. At least one family tells us they're going to fight to keep their property united. But another landowner says the section of border fencing already on his property has reduced the number of illegal crossings and he welcomes expanding the barrier. And our third landowner is in the middle. He points the finger at Washington, D.C. saying Republicans and Democrats are using immigration as a political football, and its people on the border who are caught in the middle.

Next, we get two perspectives on the wall. **Border Patrol Chief Manuel Padilla** is the head of the Rio Valley Sector, the busiest crossing point in the southwest. We go on a ride along with his agents as they search for illegal immigrants. Padilla says very simply: "the wall works." But the **Mayor of McAllen, Texas** disagrees. **Jim Darling** tells Soledad his city, the largest in Hidalgo County, relies on an open relationship with Mexico. He says there is no immigration crisis there, and that McAllen benefits economically from its business ties with Mexico.

And 70 miles north of the border lies the Falfurrias checkpoint in Brooks County. It's the last border patrol checkpoint in the Rio Grande Valley. It's also where most migrant deaths happen. The sheriff's department here has recovered the bodies of 44 immigrants so far this year. As the sheriff tells us, "once you get into that stage of dehydration it's just a matter of time before you die."

Once the immigrants have been detained and processed by CBP they are given a bus ticket and a "promise to appear" letter from the federal government. Then they are on their own. For many. They are sick, don't speak English, and have no money. So, the bus station in McAllen has turned into a respite center. **Sister Norma Pimentel** is there to help them on their journey. Both Mayor Darling and Chief Padilla praise Sister Norma for the work she and her volunteers do. As Padilla says, she lives her faith.

And finally, we take you inside the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge. This is one area where you won't find a wall. That's because Congress stipulated earlier this year that any money approved for border security, could not be used to build a wall in the refuge because it would threaten the endangered species that live there.

That's it for our special edition of ***MATTER OF FACT* with Soledad O'Brien** from Hidalgo County, Texas.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

This week on a *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien, is the war on drugs over? **Baltimore City's State's Attorney, Marilyn Mosby**, say she will no longer prosecute anyone for the possession of marijuana. Mosby is following chief prosecutors in other big cities like Philadelphia, New York, and

Chicago who say prosecuting for using pot is a waste of police resources. Mosby also says marijuana drug arrests unfairly penalize people of color. She joins Soledad and says her prosecutors will instead focus on going after violent criminals.

And did you turn on your tap today? If you did, consider yourself lucky. 1.6 million Americans don't have access to basic running water. And millions more are exposed to contaminated tap water. DigDeep, a nonprofit is not only building clean water systems in underserved communities, they are also launching a new year-long research project with Michigan State University. The goal is to determine just how widespread America's dirty water problem really is. Soledad speaks with **DigDeep founder George McGraw**.

Plus, a dozen high school students in Rhode Island are suing their state. They say they were never given a proper civics education and that's keeping them from fully exercising their rights as American citizens. The students hope the lawsuit will make it to the U.S. Supreme Court. If it does, they may find some support from **Justice Sonia Sotomayor**. She's an advocate for civics education and says it could help heal the country deep partisan divide. Hear more from Soledad's recent interview with Justice Sotomayor.

In our weekly segment, we're paying attention even if you are too busy, you heard about the U.S. government's \$22 trillion national debt? There's another number that is even more frightening for economists. 7 million Americans are more than 3 months behind on their auto loan payments. That's also a new record. Economists worry it shows Americans are once again taking on debt that they simply can't afford.

Finally, have you heard of Africatown? This tiny town in Alabama is fighting to protect its place in American History. Africatown, which lies just north of Mobile, Alabama, was founded by the last known slaves shipped to America. In 1860, domestic slavery was still legal in the U.S., but it was illegal to import new slaves. On a dare, an Alabama businessman bet he could evade authorities and safely dock a slave ship in Alabama. The business mas was caught, and the slaves were freed five years later. They pooled their money and brought the land on which they would establish Africatown. Their descendants hope to turn Africatown into a major tourist destination.

That's all on this week of **MATTER OF FACT with Soledad O'Brien**.

February 24, 2019

This week on **Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien**, 73% of Americans believe climate change is happening. It's a record high fueled in part by the fact that many people say they have experienced the impact of climate change personally. Especially those who live along the coasts. Soil erosion, ocean acidification, and powerful waves are all signs of the sea temperature rising – a result of climate change.

Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, a marine biologist and founder/CEO of the non-profit **Ocean Collectiv** tells Soledad that if we don't take steps right now to improve the health of the oceans, we'll see more and more people forced to leave coastal cities and risk becoming climate change refugees.

Plus, we revisit the story of the St. Frances Academy Panthers. This football team from a pre-dominantly African-American Catholic High School in Baltimore has gone from winless to national champions. Their success is due in large part to their coach. A wealthy hedge fund manager named **Biff Poggi**, who decided to invest millions into building this powerhouse team and inspiring players to succeed on and off the field. Poggi says the students have overcome many challenges, but there was one challenge no one expected. Many teams in their league refuse to play them. We find out how the St. Frances Panthers have become a league of their own.

Are you ready for a digital detox? Most people spend more than 4 hours a day on their smartphones and very little of that is talking. Instead we spend time on social media, playing games, and watching videos. If you want to take back control, **Georgetown Professor Cal Newport** can help. He joins Soledad to discuss his new book, *Digital Minimalism* and offers a plan on how to use technology intentionally. Professor Newport says it will not only make you happier but could also make you more successful.

In our weekly segment “we are paying attention even if your too busy” after decades of decline, the Centers of Disease Control say more and more teens are now taking up tobacco. More than a million teens took up smoking last year. The CDC blames the popularity of e-cigarettes for the vaping epidemic. They say many kinds – and parent – may think vaping isn’t that bad, but a single liquid pod used in e-cigarettes can contain as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. The FDA says it’s working with e-cigarette companies to keep their products away from underage teens.

And finally, would you be willing to let someone spy on you if it made you more productive? That’s the premise behind FocusMate, a new website for people who work from home. People sign up and get paired with another user. They agree to share their computer webcam with that user as an accountability tool. The founder describes like having a study partner. Users report it’s “bizarrely effective” but say a downside is that you must get dressed to work from home.

That’s it for this week’s **MATTER OF FACT with Soledad O’Brien**.

MARCH 3, 2019

This week we have a special edition of **Matter of Fact with Soledad O’Brien** from Puerto Rico. When Hurricane Maria made landfall, it left 3,000 dead, caused \$100 billion in damages and left most of the island without power for nearly a year. It was the biggest blackout in U.S. history. Now people are looking for their own way to power Puerto Rico. And they’re not waiting on the government’s help. Soledad travels to one of the hardest hit areas, still in recovery, to talk to families like the **Corderos and Colons** who are relying on the sun. Can their solar power plan really protect them when the next hurricane hits?

Are politics still getting in the way of progress? President Trump has repeatedly clashed with Puerto Rico’s elected leaders over federal assistance, with the White House recently considering diverting disaster relief funds to finance the President’s “border wall.” Soledad sits down with **Governor Ricardo Rosello** who says it is time for the island to become the 51st state because he’s tired of Puerto Ricans treated like “second class citizens.”

In the wake of Hurricane Maris, Puerto Ricans have found new strength in an old tradition: music. Bomba and Plena, are two of Puerto Rico’s oldest music traditions dating back to the 17th century when African slaves were first brought to the island. Since then, Bomba and plena have been used to express people’s emotions and inspire political change, all while moving Puerto Ricans to dance. After the hurricane, Bomba and Plena once again became an outlet for anger and frustration, but also resiliency. We hit the streets and the dance clubs where this historic beat goes on.

In our weekly segment, “we’re paying attention even if you’re too busy”, even before Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico was facing an emigration crisis. Driven by debt and later by Hurricane Maria, 530,000 Puerto Ricans have left the island since 2010 and many say they won’t return. Where have they settled? The East Coast, including Florida and New York, have been the most popular destinations.

And finally, have you heard of “Monkey Island?” Just 38 acres, Cayo Santiago, aka “Monkey Island,” may be small, but it’s huge in the field of primatology. That’s because its only residents are a colony of about 1,000 rhesus macaques. Since the 1930’s scientists from universities around the world have flocked to Cay Santiago to study the monkeys. When the hurricane hit, most of the monkey’s survived, but much of the vegetation on the island was wiped out. Since the hurricane, researchers have noticed changes in how the monkeys interact with each other, how they’ve adapted to lack of shelter, and their overall social structure. Scientists say observing how the monkeys are responding to a climate disaster, may teach humans how to respond to similar threats in our own future,

Join Soledad O’Brien from Puerto Rico for a special edition of **MATTER OF FACT**.

MARCH 10, 2019

This week on Matter of Fact with Soledad O’Brien, some central issues for the 2020 Presidential election are shaping up, with both wings of the parties pushing their own litmus tests. For progressives,

“Medicare for All” is the primary season’s rally cry. **Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (D-Washington)** is the chair of the Medicare for All Congressional Caucus. She joins Soledad to outline her proposal for universal healthcare, defend the \$33-trillion dollar price tag, and explain why she won’t endorse a Democratic Presidential candidate who doesn’t support “Medicare for All.”

And for conservatives, abortion has become a key focus of President Trump’s re-election campaign. But are scientific facts getting lost in the inflammatory political rhetoric? Soledad breaks down the medical facts with **OB/GYN Dr. Jennifer Gunter** and finds out if political strategy is working with Republican strategist, Holly Turner.

Plus, Soledad investigates the vanishing of Native American women and girls. Native American women are murdered ten times more than non-Native women. Most of them disappear without a trace, leaving their families searching for justice on their own. It’s a story that has gotten very little national media attention and some of the women whose daughter have vanished, tell us they’ve never spoken out about their anguish before, but are doing so in the hopes of raising awareness of these crimes.

In our weekly segment, “we’re paying attention even if you’re too busy”, a Maryland cross is the center of a Supreme Court battle. The cross was erected to honor local soldiers killed during World War One, but it currently sits on public land. That’s prompted a legal challenge from groups that say the cross violates the Constitution’s Establishment clause. The case is being watched over carefully by other states which have similar monuments. A Supreme Court decision is expected in June.

And finally, has streaming finally killed the video store? After more than 30 years, only one Blockbuster video store is left standing. Perth, Australia announced it is shutting its Blockbuster franchise, which leaves the store in Bend, Oregon as the last one left in the world. The owner says his store has become a bit of a tourist attraction and that he has no plans to go out of business.

That’s it for this week’s *MATTER OF FACT* with Soledad O’Brien.

MARCH 17, 2019

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O’Brien, social media has given anyone with a twitter account the ability to become a political power player but is removing the traditional establishment gatekeepers a good thing? Soledad sits down with **Bruce Mehlman, Republican Strategist** and author of an influential political report, to discuss the good and bad of what he calls the era of “permission less politics.”

Plus, when Elizabeth Warren announced she was running for President, she chose to do it in Lawrence, Massachusetts. The red brick buildings behind her were a reminder of the former mill town’s labor roots. But Lawrence is famous for another reason. It’s New England’s first Minority majority city. We travel to Lawrence for a look at how immigration over the past century has shaped this town’s past, present and future.

And there is a new health threat facing recent veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Millions were exposed to toxic smoke from massive open-air burn pits. These pits burned military waste that included everything from lithium batteries to insecticide. Black smoke covered nearby camps and now thousands of veterans are reporting health issues. Soledad speaks to 2 women at the forefront of the fight to raise awareness about the dangers of burn pits. **Bonnie Carroll** is a presidential medal of freedom winner and founder of TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, which supports those dealing with the death of a military family member. **Colleen Bowman’s** husband Rob was exposed to burn pits when stationed in Iraq. He later died after an 18-month battle with cancer. She says the military needs to do more to address this growing health emergency.

In our weekly segment, “we’re paying attention even if you’re too busy,” America is facing a recycling crisis. For 30 years, America has shipped its recycling waste to China for sorting. But China recently said, “no thanks.” What’s America to do? With American wasting more trash than ever, and our recycling infrastructure outdated, could a landfill tax be heading your way?

And finally, we'll take you to a new exhibit at the Newseum that looks at its key moments in America's gay rights movement. The exhibit, called "Rise Up: Stonewall and the LGBTQ Rights Movement," examines what happened at New York's Stonewall Inn 50 years ago, and how it inspired a movement. Key historical moments include 1978 assassination of Harvey Milk in San Francisco, Congressman Barney Frank's public come out in 1987, and the fight for marriage equality.

That's it for this week's **MATTER of FACT with Soledad O'Brien**.

MARCH 24, 2019

This week on **Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien**, the devastating floods in the Midwest are just the latest hardship to hit America's farmers. They've also been struggling with falling commodity prices and rising tariffs, with many losing farms that had been in their families for generations. As a result, farmers aren't just facing a financial crisis but a mental health one as well. Our **correspondent, Jessica Gomez** visits a small Wisconsin town reeling from one farmer's suicide to find out how they're working together to prevent further tragedies.

Plus, while the attention of climate change has been focused on coastal communities, last week's bomb cyclone that triggered catastrophic flooding along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, showed the Midwest is also dealing with the impact of climate change. **Jim Angel** is the **former state climatologist for Illinois** and tells Soledad that once rare, this type of flooding could become the new normal in the wake of global warming.

And, what's it like being an undocumented immigrant in America? The answer depends on the color of your skin. At least that's what **Maeve Higgins** says. As an Irish immigrant who overstayed her tourist visa, working as a nanny in New York, Maeve says she never faced any immigration backlash or fear of deportation. Now in the U.S. legally, Maeve is a comedienne and author who writes about her experiences in a new book called **The Good Immigrant**.

In our weekly segment, "we're paying attention even if you are too busy", it's time to ask the same question that pops up every Presidential election cycle: Why don't we have a popular vote? Colorado became the latest state to sign onto a new pact seeking to bypass the electoral college. We'll look at the history of the electoral college and explain why getting rid of it won't be easy.

And finally, as many of you have heard, Soledad lost her mother, Estela, this week. **Estela Marquetti** was just a teenager when she left Cuba and arrived in the U.S. where she lived with the **Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore**. This week we look at the history of the order which is the first Roman Catholic sisterhood established by the descendants of African slaves. And we'll also find out why the Oblate sisters are hoping for a miracle.

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MARCH 31, 2019

This week on **Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien**, March Madness is back, and so is the debate over paying college athletes. A new survey finds more Americans think athletes should be compensated beyond just an academic scholarship, but how do you force the NCAA to change? **Ethan Thomas**, a former NBA and NCAA basketball star tells Soledad there are more rumblings that college players could go on strike. Will that hit this year's FINAL FOUR?

Plus, several police shootings involve people with some kind of mental disability. It's putting renewed attention on the need for police to receive more training on de-escalation and crisis intervention skills. Our **Correspondent Diane Roberts**, profiles **Jake Edwards**, a Maryland teen who is giving police special training inspired by his own personal experience.

And in November, Florida voters approved changing the state constitution to restore voting rights to more than a million former felons. But now, state lawmakers have introduced two new Bills that could put those rights on hold. One of those measures would require those with felony records to pay off court fees before they could vote. Is this a modern-day poll tax? Our **Constitutional Law Expert, Jennifer Daskal** from American University in Washington, returns to *Matter of Fact* to breakdown the rules.

In our weekly feature, “we’re paying attention even if you’re too busy”, a new fight over an old issue is heating up in Washington again. We are talking about the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare. The Trump Administration is asking a federal judge to strike down the entire ACA. At the same time, Democrats this week introduced a new measure to strengthen the ACA. Consider this the beginning of a big fight over healthcare ahead of the 2020 election.

And finally, how far would you go for the perfect selfie? Authorities in California say people are going too far to capture the beauty of the State’s Poppy Super Bloom. So many people are trying to capture pictures of the bright orange blooms, they’re trampling all over the delicate wildflowers. It’s gotten so bad, conservationists have launched the hashtag #Don’tDoomTheBloom to remind people to stay on designated trails.

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CW18 - HEALTH

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SUMMARY: Nine-thousand people on a cruise ship are turning around and heading back to Port Canaveral because of a nasty sickness onboard. More than a hundred new cases showed up today on the Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas. **WESH 2's Dan Billow** tells us the ship will be back at Port Canaveral a day early.

DATE: 1/10/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: :45

SUMMARY: Some rough moments for a Brevard County Sheriff's Office drug-sniffing dog. "Jake" got sick after smelling some Ecstasy on a cruise ship passenger Wednesday. Jake was one of many canines and undercover officers checking out passengers on the Norwegian Epic cruise ship. Detectives say one passenger had illegal Ecstasy pills in his boxer shorts and baggage. Jake did his job but appeared overcome by the effects.

DATE: 2/5/2019
NEWSCAST: 7a
LENGTH: :22

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NEWSCAST: 7a

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SUMMARY: You'll soon be able to assess your risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes at home. 23 and me has announced its personal D-N-A test kit will now include data on a user's genetic risk for diabetes. It says D-N-A won't give the whole picture, because lifestyle factors also play a big role, but experts say the findings could prompt patients to see a doctor if they realize they're at risk. It's believed more than 30 million Americans have undiagnosed diabetes.

DATE: 3/18/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :22

SUMMARY: Parents don't need to wait to give their babies peanuts -- and other allergenic foods. The American Academy of Pediatrics came out with some new guidelines. It says introducing these foods as early as six-months can help prevent allergies. However high-risk infants who have severe eczema or an egg allergy may need to be introduced to peanuts under a doctor's supervision.

DATE: 3/19/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

LENGTH: :25

SUMMARY: Governor Ron DeSantis signed a measure yesterday allowing smoke-able marijuana to be used by qualified medical patients. Last week, the Legislature passed a Bill repealing Florida's ban on smoking medical marijuana. Back in January, the Governor announced his mission to have the ban repealed. Medical marijuana use was approved in Florida more than two years ago, but smoking it was still illegal.

DATE: 3/22/2019

NEWSCAST: 7a

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SUMMARY: Can texting bans keep people out of the E.R.? According to a new study, they can. Researchers say E.R. visits from car crashes fell between 2014 and 2017. They found that states with bans on texting and driving saw about 4-percent fewer E.R. visits after crashes. That's more than 16-hundred traffic related E.R. visits per year. All but 3 states have laws restricting texting while driving.

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SUMMARY: March will end as a month FILLED with tragedy in one local high school. An unbelievable pair of crashes left THREE students dead, just weeks apart from each other. Tonight, the Deltona neighborhood that JUST grieved a loss is again in mourning. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** learned new details tonight about the two young people who lost their lives.

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NEWSCAST: **NOON**

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DATE: 3/27/2019

NEWSCAST: 6a

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SUMMARY: The legal battle against the nation's Opioid crisis has reached the largest settlement it's ever seen. Purdue Pharma and its owners, The Sackler Family, will pay the State of Oklahoma 270 MILLION dollars. The State sued the Oxycontin maker, accusing it of fueling the Opioid crisis with deceptive marketing.

CW18 - SOCIAL FAMILY

DATE: 1/3/2018

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:00

SUMMARY: The Eatonville police officer -- suffering from P-T-S-D after the Pulse nightclub attack, WILL receive pension. Omar Delgado saved lives when he responded to the tragedy in 2016. But what happened that night left him with PTSD and eventually the 9-year veteran was fired from the force. After backlash, the City promised he would receive full benefits, but then the board overseeing his disability claim denied him. Late this afternoon, the pension board met in Eatonville and voted to give him his disability pension.

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SUMMARY: You either love them or you hate them -- the company that makes Peeps is debuting several new flavors ahead of the Easter season. The new flavors are -- Blue Raspberry, Cotton Candy, Pancakes and Syrup, Chocolate Caramel Swirl, Orange Sherbet, and Root Beer Float. The iconic springtime candy will still resemble the chick shape. Some flavors will only be available at certain stores. They're currently rolling out in grocery stores nationwide now through Easter.

DATE: 2/26/2019

NEWSCAST: 8a

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SUMMARY: Apparently the Tooth Fairy is pinching pennies. An annual survey from Delta Dental found the cost for a lost tooth is down 43-cents. Researchers say the average payout for a tooth is three-dollars and 70-cents, while a first lost tooth is worth about five-bucks. Last year -- a tooth went for an average of four-dollars and 13-cents. For some reason geography plays a factor. Children living in the western U.S. earn the most while kids living in the Midwest earn the least for a tooth.

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SUMMARY: Trip Advisor has released its travelers' choice awards for the best beaches in America. And it's no surprise that 4 out of 5 are in Florida! Clearwater Beach takes the number one spot for the second year in a row. Trip Advisor says its family-friendly, with clean sand and plenty of parking.

{***TRIGGER***} In second comes Kahnapoli (kah-ah-nah-polly) Beach in Hawaii. {***TRIGGER***} In third is Panama City Beach. {***TRIGGER***} St. Pete Beach in fourth. {***TRIGGER***} And Pensacola Beach rounds out the top 5. Award winners are based on the quantity and quality of traveler reviews during the past year.

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NEWSCAST: 8a

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SUMMARY: **While you were Sleeping** -- you missed out on some BIG NEWS. The world of *Star Wars* is coming from a galaxy far, far away -- and now we're getting a look at it. Galaxy's Edge will be full of droid shops, cantinas, and light-saber manufacturers. There is also the new Millennium Falcon ride -- which will finally give fans a chance to fly the fastest ship in the galaxy. There are also plenty of places to eat themed after the movie franchise.

DATE: 2/8/2019

NEWSCAST: 10p

LENGTH: 1:25

SUMMARY: Local volunteers gathered tonight to put together an UNFORGETTABLE experience. The Tim Tebow Foundation hosts the *Night to Shine* at 500 churches across the U.S. and let us in to see all the fun.

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LENGTH: 1:30

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - the West Orange High School football coach -- placed on leave during a domestic violence investigation -- is back at work but is not coaching football. Thank you for joining us. I'm Stewart Moore. And I'm Summer Knowles. Robert Head was arrested -- accused of fighting with his wife -- but those charges were later dropped. Now students, parents, and teachers want him reinstated. WESH 2's Chris Guardaro spoke to them tonight and has more.

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SUMMARY: The early-morning lift-off time didn't deter thousands of people from coming out to watch. An estimated 5-thousand people were there to see the "Crew Dragon" go up. We got to talk to a few of the excited space fans.

DATE: 3/2/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:20

SUMMARY: With all the excitement about Space X's historic launch ... another big name in aviation is gearing up for its own launch next month. **WESH 2's Matt Lupoli** spoke with two of the engineers behind Boeing's Starliner.

DATE: 3/11/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:45

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - hundreds of people gathered at a Volusia County park to honor 15-year-old Josh Durner. The teen died in a three-car crash this morning. It happened at the entrance to Pine Ridge High on Howland Boulevard just before 7 o'clock. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thorud** is LIVE at Bill Keller Park in DeBary tonight. Kelsi ... people gathered on the baseball diamond there where Durner was scheduled to play a baseball game tonight.

DATE: 3/15/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:36

SUMMARY: **Tonight** - people around the world and right here in Central Florida are feeling the weight of this horrific and senseless tragedy. **WESH 2's Kelly Rippin** takes a closer look at how people here in our own backyard are coming together to remember those who died and to lean on each other for support.

DATE: 3/16/2019
NEWSCAST: 10p
LENGTH: 1:35

SUMMARY: Tributes have been pouring in from all over the world...honoring the victims of the New Zealand attack. **WESH 2's Kelsi Thord** shares how the Central Florida community came together to heal.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aired on Various Dates & Times

SOCIAL FAMILY

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EDUCATION

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The campaign seeks to inspire people to get engaged and partner with United Way in their efforts to address education, income and health challenges in local communities to create real, lasting change. The PSAs encourage viewers to go to UnitedWay.org to find out how they can help make a difference in their own community and learn about the impact United Way has had on communities across the country.

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