

**LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF AREA SERVED
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(October 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006)**

1. The issues of drug abuse.
2. The need to meet growing demands on the educational system.
3. The problem of crime.
4. The needs of the many minority communities of our area.
5. The on-going problems facing our environment.
6. The challenges facing the health care system.

WPTV SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS AND BROADCAST EFFORTS IN RESPONSE
TO THE FOREGOING NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE COMMUNITY

- 1.A. TITLE: Various
B. TIME/DAY: Within 5am, 6am
12pm, 5, 5:30 6 & 11pm or Sundays at 6:30am
C. TYPE: Public Affairs
D.SOURCE: Local
E.FREQUENCY: Weekly

Reports and interviews usually two to three minutes in length, which expand upon current problems and issues facing the community.

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/15/06 – Officials feel that easy access to the Internet is allowing young kids the ability to order prescription drugs. Kids as young as 12 years old are abusing medications they're getting without a doctor's prescription by secretly ordering them online. Emergency room physicians are reporting an increasing number of adolescents who are overdosing on a bizarre combination of prescription medications. There are hundreds of online pharmacies advertising prescription drugs that don't require a prescription. And doctors say you don't really know what you are actually getting when you order through the Internet and it may be a drug with adverse effects. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/17/06 – A warning was issued from law enforcement officials that we could be on the verge of another Cocaine Epidemic, one similar to what happened in the seventies and eighties. Experts say cocaine is making a deadly comeback fueled primarily by college-age and upper middle class users. The number of cocaine deaths in the state has nearly doubled in the past five years. The steepest rise in death rates is in college towns and upper class seaside communities. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/26/06 - Drug agents in Colorado discovered more than 45 pounds of pure methamphetamine stuffed inside a Tickle Me Elmo doll and other toys. The toys were stashed inside a spare tire in the trunk of a car, and also in a suitcase. The drugs have a street value of more than \$864,000. In all 19 people were taken into custody during the raid. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/26/06 – Case studies of two women indicate methamphetamine use could be linked to severe tears in arteries and even stroke. The women – ages 36 and 29 – experienced weakness and had difficulty talking after using meth. Brain scans showed both women has suffered strokes after a tear in their carotid arteries. Besides using meth, neither of the women had any other risk factors for stroke. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/3/06 – Firefighters responding to a house fire in Port St. Lucie found more than just flames when they arrived. The house contained more than 50 marijuana plants along with lights and watering systems. It's the 66th house in the city found with a growing operation inside so far this year. Investigators believe the home's wiring has been altered to provide power to the growing operation and say a short in the wiring may have started the blaze. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/1/06 – A drug-sniffing dog at Miami International discovered almost two tons of marijuana wrapped in plastic and disguised as black pepper and spices. They arrived on a flight from Jamaica. The street value of the drugs is more than four million dollars. The pilot and co-pilot were not aware the pot was on board. (1-2 minutes in length – 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/9/06 – A Florida drug dealer is paying a hefty price for breaking the law. He's not only doing time in prison, the Feds auctioned off his house in Homestead this morning. The house and the property were valued at \$750,000. The ranch house sits on more than five acres. Narcotics officers seized the home last year after an investigation revealed it belonged to a convicted drug dealer. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/16/06 – A therapist is behind bars tonight on charges of sexual misconduct with patients at a drug treatment facility in Delray Beach. Police first received a call from a concerned parent. Investigators say a man who was supposed to help drug abusers recover instead preyed on his patients at the very lowest point in their lives. (1-2 minutes in length -5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/28/06 – There is mixed news for Florida families, substance abuse among teenagers is dropping. Today the governor released the results of the state's annual youth substance abuse survey. The use of street drugs like heroin, crack cocaine and LSD has dropped among 6th through 12th graders. Cigarette smoking is also down, but the battle to keep young people away from substance abuse is on-going. Some areas continue to raise red flags with binge drinking among teenage girls (more so than boys) and the abuse of prescription drugs by both sexes. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/3/06 – Studies show prescription narcotics are becoming easier for drug dealers and abusers to get. The state's office of drug control says even though state's like Florida are trying to crack down on this - drug traffickers are coming into South Florida to get prescription drugs to take back to states like Kentucky. They then sell the drugs for a large profit. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/13/06 – The Palm Beach County Sheriff's office has been working "Operation Crackdown" since March focusing on Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. They have almost 100 deals on tape. The State Attorney's office is allowing tougher penalties for deals taking place within one thousand feet of a church, park or school. Almost every one of the 100 deals caught on tape has taken place within those parameters. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/21/06 – Surveillance video was recorded while undercover agents worked the streets. Through the 45 day operation police were able to identify 101 suspects involved in drug crimes on the streets of Riviera Beach. Police called it Operation Peace on Earth as they are aiming to get open drug dealing off the streets. The Police Chief says they learned that while the drug dealers are from Riviera Beach, those purchasing the substances are from outside the city. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 12/8/06 – Governor Jeb Bush hopes he'll go down in history as Florida's Education Governor. His eight years at the capitol have been marked by major, and often controversial, changes in education policy. His A+ Plan brought a heightened focus on test scores for everything from teacher bonuses to passing third grade and graduating brought heartache for many, but also a new focus on accountability. Jeb Bush believes the future is brighter than it was when he first took office because schools are actually measuring students' success. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/11/06 – The rapidly growing St. Lucie County is planning for its future. School administrators are looking at a 5 year, \$802 million dollar plan to keep up with the ever-growing student population. According to local newspapers school administrators will need \$109 million dollars to build a new high school. Another \$205 million dollars is needed to rebuild Fort Pierce Central High, rebuild Port St. Lucie Elementary as a K-thru-8 and build a new school within the county's research park. The money for the projects is expected to come largely from property taxes, impact fees and a half-percent sales tax. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/24/06 – Will girls do better in classes without boys and vice versa? The current administration thinks they may, and today relaxed rules that have long prohibited schools from creating same sex classes. While the research is mixed and very controversial, the administration is willing to give it a chance. Until now Title 9 prevented most schools from separating the sexes. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/9/06 – Lincoln and West Elementary schools may soon become sister schools. That means the schools will split grades kindergarten to five between the two schools. The realignment was proposed by the superintendent as a way to counteract a high number of transfers between the schools. No word on if the move will go forward in time for the next school year. Two Jupiter elementary schools currently use the model. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/16/06 – The Palm Beach County School District could have to pay fines after the state found four schools in violation of the class-size reduction law. West Boca Raton High School, Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary in Palm Beach Gardens and Lincoln Elementary in Riviera Beach missed the state required student-teacher ratios. One charter school, Montessori Academy of North Palm Beach also fell short. As a result, the school district will likely be hit with a financial penalty. (1-2 minutes - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2– 11/22/06 – Port St. Lucie students might soon be attending classes in portable schools. The Port St. Lucie School District is stocking up on 100 hybrid concrete portables. With the state’s class size amendment requiring smaller classrooms and the exponential growth in the southwest area of the county, the portables might be the district’s only salvation. The school district says it’s negotiating with various agencies to find land for four temporary or permanent school sites. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 –11/22/06 – The Martin County School Board could be entering a legal battle of its own. The School Board has agreed to join a law suit challenging the legality of a state commission charged with approving charter school. The School Board said the creation of the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission mean local administrators have no say in which charter schools should operate in Martin County. They say the new commission violates the Florida Constitution. Martin County could join at least 15 other school boards in a lawsuit being prepared by the state school boards association. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 12/12/06 – Yoga is being introduced into elementary schools in Miami. It encourages young students to focus and relax. It is called Yoga Kids – Tools for Schools. It was developed to give teachers and students in the classroom ways to help them focus, concentrate and improve their test score performance. Some of the poses are said to have actual health benefits, and teachers are primarily using Yoga as a transition tool between subjects and activities. (1-2 minutes in length -11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/13/06 – The Palm Beach County Classroom Teachers Association is frustrated by the state’s bonus plan called Special Teachers Are Rewarded, also known as STAR. Palm Beach County was given almost \$10 million dollars under the plan. A 5% bonus for each teacher equals just over \$2,400. The bonus is based on students’ gains on the F-cat and other tests as well as job evaluations. The CTA would prefer the money go to salary increases for all teachers, who are vastly underpaid. However the school district says it has no choice. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 –10/16/06 – A Boca Raton man’s car is wiped clean but he says the soap doesn’t wash away the fact he was the victim of a hate crime. When he woke up yesterday eggs and laundry detergent covered the car and three of his tires were slashed. He also found a hateful message written on the sidewalk. The man believes he was targeted because he frequently complains to the condo’s management about neighbors letting a dog out without a leash. (1-2 minutes in length -5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/16/06 – In the recent Escobedo murders that happened along the turnpike in Port St. Lucie, police are scouring the family’s jeep for evidence. If anything is found it won’t have to go far for processing. The regional crime lab at Indian River Community College is five miles from the sheriff’s office. Any trace of evidence, blood, fibers or hair samples will go to the lab for study. Any DNA found can be matched up against a national database. The lab can turn around drug or ballistic evidence in a couple of days and DNA in a week or two. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/17/06 – Is the state of Florida getting any safer to live in? Overall crime dropped during the first half of the year; however the rate of violent crimes especially murders increased. The state’s crime rate is at its lowest in more than three decades. But there has been an increase in the number of murders. The murder rate is up 27% in the first half of the year; while all violent crime rose more than 3%. Officials don’t have a clear explanation. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/14/06 – The murders of the Escobedo family that included their two small children are disturbing coming on the heels of a troubling new report that shows that violent crimes in the nation are on the rise. In 55 cities surveyed by a police chief’s research group, murder was up in 32 cities, robbery up in 44 and aggravated assault went up in 28 cities – all from January to June. Orlando had 7 murders in the first half of last year, this year – 30. Among the causes are the spread of gangs and an epidemic of guns in younger hands. (1-2 minutes in length -11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 & 4 – 10/14/06 – Dozens of people joined forces to take part in a neighborhood crime walk. From 4PM to 7PM West Palm Beach residents walked from 59th and Broadway to 25th and Broadway. It was to send a message that people of Guatemalan descent will not tolerate being victims of crime. The crime walk was organized by a group of Hispanic churches on the city’s northern end. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 11/8/06 – People who use steroids could be more likely than others to commit several types of crime including weapons offenses and fraud. Swedish researchers studied the association between steroid use and criminal behavior in about 1,400 people. Those who tested positive for steroid use were about twice as likely to have been convicted of a weapons offense and one and half times as likely to be found guilty of fraud. Researchers did not find a link between steroid use and violent crimes. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 11/29/06 – A 25 year old Delray Beach man is behind bars this morning facing capital sexual battery charges. Authorities say he repeatedly paid a girl to commit sex acts on him when she was 8 or 9 years old. According to the police report, witnesses say he handed the girl \$20 in the hallway outside his bedroom. He says the incidents happened when he was between 18 and 21 years of age. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 12/01/06 – The residents of one West Palm Beach neighborhood say thieves are targeting them. One woman who was victimized twice says enough is enough. The woman says her home was robbed two years ago and now she was mugged for her purse. Neighbors say crime is escalating, and the West Palm Beach police department says it has increased patrols. They are working hard to try and curtail the crime increases in a neighborhood plagued with crime for years. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 12/5/06 – Hate crimes have fallen to their lowest level since 1998. According to the report from the Attorney General's office hate crimes dropped by more than 22% last year. State leaders attribute the dip to new laws protecting civil rights and religious worship, as well as training programs designed to help local law enforcement recognize and address hate crimes. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/27/06 – Local police on the Treasure Coast believe that at least one of the four people they have in custody is responsible for the death of the Escobedo family. All four may soon be facing murder charges. They were not members of a gang or from out of town but rather locals that worked with the family in trafficking drugs. St. Lucie County detectives worked the case from Brownsville, Texas all the way back to here. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/5/06 – For three years a woman has been fighting to make sure that her husband who died in prison did not die in vain. Her husband had AIDS and when jail staff took his blood, his hemoglobin levels were dangerously low but the head doctor at the prison did nothing about it. She sued the prison and won a confidential settlement. She has pushed the Department of Health into opening an investigation into the doctor's competency. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/21/06 – For the first time, Lake Worth's Bryant Pak hosted the Parranda Hispanic Fest. It is a cultural celebration in honor of Hispanic Heritage month. In addition to food, and shopping there was music. Musician Tito Puente, Jr was the headliner for this year's "parranda" or "huge party". Formerly known as Latin Fest the festival had been held in West Palm Beach for the last four years. Families who brought their kids to the party say it wasn't only about fun, but education as well. The day's events included salsa lessons and a parade of flags representing 25 Central American and South American countries. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/01/06 – Immigration authorities say sports agent, Gustavo Dominguez smuggled Cuban baseball players into the United States. Federal authorities say Dominguez shipped the players to California in hopes that they would be signed by major league teams. He is charged with paying 4 aides to transport the athletes and other Cubans to the U.S. in two trips from Cuba. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 12/20/06- A South Florida college professor and his wife accused of spying for Cuba have pleaded guilty to reduce federal charges. Carlos Alvarez, a professor at Florida International University, plead guilty to conspiracy to become an unregistered foreign agent. His wife, Elsa admitted to knowing about her husband's illegal activities but failing to report them to authorities. Sentencing is scheduled for February. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/13/06 – Our reporter, Tim Malloy accompanied two local doctors as they literally risk their lives to bring 21st Century medicine to a place the world seems to have forgotten. Even though many people write Haiti off as too dangerous (ten kidnappings a day), too corrupt (the government does not want aid nor does it want to see charity given to the poor portion of the populace), too poor and too far gone for help. But these two doctors – one of whom is Haitian – want to do whatever they can and encourage others to do something to help people survive in this forsaken place. (4-5 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/23/06 – Researchers at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas believe there is something about the biological makeup of African American women that affects whether they'll survive breast cancer. They compared the survival rates of Hispanic, Caucasian and African-American breast cancer patients, when all received the same treatment – chemotherapy and mastectomy. The 10 year survival rate for African Americans was 52% versus the survival rate for Hispanics and Caucasians which was 62%. The African American patients were more likely to have tumors that were estrogen-receptor negative which are considered more difficult to treat. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/20/06 – Two women believed to be from Haiti are in custody after they flagged down a fisherman and asked him to call a cab about a mile and a half north of the Hobe Sound public beach. The fisherman was suspicious and called deputies who caught up with the pair. They said a boat dropped them off and they came ashore around 3AM along with six to eight men. The men's whereabouts are not known. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 12/29/06 – Dozens of officers from nine different agencies led a manhunt overnight. They were searching for a group of illegal immigrants believed to be armed and dangerous, who washed ashore along Jupiter Island along the Palm Beach – Martin County line. The illegal immigrants broken into a number of unoccupied expensive homes along the beach, showered and did loads of laundry, as well as ate food from the refrigerators. (1-2 minutes in length – 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/15/06 – Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist is not giving up on the Black vote, even though most Black voters are expected to support Democrats. Crist campaigned in a predominantly Black neighborhood in Jacksonville and told the crowd that he wants to improve education, keep taxes low and reduce crime. Despite Crist's efforts, opponent Jim Davis is favored to win the majority of the Black vote. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/4/06 – Black voters are expected to play a key role in the gubernatorial election between Democratic nominee Jim Davis and Republican nominee Charlie Crist. But many say they don't feel a connection to either candidate. Many Black voters would like to hear the candidates talk more about civil rights and restoring the rights of felons who served their time. 55% of the state's Black voters prefer Jim Davis over Crist. Black leaders say both candidates have to do a better job of driving home their message to Black voters. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/17/06 – A dozen fifteen-year-old girls were practicing a dance routine for their birthday parties when they were hit with shotgun pellets in Lake Worth. Two were injured and Hispanic gang members predict it will lead to retaliation. Two members of the local "Folk Nation" gang described the attacks as nothing more than a show of strength by people who probably didn't even know the victims. There are about a half dozen organized gangs in our area and many more wannabe groups trying to elbow into position. The gangs are mainly African American or Hispanic. (2-3 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 11/10/06 – On the Treasure Coast, a group of environmentalists and business leaders are suing the federal government to try and force the clean-up of the St. Lucie River. The Rivers Coalition filed the lawsuit in federal court and the suit claims violation of Riparian Rights – the rights of people who live along the river to enjoy clean water. The Rivers Coalition says any money it wins in the lawsuit would go to fund projects to clean up the river. Over decades, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released polluted fresh water from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie River. The release has upset oxygen levels and salt balance in the river killing sea grasses and oysters, causing lesions on fish and clogged the river bottom with a thick black muck. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 11/9/06 – A success story from the west coast of Florida as a manatee gets her freedom. Biologists at the Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa released a manatee back into the wild. The 1,000 pound manatee is named "Jacksonville", she was found in the St. John's River near the city a year ago. She was struck by a boat propeller and was in critical condition. But after a year of care, she has recovered and she was taken back to the river. The zoo has cared for more than 180 manatees like her. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 11/1/06 – Biologists are trying to figure out what caused a massive fish kill along the beach at “The Blowing Rocks Nature Preserve” in Jupiter this past weekend. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of dead drum fish – often called croakers – washed ashore. Officials are testing the fish for bacteria, water quality and viruses to get clues as to why it only affected one type of fish. If they can solve the mystery it will help scientists determine whether this is an isolated incident affecting one species or a red flag that signals bigger concerns. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 11/13/06- Wildlife authorities are looking for those responsible for mutilating a manatee whose corpse was found in the waters off Homestead. Wildlife officers say this is one of the worst cases of abuse of a manatee they have seen. Boaters in Biscayne National Park found the animal’s body floating with its throat slit and flippers cut off. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will conduct a necropsy to determine what killed the animal. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 12/12/06 – No “butts” about it, the City of Delray Beach is creating designated smoking areas on almost two miles of beach. Delray’s beaches attract over one million people a year and commissioners passed a rule limiting smokers to their own special section of sand along the Atlantic Ocean. It is unclear when or how they’ll implement those “smoke zones” and the city initially considered implementing a ban on smoking altogether. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 12/3/06- The Portuguese man-of-war is washing up on South Florida beaches by the dozens. Purple warning flags are flying from Boca Raton to Juno Beach today warning beachgoers. Even if the jellyfish is dead, its poisonous tentacles still can inflict a painful sting. And in rare cases, a victim can even go into shock. A weather front was expected to shift winds and keep the Man-Of-War offshore, (1-2 minutes in length – 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 10/4/06 – Senator Bill Nelson says U.S. Customs and Border Protection will stop seizing prescription medications mailed from Canada for personal use in small amounts. The policy change was confirmed by a Customs spokeswoman though ordering prescription drugs by mail is still illegal. The policy change is due to political pressure from constituents and lawmakers who complained they were no longer receiving their medicine. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 10/4/06 – Prescription drugs can be expensive, even with insurance, all those \$15 dollar co-pays add up fast. So the community response has been tremendous to Wal-mart’s announcement of \$4 prescriptions. The new drug discounts were launched in Tampa and will be rolled out nationwide in 2007. Wal-mart has a list of almost 300 generic drugs that store will offer at just \$4 for a one month supply. But the plan comes with some catches, many drugs are the same type of medicine, and the list contains many inexpensive generics and does not contain many popular drugs like cholesterol lowering medicine. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 10/16/06 – A study recently released on America’s hospitals rated the quality at more than 5,000 non-federal hospitals. Researchers scrutinized nearly 41 million Medicare hospital records to complete the analysis. The findings indicate Medicare patients have a 69% greater chance of mortality at low-rated hospitals as compared with highly rated ones. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 10/25/06– A new study illustrates racial disparities in health care. UCLA researchers analyzed data on more than 700,000 patients undergoing one of ten major surgeries. The surgeries included hip surgery, total knee replacement and certain heart surgeries. They found compared to white patients, African American, Asian and Hispanic patients were less likely to undergo complex surgeries at high volume hospitals. Larger hospitals have been associated with better outcomes for patients. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 11/6/06 – Many parents are feeling sticker shock at the potential consequences of not getting your child his or her annual flu shot. The cost of flu-related hospitalizations in children is estimated to be about \$13,000 per child. Compare that to previous estimates of about \$3,000 to \$4,000. The estimates come from researchers at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia who analyzed billing data for hundreds of kids and teens admitted to the hospital with the flu. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 12/20/06 – A \$650 million teaching hospital is coming to South Florida to help with the desperate shortage of nurses that the state and country are facing. Florida Atlantic University received state approval to become the new home for Boca Raton Community Hospital. FAU will lease 38 acres of land to the private hospital that will serve both FAU medical students and the community. The hospital is set to break ground in 2008 and open in 2011. Hospital officials say they don’t know what they will do with the current site on Meadows Road when the new facility is opened. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

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THESE PROGRAMS FEATURE PROMINENT NEWSMAKERS ON A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, OR AS FICTIONAL DEPICTIONS OF CURRENT TOPICS.

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 12/19/06 - The installment of the Dr. Phil show dealt with the rising problems of teenagers who are using and experimenting with over-the-counter drugs as a way of getting high. Everything from cold medicine, cough syrup and mouthwash become a drug in the hands of young people who are “robo-tripping” and the consequences are deadly. (60 minutes in length 3:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 12/6/06 – This Dr. Phil show looked at teachers who are under attack by their students. By attack, they are being harassed, false rumors are spread about them, and practical jokes are being played on them. Teachers spoke out about the shocking and vengeful these acts have become and parents seemed unaware that they could face a law suit from a teacher for their child’s behavior. (60 minutes in length 3:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/19/06 – This Dr. Phil show looked at the reoccurring problem of young female/male teachers who are seducing young students. With younger and more inexperienced teachers working with high school aged students the incidents seem to be increasing and there seems that these teachers do not have any ethics when it comes to crossing the line with students. Who is to blame - inexperienced teachers or oversexed teenagers? (60 minutes in length 3:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 12/5/06 – The Oprah show featured former Vice President Al Gore and the subject of global warming. Gore showed portions of his recent documentary film “An Inconvenient Truth” and discussed what this will mean in the lives of the audience and viewers. He also spoke about what steps the average person can take to help reduce global warming and to live a “greener” and more environmentally friendly life. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/22/06 – This Oprah show featured Chris Gardner and actor Will Smith who is playing Gardner in a recent movie. Gardner’s story is about a single father caring for his son who was forced to live on the streets in his efforts to try and improve his life with a better job. While doing a non-paid internship with an investment brokerage, Chris and his son bounced from flop houses to public restrooms at night. Chris finally proved himself and was hired by the company. His dramatic story has made a compelling movie and illustrates how difficult it is for people of color to even get a chance at improving their lives, let alone live the American Dream. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM /NEED 6 – 11/2/06 – Dr. Mehmet Oz revealed his recommendations for a Simple weight loss plan that member of the audience can use – not simply to be thinner but to live a healthier life with less physical ailments and problems. Dr. Oz worked with an average mom to help her lose 25 pounds and become healthier. He also revealed foods that stop food cravings. Dr. Oz recommended this plan for everyone in an effort to help viewers avoid health issues and take more responsibility for their general health. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)