

**LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF AREA SERVED
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(April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005)**

1. The challenge of meeting the growing needs of our education system.
2. The continuing problem of crime.
3. The increasing needs of our health care system.
4. The on-going problems facing minorities.
5. The need to protect our fragile environment.
6. The efforts to stop the problem of drugs.

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 – 5/6/05 – In the most recent legislative session from Tallahassee, lawmakers agreed to spend 5 billion extra dollars in education. The money will be coming from an increase in tuition and property taxes. The lawmakers did cut \$42 million dollars from the Governor’s reading initiative. And they did not agree to repeal the Governor’s class size amendment that would have tied increases in teachers’ salaries to rolling back the limit on class size. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 6/01/05 – As a new hurricane season approaches, education reporter Iris Guzman looks at how St. Lucie County schools that suffered tremendous damage to their buildings during storms Frances and Jeanne last year are struggling to recover only to be facing the hurricane season right around the corner. The County school system spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair classrooms and buildings that suffered damage from the storms and the ensuing mold. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/1/05 – Palm Beach County schools are looking at a \$38 million dollar budget shortfall for the next school year. While the district would appear to be getting more money this year \$37 million dollars must go to reducing class size. The District also has to cover the expenses for 5,600 new students, teachers’ raises and a \$600,000 electric bill from FPL for hurricane related charges. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/06/05 – When Palm Beach County voters approved a half-cent sales tax last year, it was with the intent of building new schools. But growth may outpace funding; leaving students in a space crunch until new construction can catch up. Most of the need for growth is in the western part of the county in towns such as Loxahatchee, Wellington and the Acreage. While three new schools are set to open in the Fall and thirteen others enlarged, it may be too little too late. The half-cent sales tax will take at least 5 years to catch up with the needs of the new school year. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/6/05 – Some of the area’s principals are not happy with the Palm Beach County School Board. The Board recently directed the Superintendent to find \$300,000 for teachers at the Dreyfoos School of the Arts. The other principals argued their concern with the current funding system not being fair. To help the system be equitable the Superintendent recommended School Board members give additional funding to all high schools next year. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/6/05 – The head of the Parent Teacher Association for the Charter School of Boynton Beach is voicing concerns in the response from the school to parents’ concerns. The biggest issue they have is that the mother of the school’s founder is on the board and has a large say in how the school responds to issues. The Palm Beach County School Board is investigating the Charter School since the District has contracts with these charter schools and needs to make sure the Charter schools meet the requirements of the contract. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/7/05 – From test scores to school spending, you can learn more about the schools in your community and it’s all thanks to a new website www.schoolmatters.com. The website posts data from schools nationwide. Data comes from the U.S. Department of education and Poor’s School Evaluation Services. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/8/05 – According to published reports this morning as many as 60,000 Palm Beach County students could have the chance to attend another public school on the District’s dime. That would be if their school does not meet the Federal Education Standards under the No Child Left Behind Act. Students in Martin and St. Lucie County may also have that option starting this Fall as well. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/11/05 – Two elementary schools in Palm Beach County have implemented a program called “The Flippen Group Educational Model: Capturing Kids’ Hearts”. The idea is simple, children perform for people they love or are connected to. The process begins with a class contract asking students how they want to be treated and how they should treat others, how they should treat their teachers and other adults in the building, and what to do if problems arise and how to solve them. The program can raise individual students’ academic performance 5 to 8 points in a year’s time; it can also raise the standardized test performance 5 to 8 points and lower truancy rates. Two high schools would like to implement the program next year. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/13/05 – Come September Crystal Lake Elementary in Stuart will using a uniform dress code. Passed by the parents in a 70% to 30% vote, Crystal Lakes will be the third such school in Martin County to pass a dress code. A uniform committee will decide what colors and start a fund to help parents purchase the required clothes. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 4/15/05 – After years of delay Riviera Beach’s new high school may finally have a home. Under a preliminary plan approved by the School Board, two schools in Riviera Beach would be shuffled to make new room for the new high school. In 2006 JFK Middle School would move to a new building next to it’s exiting campus. Suncoast High School would move to a new complex on the old JFK site. And then, the new Riviera Beach High School would open on the existing Suncoast campus. Over the past three years the Palm Beach County School District has considered nine separate sites for the school. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 6/7/05 – For the first time in five years, the national murder rate has dropped and it comes as surprise to some in law enforcement. New figures by the FBI show that murders last year fell 3% from the previous year. It’s part of a nationwide decline in all types of violent crime. Some criminal experts say they are surprised by the statistics because gang activity is increasing in some parts of the country and some law enforcement budgets are being cut. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 6/23/05 – For the 7th straight year Port St. Lucie had the lowest crime rate for the 25 Florida cities with populations over 75,000 in 2004. Overall Florida’s crime rate has dropped to its lowest level in more than three decades. Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Guy Tunnell says the rate of violent crime dropped by 3% and the rate of non-violent crime decreased by 6 ½ %. Florida’s crime rate for the year 2004 shows the lowest crime rate in 34 years. And it marks the 13th consecutive year that crime has decreased in the state. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 6/24/05 – Serious crime in Florida dropped for the 13th straight year in 2004 to the lowest rate since 1971. But the news is mixed in Palm Beach County. The County’s overall crime rate for 2004 fell by 9%. But violent crimes that include murder, sexual offenses, robbery and assault, rose slightly in southern Palm Beach County. Murders in the county also jumped from 61 to 89 – a 46% increase driven by a series of shootings in West Palm Beach last November. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 4/30/05 – Six people are recovering in area hospitals after they were shot outside a Boynton Beach home. Detectives say that someone opened fire with a shotgun last night. Traumahawk took several people to Delray Beach Medical Center. None of the injuries were life threatening, detectives believe the shooting was over a girlfriend. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 5/2/05 – A manhunt is on for the person who stormed into the Riviera Beach convenience store and shot and killed an elderly clerk in broad daylight. The suspect opened up in the H & M Discount Beverage store in Riviera. Killed was 72 year-old Eugene Fulmore, the victim of an apparent robbery attempt. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 5/13/05 – Police are searching for a suspect in yesterday's shooting at a Jupiter gas station. They are looking for Larry D. Scruggs who shot Earl Flowers four times early Thursday morning, outside the Amoco gas station in Jupiter. The two men were acquaintances who got into an argument. The 43 year-old Flowers is in fair condition. (1-2 minutes 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 5/16/05 – A Riviera Beach Police officer is on leave this morning after reportedly shooting and killing a man. Police say it all started with a shooting at the Lakes in Palm Beach apartment complex. Off-duty police officer James Eggers was in the apartment complex at the time and reported spotted 23 year-old Dexter Monroe with a gun leaving the area. Police say the shooting seems justified, but Monroe's family is questioning the officer's actions. Eggers has been with the department for about a year and a half, he has been placed on administrative leave pending further investigation. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 6/14/05 – On Monday 6/13 gunshots came from one of two cars at the main entrance of the Palm Beach Lakes Mall on Monday night. A short time before the shooting started security guards escorted a few men out of the mall. It was believed that people in two Chevy sedans pulled up in front of the mall and began arguing with three men standing outside. Gunshots were fired and everyone left the scene. Later a man walked into JFK Hospital with a gunshot wound to the foot. He left before police could talk with him. Three men have been shot to death in the northern part of the city, police don't know if the crimes are related, but they are similar to shootings that rocked the city late last year. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 6/17/05 – An arrest was announced in the murder of William Russell. Russell was gunned down in an alley on June 8th. The suspect was found just a few hundred feet from the victim, the suspect himself had a gunshot wound to the leg. Eyewitnesses were key in identifying the suspect and developing probable cause. Since so many random shooting have happened recently in the West Palm Beach area police officials are working feverishly to make arrests and stop the crime wave. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 4/06/05- A man practicing dentistry without a license has been arrested for using illegal novocaine on his patients and non-sterile instruments. Since the man was practicing on mostly non-English speaking residents and using his kitchen as his "office" County Health officials are concerned that many patients will start to experience problems and be afraid or unable to afford corrective dental care. The County Health department is trying to find out exactly how many people may have been using this man's services. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 4/15/05 – A doctor with the Palm Beach County Health Department has been fired today as part of an investigation into the release of a confidential list of names of HIV/AIDS patients. State Health officials said the Health Department doctor provided false information to investigators. It said he also used resources at the health department for his personal use. Investigators say they still have not been able to determine how the confidential list of names of HIV/AIDS patients was released. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 4/18/05 – January's 30-day window to sign up for Kidcare insurance turned out to be a bureaucratic nightmare for frustrated parents and overburdened Kidcare workers trying to sort out thousands of applications. Now the program is serving 124,000 fewer children than it was last year – which is not the plan. A bill speeding through the capitol would re-open Kidcare to families year round. Some of the state's most powerful legislators are now admitting that their well-intentioned efforts to bring more accountability to Kidcare had some serious unintended consequences. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 4/22/05 – After the government unveiled a new pyramid food group for better nutrition, there seems to be even more confusion about what is good and what is bad for your health. After saying that red wine had health benefits, research is now saying there is no link. New studies now say that people who are slightly overweight may be healthier than people at their optimum fitness may. And what food groups are good or bad have bounced back and forth. From no red meat or eggs in the 80's and 90's to the high protein –low carbs of the last five years, it is no wonder that dieters and Americans in general have no idea what kinds of food and in what quantities are good for them. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 5/16/05 – Experts are suggesting some simple ways that people can make quick healthier eating choices without feeling as though their entire lifestyle needs to change. Eating more walnuts, fresh blueberries and breakfast can make a big difference in how you feel and how healthy you stay. Enjoy a drink in moderation can help in relaxation, socialization and lowering your cholesterol. Adding soy protein to yogurt, milk, smoothies and oatmeal is also good. Laughter also provides relaxation and release. Just a few simple things that can help lower cholesterol and blood pressure. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 5/13/05 –The State is ordering the agency responsible for watching over Palm Beach County's foster children to shape up. Shelters and group homes fail to report serious incidents, including runaways within the time frame required by law. In a recent review by state monitors of 21 incidents, only three were reported within the required eight hours. Now the State has order Child and Family Connections, the non-profit agency paid about \$32 million dollars annually to care for the more than 2,000 children in the County's foster care system to come up with a plan to fix the problem by May 20th. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/03/05 – A new study indicates that children who go to school near a major airport have lower reading and memory scores. Researchers studied nearly 3,000 students who attended schools near three of the largest airports in Europe. They found the average reading age was delayed by two months for students exposed to the airplane noise. The children also had increased stress levels and reported a decreased quality of life. Researchers concluded schools near major airports do not provide good educational environments. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/10/05 – A new study is finally putting a price tag on the cost of providing health care insurance for those currently going without. According to the group “Families USA” providing health care to the uninsured cost the average insured worker \$341 dollars a year, and the average family \$922 dollars a year. The group advocates a universal health care system and says a universal program would provide the same care at the same price to all Americans. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/23/05 – Employees at the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s office got the chance to see how fit they are. The department held a health fair today. It offered a variety of tests, screenings and exams as well as encouragement to employees to take care of their bodies. It was a completely voluntary program that encouraged employees to find out areas they may lack fitness in and get information to live a better life. Between three hundred and five hundred people were expected to attend today’s health fair. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/13/05 – Why do women live longer than men? Some experts say it’s because many men don’t go to the doctor for annual check-ups. This week is National Men’s Health Week and experts explained what tests men should have regularly even if they feel fine. The tests include prostate, colon-rectal, and cholesterol. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/16/05 – If you think a little health care coverage is better than none think again. A new study says the under-insured are no better off financially than those with no insurance at all. People with limited benefits are just as likely to get calls from bill collectors and skip needed medical care. Premiums rose more than 11% last year several times the rate of inflation. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/6/05 – Researchers are learning more about the hidden dangers at hospitals. A new study shows a resistant form of staph infection can survive for months on common hospital surfaces. Researchers tested three potential sources of staph infections: computer keyboards, bed linens and acrylic fingernails. They found that staph could stay alive for about two weeks on unwashed bed linens, six weeks on dirty keyboards and eight weeks on unclean acrylic nails. They determined frequent hand washing is necessary to prevent its spread. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 6/20/05 – Jupiter Medical Center is undergoing renovations to cut down the waiting time at the ER and add more services for patients. The \$10 ½ million dollar project will increase the hospital's size by about 35,000 square feet. Hospital administrators say the expansion is in response to the continued growth in Palm Beach County. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 5/04/05 – The NAACP is calling for action to erase the fear that many Black youths feel when confronted by police. The NAACP is here to conduct town hall meetings in the wake of a shooting death of a 16-year-old young Black man. The young man tried to flee after being stopped by a police officer and asked to produce a driver's license he did not have. The town hall meeting had members of law enforcement talking with young people in hopes of opening up some dialogue. Many teens feel they are being targeted because of the color of their skin. The goal is to educate and prevent loss of life. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 6/22/04 –The Scripps Research Institute panel is looking for minority contracts and employment and are holding meeting in our area to decide who will get those contracts. JM Global is a small promotional items business that specializes in uniforms and T-shirts. They are one of many local minority businesses that are putting together proposals to be considered by Scripps. With Scripps finally getting approval to move to the area, the potential for many businesses to make money from their presence is great. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 4/01/05 – New guidelines suggest that African Americans need an earlier visit to the doctor to screen for colon cancer. The American College of Gastroenterology is now recommending those doctors screen African American patients for colorectal cancer beginning at age 45. That's five years earlier than the recommended age for screening white patients. Researchers say the earlier screenings are needed because African Americans have a higher incidence of colorectal cancers and polyps. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 4/13/05 – The crime situation in Riviera Beach is escalating. Today a real life drama played out at the 45th Street Flea Market. A group of men dashed in with ski masks and assault rifles. They smashed display cases and stole jewelry. An anonymous tip led police to an apartment house in Riviera Beach where there was a tense standoff with police. The men inside were heavily armed and the apartment was near schools – so police wanted the arrest to end peacefully. In the end the suspects surrendered. This intensity of crime is concerning law enforcement that time and time again Riviera Beach, that is predominantly an African American community, is facing more violent crime and more Black-on-Black crime. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 5/14/05 – A suspect who allegedly shot a person in Riviera Beach overnight was shot and killed by an off-duty police officer. The suspect has shot a man inside one apartment complex and took off and ran to another apartment complex. Riviera Beach Police were called and an off-duty officer responded. Once again Riviera is facing problems with crime and police trying to contain the violence. A number of shootings have taken place in both West Palm Beach and Riviera Beach where young African American men have been killed by one another. The Police Chiefs of both cities are trying to work together to find out why this continues to happen. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 6/02/05 – A teenage gang member will spend time in jail for his part in a drive by shooting that killed a 14 year-old Lake Worth boy. The 17 year-old struck a plea deal with prosecutors. The murder victim was shot in front of his home. The police are again trying to stop gang violence in the minority world to try and keep young men alive. So many young people in the Hispanic community are looking at gangs as a way to survive in this English speaking community. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 4/28/05 - It was Hispanic Student Career Day at Palm Beach Community College. High School Juniors and Seniors turned out on the Lake Worth campus to hear motivational speakers and receive information on possible career paths. Students were encouraged by local Hispanic leaders to pursue college careers. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 5/10/05 – New Hispanic mothers at St. Mary's Medical Center rely on nurses such as Mabel Suarez who is just one of a few Spanish speaking nurses at the facility. According to recent statistics, in Florida, Texas, and California minorities account for less than 10 % of the healthcare work force. Even though minorities in these states will soon be the majority of the population. Mabel agrees and says that 50% of the patients that she sees are Spanish speaking. Many nurses working with Mabel are learning Spanish to be able to better help patients, and Mabel is also a recruiter for St. Mary's 't Hispanic Job Fairs and local high schools. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 –5/19/05 – Roosevelt Middle School has something to be proud about. Today Dr. Miguel Benevente received the Hispanic Teacher of the Year award. Dr. Benevente has been a medical science teacher for a decade and has created several special programs for minority students. Benevente is also the founder of the first pre-medicine program for middle school students in this area. Dr. Benevente was also the recipient of the National Hispanic Teacher of the Year award two years ago. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 5/4/05 – Two months after dolphins stranded themselves on a mud flat in the middle keys, they are now swimming free this morning. Volunteers from the Marine Mammal Conservancy took the dolphins to a point in the Atlantic Ocean about 14 miles off Key Largo. They took them in two catamaran dive boats and released them almost simultaneously. The volunteers had invested thousands of hours in rehabilitating the mammals. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 6/17/05– Residents who live along the St. Lucie River or who will come in contact with the river water are being asked to boil drinking water and to stay out of the water. The Martin County Health Department has issued a warning to avoid contact with the St. Lucie River from the Palm City Bridge to the Evan Crary Bridge. Water samples taken this week show high levels of fecal bacteria. Health workers say they may never know the source of the contamination. More tests are scheduled for next week. (1-2 minutes in length 7:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 6/24/05 – A warning tonight for those who plan to use sections of the St. Lucie River this weekend are being told to stay out of the water. Martin County’s Health Department says the river remains unsanitary for public use. Water samples continue to show high levels of bacteria. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 5/25/05 – A trip down up the Loxahatchee river revealed how so many years of hard work and fighting on behalf of the people who live on the have finally paid off. The River has been there for tens of thousands of years and was badly exploited in the forties, fifties and sixties. Environmentalists now have praise for both parties of government for the 3.8 million dollars coming from Tallahassee to help restore the river. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 4/11/05 – The members of the Southeast Swordfish Club heard about the federal government’s plan to grant special permits to six longline boats for testing methods of catching fish without harming other marine life. Longline fishing gets its name from the long lines that boats let out, lines that can stretch up to twenty miles, hung with hundreds even thousands of hooks. The boats granted the special permits will be using new circle hooks and hook timers that prevent the boats from reeling in juvenile fish and turtles snagged accidentally. But local fishermen are not sold on longline fishing and believe that it didn’t work well the first time. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 4/28/05 – Everyday pollutants, like exhaust from car, may be damaging to your health, especially if you are trying to have a baby. A new study suggests that exposure to chemicals from environmental pollutants could damage a man’s reproductive health. In a study of 149 men, those exposed to the most pollutants had an increase in the number of sperm with the male chromosome. However, researchers were unable to predict if the effect would lead to more boys being born. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 5/08/05 – On Sunday May 8th the weather was so beautiful and balmy across the viewing area that many of the county’s parks were forced to close their doors. At least three parks were forced to stop allowing any more parkgoers in due to overcrowding. Only families that had arrived very early were able to enjoy the parks. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 5/19/05 – Professional sports and drugs took center stage in Washington D.C., when for the third time this year Congress held hearing on the use of steroids in professional sports. Representatives from every major professional sports group will testify on the drug free sports act of 2005. The bill would issue regulations requiring testing for steroids and other substances in professional sports. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 5/27/05– Customs agents in Miami are going bananas over the latest scheme to smuggle drugs into the country. Agents inspecting a shipment of plantains, found some to be unnaturally hard. They realized that much of the green fruit was actually molded fiberglass filled with cocaine. In all, agents found 750 pounds of cocaine with a \$6 million dollar street value. (1-2 minutes in length 10:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 5/18/05 – Ten people are behind bars after agents discovered hundred of pot plants growing in a South Florida neighborhood. Marijuana plants were found growing in the garages of seven Cape Coral homes. Some contained as many as 200 marijuana plants. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency led the raid. Agents say these illegal green houses are part of a much larger drug ring. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 4/21/05 – A national teen drug study found prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines are now the most abused drugs by teens ranking only behind marijuana and inhalants. It is happening in small towns and big cities all across the country. The number show that almost one in five teens has tried to get high on the painkiller Vicodin, one in ten on Oxycontin, Ritalin or even common cough medicines. Doctors say parents may need to keep prescriptions under lock and key. In the past three years the number of parents making the mistake of not talking to their kids about drugs has doubled. (1-2 minutes in length 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 5/01/05 – A new video game released on the market is a “first-person” version called Narc. In the game you play a cop busting drug dealers except in this game you can virtually take the drugs you confiscate and they can even enhance your performance. Addiction to the virtual drugs can lead to withdrawal, but unlike real-life, a few clicks on the game controller and your character kicks the habit. This is the first time you can take virtual drugs in a video game. Narc is rated “M” for mature -17 and older rating. But family groups that have fought against violent and sexual content for years say this new “high” in gaming is an all time low. (1-2 minutes in length 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 5/10/05 – Governor Jeb Bush says he’s concerned about several recent cases of child sexual abuse and murder that may be linked to substance abuse. While drug use is down among Floridians in several categories including heroin and PCP, it continues to be a contributing factor in violent crimes. The Governor is also concerned about an increase of police busts of meth labs. New legislation passed this year will restrict the availability of the ingredients used to make meth. (1-2 minutes in length 5:30PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 6/13/05– In Florida more people die each year from prescription drugs than illegal drugs, according to a new study by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Last year Florida Medical Examiners reported more than 1,800 deaths from prescription drug overdoses, up near a quarter from the year before. Nearly 300 of those fatalities occurred in people younger than 25 years old. Deaths in you people caused by methadone, a painkiller that’s an alternative to Oxycontin almost doubled since 2002. Law enforcement officials stress that parents need to keep track of their own medications. (3-4 minutes in length 5:00AM)

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

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 4/05/05 –This installment of the Oprah program featured many famous actors and performers who are battling mental illness and who have been ashamed to deal with it openly. In a number of cases the person contemplated suicide or was hospitalized to try and help contain their violent reactions. In openly talking about their problems they are hoping that others who are facing the same problems will come forward and seek help. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 4/07/05 – This Oprah show featured Lisa Ling going behind prison bars with women who are in surviving in prison. Many of the women are mothers who are trying to raise children while they are incarcerated. It is a chilling look at how women are treated and are treating each other. Audience members are shocked at the statistics and the inside view of prison life and many admit they could not consider living in prison. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 4/11/05 – This Oprah Winfrey show interviewed Tracey Gold the actress who has recently been convicted of drunk driving. Tracey rolled her family's vehicle with her small children and husband in the car. She was arrested, handcuffed and jailed. She is now a convicted felon and she tells her story of how she handled alcohol until it became an overwhelming problem. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 5/04/05 – This Oprah Winfrey program featured the actress Brooke Shields' and her battle with post-partum depression. Her condition was so serious she often considered killing her children and herself. Brooke detailed the traumatic birth of the baby and her difficulties in bonding with the child. She finally sought medical help and found what she needed in prescription medication that allowed her to cope with all of the changes she was feeling. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 5/11/05 – This Oprah show dealt with facing the idea that someone you love may be a child molester. The program featured two women who were both in love with child molesters. They were asked to describe they life with these men and whether or not they suspected any criminal behavior. They also spoke about how they dealt with the reality of the situation and how they are coping with what they now know. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)