

ARTS & POPULAR CULTURE

All Things Considered

04/03/23 WABE 4/3/2023 4:04 PM

Georgia's Chandler Smith is now a winner in the Nascar Xfinity Series.

5/8/23 WABE 5/8/2023 6:04 PM

Atlanta is going European this coming weekend at the Plaza Theatre.

6/15/23 WABE 6/15/2023 5:04 PM

An ensemble made up of L-G-B-T-Q-plus members-- and their allies... is celebrating its 30th anniversary concert this weekend [sat june 17].

City Lights

Jason Robert Brown WABE 4/3/2023 1:10 AM

Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Jason Robert Brown stops by before his upcoming conversation and performance at the Alliance Theater. Plus, the City Lights team comes together for a roundtable discussion about April neighborhood festivals, and our series, "Speaking of Music," highlights singer-songwriter Ian Cole.

Extension of Self WABE 4/6/2023 1:40 AM

Curator Birney Robert and Full Radius artistic and executive director Douglas Scott discuss "Extension of Self: A Dance Between Human and Digital." Plus, our series "Speaking of Art" highlights Donna Garcia, and we hear about Theatrical Outfit's production of "Tiny Beautiful Things from director Amber McGinnis and actor Maria Rodriguez-Sager.

Roller Skating in America WABE 4/13/2023 1:20 AM

Actor and producer Erika Miranda discusses her short film, "Mi Casa," now streaming on HBO Max. Plus, City Lights producer Jeannine Etter wheels us into Atlanta roller skating culture, and music journalist Chad Radford discusses his new book, "Atlanta Record Stores: An Oral History."

47th Annual Atlanta Film Festival WABE 4/20/2023 1:10 AM

Atlanta Film Festival executive director Chris Escobar shares details on this year's event, including films not to miss and a discussion on the Creative Conference.

The Alchemists WABE 4/25/2023 1:10 AM

The prominent Atlanta art dealer, Bill Lowe, passed away in 2021 due to complications from Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was the owner and president of the Bill Lowe Gallery for over 30 years. After Lowe's passing, the gallery appointed Donovan Johnson as Executive Director to continue his mentor's legacy. The gallery's name has since changed to the Johnson Lowe Gallery, and Donovan is ushering in a new era for this space. "The Alchemists" is the first exhibition to kick off the rebranding, and it's on view through April 29. Co-curators Seph Rodney and Donovan Johnson joined City Lights to discuss the show in detail.

Das Rheingold

WABE

4/27/2023 1:10 AM

Bass-baritone Greer Grimsley discusses the Atlanta Opera's "Das Rheingold" production on stage at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts from April 29-May 7. Plus, Photographer Barbara Dombrowski details "Tropic Ice," her new exhibition at the Goethe-Zentrum German Cultural Center. And, our series, "Speaking of Music," spotlights singer-songwriter V Love.

Luxardo Entertainment Group

WABE

5/1/2023 1:10 AM

Violinist and composer Alice Hong details her new role as the Luxardo Entertainment Group founder. Plus, the City Lights team comes together for a roundtable discussion about May neighborhood festivals, and we hear about a FreakNik reunion party this weekend.

Closer Look

Mayor Cobble/Arrested Development on Hip Hop

WABE

5/8/2023 1:00 PM

It's been nearly one year since Stonecrest Mayor Jazzmin Cobble was sworn into office. Cobble talks with Rose about leading the city following the resignation and sentencing of ex-mayor Jason Leary.

For "Closer Look's" Hip Hop @ 50 series, Rose talks with Arrested Development. The Atlanta-based hip-hop group, which started in the late 1980s, discuss their creative process, legacy and the current state of the hip hop genre.

Play honors women of civil rights movement

WABE

5/10/2023 1:00 PM

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights will present "Let Us March On..." a one-night-only theatrical reimagining of the March on Washington.

WABE Reporter Stephannie Stokes continues her coverage of tax collection in Fulton County, which she reports outsources much of its tax collection to investors. Today, she looks at what happens when tax officials take a more active role.

Kay Apkan – the Mom Trotter – has made a lifestyle out of taking trips around the world to help raise children in her family to be global citizens.

Guests remember the life legacy of Tina Turner

WABE

5/26/2023 1:00 PM

People across the globe are remembering the Queen of "rock 'n' roll." Tina Turner died on Wednesday at her home in Switzerland. On Friday's special edition of "Closer Look" show host Rose Scott talks with music historians, journalists and an artist about Turner's life and legacy. Guests include: Dionne Farris, Grammy-winning singer, songwriter, and producer, Keisha Jackson, an Atlanta-based artist and vocal coach, Ray Cornelius, an arts and culture host at WCLK, Kristi York Wooten, a music journalist at GPB and Quentin Harrison, a historian, author and music reviewer for Albumism.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

All Things Considered

5/2/23 WABE 5/2/2023 4:44 PM

If you're planning to travel this year you're not alone. Triple-A-reports 87 percent of Georgia residents plan to get out of town in the coming months.

5/11/23 WABE 5/11/2023 4:32 PM

The U.S. Department of Labor and state officials are working together to raise awareness about mental health in the workplace.

6/1/23 WABE 6/1/2023 5:04 PM

More support for Hispanic business owners is on the way.

As Marlon Hyde reports, the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is set to receive half a million dollars in federal funding.

6/14/23 WABE 6/14/2023 4:04 PM

Atlanta-based shipping giant... UPS AND ITS DRIVERS HAVE reached a TENTATIVE deal to POSSIBLY AVOID A MAJOR STRIKE.

Closer Look

Aviation Mechanic Shortage/Wine Scholarship WABE 5/1/2023 1:00 PM

The findings of a new report suggest there could soon be an aviation mechanics shortage, which could trickle down to flight cancelations and delays. Brian Prentice, a consultant at Oliver Wyman firm, discusses the shortage of mechanics and the report.

Dr. Joel English, the executive vice president of the Aviation Institute of Maintenance, talks with Rose about the contributing factors to the declining interest in aviation maintenance and what the institute is doing to attract more people to the line of work.

Lastly, The Roots Fund is a nonprofit working to help people of color pursue careers in wine-related fields. Ikimi Dubose-Woodson, the CEO and co-founder of The Roots Fund, and Aaron Monu, the co-founder of Wines for the Culture and a Roots Fund Scholar, talk with Rose about a new scholarship fund for metro Atlanta residents.

COMMUNITY

All Things Considered

4/14/23 WABE 4/14/2023 4:44 AM

Atlanta's Sweet Auburn district is synonymous with Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's home and story. But it's more than that.

5/15/23 WABE 5/15/2023 4:04 PM

Today [MON], DeKalb County launches the 20-23 season of Fresh on DeK [DECK], its mobile farmers market.

5/24/23 WABE 5/24/2023 4:04 PM

Atlanta continues to make investments into its parks and green spaces, according to new rankings out from the ParkScore index.

6/5/23 WABE 6/5/2023 6:04 PM

Dozens of protestors are gathered outside of Atlanta City Hall to voice their opinion on the proposed police and fire training facility.

Closer Look

Metro atlanta Chamber DEI WABE 4/12/2023 1:00 PM

Michael Baptiste, Metro Atlanta Chamber's vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion, provides an update about MAC's ATL Action for Racial Equity initiative.

U.S. Representative Lucy McBath recently announced that Lawrenceville will receive more than \$7.7 million in infrastructure funding. Lawrenceville Mayor David Still discusses the current state of Lawrenceville's infrastructure and shares how federal funding will be disbursed.

Local bookstore advocates for banned books WABE 4/18/2023 1:00 AM

Little Shop of Stories recently launched the Banned Books Book Club. Justin Colussy-Estes, the manager of Little Shop of Stories, talks about the monthly event and discusses why the local bookstore decided to take action amid the recent wave of book banning across the nation.

GSU staff oppose Atlanta Public Safety Training Fac WABE 4/19/2023 1:00 PM

Several Georgia State University faculty members and students oppose the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. Dr. Makungu M. Akinyela, an associate professor in the Africana Studies Department at Georgia State University, and Niana Battle, a junior at Georgia State University majoring in public policy, discuss an open letter calling for GSU to disinvest in the controversial development.

Local College Student & 'Cop City' WABE 4/26/2023 1:00 PM

Alex Ip, editor-in-chief of the independent news site The Xylom and an environmental engineering undergraduate student at Georgia Tech, recently fact-checked what the City of Atlanta called "myths" about the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. Ip talks with Rose about the findings of his report and the Georgia Tech communications department's response to his report.

Tim Turner, the founder and CEO of Satisfied, discusses how the nonprofit is helping a surge of families amid inflation and the ending of pandemic-era SNAP benefits.

Plus, Hip Hop has a dress code. Elena Romero is an assistant professor of Advertising and Marketing Communications at FIT, and the co-curator of the fashion exhibit and co-editor of the book "Fresh Fly Fabulous: 50 Years of Hip Hop." For "Closer Look's" Hip Hop @ 50 series, Professor Romero talks with Rose about the roots and evolution of hip hop style.

CONSUMERISM

All Things Considered

5/30/23

WABE

5/30/2023 6:04 PM

Georgia Power bills are going up -- and some scammers are taking advantage of it.

6/13/23

WABE

6/13/2023 4:04 PM

Gas prices in Georgia are staying steady as one of the lowest in the Southeast...

And as Alex Helmick reports... experts had predicted a summer spike.

CRIME

All Things Considered

4/20/23

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City of LaGrange officials say they plan to implement a program in an effort to help curb violence among teens.

5/31/23

WABE

5/31/2023 5:32 PM

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is charging three people involved in helping protestors of Atlanta's proposed Public Safety Training Center with financial crimes.

DIVERSITY

City Lights

Rising Against Asian Hate

WABE

4/11/2023 1:10 AM

Georgene Bess Montgomery details Clark Atlanta University's 50th Annual Writers Workshop Conference. Plus, choreographer and co-artistic director Kerry Lee discusses the Atlanta Chinese Dance Company's new original production, "We Belong Here: Rising Against Asian Hate."

World Natural Hair, Health and Beauty Show

WABE

4/17/2023 1:30 AM

City Lights host Lois Reitzes speaks with Atlanta filmmaker Kirby McClure about his new independent film "Spaghetti Junction." A sci-fi drama that follows a disabled teenager who encounters a traveler claiming to have supernatural origins, the story takes place in the Doraville neighborhood around Spaghetti Junction. City Lights producer Jeannine Etter travels to the World Natural Hair, Health and Beauty Show. Plus, we listen back to Lois' conversation with Scraplanta's executive director Jonelle Dawkins.

Atlanta's Savory Stories

WABE

5/4/2023 1:15 AM

In this month's "Atlanta's Savory Stories," City Lights food contributors Chef Asata Reid and culinary historian Akila McConnell delve into the history of Atlanta's Jewish communities and their delicious contributions to our eclectic food scene. Plus, we find out what's inside the bright glowing pink neon box on the Atlanta Beltline's Eastside Trail as DJ Ree de la Vega and Dash Studio's Courtney Hammond discuss A/V Radio.

ECONOMY

All Things Considered

4/4/23

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4/4/2023 5:04 PM

Resources are on the way for DeKalb residents struggling with rent or utility bills due to the pandemic.

6/7/23

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Georgia has received billions of dollars in new investments in manufacturing and infrastructure since 2021.

EDUCATION

All Things Considered

5/5/23 WABE 5/5/2023 4:04 PM

Atlanta's Oglethorpe University announced today [Fri] its president is stepping down effective next month.

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The Forsyth County school district will change its process for removing books from school libraries.

6/2/23 WABE 6/2/2023 5:04 PM

The Board of the Atlanta Public School District will NOT renew its superintendent's contract. Dr. Lisa Herring has been in the position for three years, and WILL serve out the remaining year in her contract.

Closer Look

Future MISTERS Academy WABE 5/24/2023 1:00 PM

Dr. Jabari Cain, an associate professor in the Bagwell College of Education and the director of the Call Me MISTER program at Kennesaw State, and Alexander Shannon, a Tapp Middle School teacher and community partner for KSU Call Me MISTER program, discuss the lack of Black male teachers and efforts to increase the Black male teacher pipeline through the Call Me Mister and the Future MISTERS Academy programs.

ENVIRONMENT

All Things Considered

4/11/23 WABE 4/11/2023 6:04 PM

The city of Atlanta says it's speeding up a timeline to plant 8-thousand trees in downtown.

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Georgia Power customers will see their bills jump next month.
As Emily Jones reports, the Georgia Public Service Commission has approved another bill increase.

6/9/23 WABE 6/9/2023 5:04 PM

The Georgia department of natural resources warns harmful air quality is forecasted to continue into the weekend.

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Forecasters say metro Atlanta is heating up.
That's after a weekend of torrential storms that downed trees and power lines.

HEALTH

All Things Considered

4/7/23

WABE

4/7/2023 4:44 PM

At a certain age, we know we should get a colonoscopy to screen for cancer. And if you have in your head that age is 50... you'd be wrong. It used to be. But researchers found a troubling trend was emerging, and 50 was often too late.

4/10/23

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Hundreds of people from around the U.S. are gathering in Atlanta this week for a conference on the opioid and addiction crisis.

4/12/23

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4/12/2023 5:32 PM

Fulton County Commissioners are considering a new sales tax to fund hospitals and healthcare.

5/22/23

WABE

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The state is now issuing terminations for people who *may* no longer qualify for Medicaid or childrens' health insurance.

6/16/23

WABE

6/16/2023 4:04 PM

Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr has written to the Food and Drug Administration asking for action in addressing illegal e-cigarette products in the state.

HISTORY

Clouser Look

Martin Luther King Jr Legacy

WABE

4/4/2023 1:00 PM

Tuesday marks 55 years since Martin Luther King was assassinated. Rose talks with Vann Newkirk II, the senior editor of The Atlantic, about his new podcast, "Holy Week: The Story of a Revolution Undone." The podcast explores the uprisings that happened across the country the week after King's death.

We will then rebroadcast reflections from our ATL 68 series as well as a recent conversation with Xernona Clayton. Several guests talk with Rose about Dr. King's life, death, and legacy.

LEGAL

All Things Considered

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Jury trials in DeKalb County are back in session after a frozen pipe burst in December and caused extensive damage inside the courthouse.

4/18/23 WABE 4/18/2023 7:04 PM

Fulton County Prosecutors offered immunity deals to some of the Georgia Republicans who signed up as fake electors for then-President Trump after the 2020 election.

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Fulton County prosecutors are reportedly expanding their 2020 election investigation into the Trump campaign's conduct in other battleground states.

6/21/23 WABE 6/21/2023 5:32 PM

The Georgia Supreme Court is weighing an appeal that could lead to six Fulton County jailers facing murder charges for the 2018 death of Antonio May.

6/23/23 WABE 6/23/2023 5:04 PM

Atlanta groups that support access to abortion are marking one year since the U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade.

Closer Look

Leaders of the Atlanta Solidarity Fund arrested WABE 6/1/2023 1:00 PM

Three organizers who have been linked to helping protesters fight against the proposed Atlanta Public Safety Training Center have been arrested and charged. George Chidi, an Atlanta-based investigative journalist discusses the latest.

LIFESTYLE

All Things Considered

5/25/23

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5/25/2023 6:04 PM

The State of Georgia is considering expanding access to medical cannabis. The proposals would make these products available at certain pharmacies across Georgia to the more than 27-thousand patients on the state's low-THC registry.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

All Things Considered

4/21/23

WABE

4/21/2023 6:26 PM

Tuesday is Confederate Memorial Day in Alabama and Mississippi, although Georgia has rebranded the day. More than 150 years after the end of the Civil War, its symbols linger.

5/9/23

WABE

5/9/2023 4:44 PM

There can be a high cost to unpaid taxes. And in Fulton County, Black homeowners are usually paying it.

Closer Look

renters of color pay higher rental fees

WABE

5/3/2023 1:00 PM

Manny Garcia, a senior population scientist at Zillow, discusses apartment pricing discrimination and why BIPOC renters pay more in upfront rental costs.

Liberation in a Generation is a national racial justice organization. Devin Barrington-Ward, the director of communications at Liberation in a Generation, talks with Rose about why his organization is pressuring the Biden administration to take action and protect tenants from rising rents and rent gouging.

Michael Fischer, an associate broker and the president of the Atlanta REALTORS Association, and Andy Walden, the vice president of enterprise research and strategy at Black Knight, discuss the coastal home pricing divide.

OTHER

Clouser Look

Teran Autopsy/HBCU Chess

WABE

4/21/2023 1:00 AM

Jeff Filipovits is an attorney representing the family of Manuel Esteban Paez Teran, also known as Tortuguita. Filipovits talks with Rose about the DeKalb County Medical Examiner's autopsy report that reveals the environmental activist was shot at least 57 times by officers in January near the proposed site for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.

Alan Cowan, a student at Morehouse College and the CEO and co-founder of The Black Odyssey Society, and Maurice Ashley, the first African-American Grandmaster, discuss the first-ever HBCU Chess Classic.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

All Things Considered

4/5/23 WABE 4/5/2023 4:44 PM

While former President Trump has been indicted in New York, he could still face legal jeopardy here in Georgia, too.

4/11/23 WABE 4/11/2023 4:34 AM

Cobb County election director Janine Eveler [EH-veh-lur] is retiring this week after 12 years.

5/11/23 WABE 5/11/2023 5:32 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris is in Atlanta for her first events outside of Washington since President Joe Biden announced his re-election bid.

6/12/23 WABE 6/12/2023 4:04 PM

The Georgia GOP Convention is underway in Columbus. It features an appearance from former President Donald Trump and the election of a new state party chair.

Closer Look

Clarence Thomas Gifts WABE 4/10/2023 1:00 PM

A new ProPublica investigative report suggests that for more than 20 years, real estate developer Harlan Crow has gifted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas with expensive gifts and luxury domestic and international vacations. Rose talks with guests about the investigation and judicial ethics. Guests included in the conversation: Tanya Washington a professor of law at Georgia State University, and Fred Smith a professor of law at Emory University, William S. Duffey Jr a former United States district judge of the Northern District of Georgia, and Lester Tate a former president of the State Bar of Georgia who formerly served on the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission.

2024 presidential race heats up WABE 5/30/2023 1:00 PM

The 2024 presidential race is starting to take shape. Fred Hicks, an Atlanta-based political strategist and analyst, discusses what Republicans are doing to strengthen their efforts this upcoming election and what President Biden must do to win another term.

City Council funding for police training center WABE 6/5/2023 1:00 PM

Atlanta City Council members are expected to vote today on the funding for the proposed Atlanta Public Safety Training Center. WABE's criminal justice reporter Chamian Cruz joins "Closer Look" with the latest.

Plus, Morehouse College recently received \$1 million grant from JPMorgan Chase to support Black businesses in metro Atlanta. Morehouse President David Thomas and Alicia Wilson, the managing director and global head of philanthropy for North America at JP Morgan Chase, discuss the grant and an initiative to launch a regional network for organizations dedicated to serving entrepreneurs of color.

Lastly, HB 147, a bill that requires schools conduct an active shooter drill near the start of each school year, goes into effect in Georgia on July 1st. Sarah Burd-Sharps, a senior director of Research at Everytown for Gun Safety, discusses research about the mental health impact of active shooter drills on students.

On today's Closer Look with Rose Scott, WABE Political Reporter Rahul Bali recaps the Georgia GOP Convention that occurred this past weekend in Columbus, Georgia. It includes statements from former President Trump about the investigation into his actions after the 2020 Election in Fulton County.

Then, we speak with Deputy Administrator Tristan Brown from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. There are more than 1.2 million shipments of hazardous materials each day in America – many of it travels on the same road and rail lines as average commuters. PHMSA has also seen a rise in HAZMAT-related accidents over the past decade. Brown discusses roadway safety and what's causing the spike.

Also, Grady Health Systems plans to open to new outpatient centers south of I-20 to fill the void of emergency care following the closure of Atlanta Medical Center's facilities. We speak to Grady President & CEO John Hauptert about their effort to address the local healthcare needs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

All Things Considered

4/25/23

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4/25/2023 4:04 PM

The Atlanta City Council Public Safety Committee wants the state to require body-worn cameras for all Georgia Bureau of Investigation and state patrol officers

5/16/23

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5/16/2023 4:32 PM

Members of a community task force charged with making recommendations on the training curriculum for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center are split over what their priorities should be.

6/22/23

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6/22/2023 6:04 PM

Cobb County's Sheriff is asking the state to help increase the jail's number of close observation beds ... after two teens recently died in custody by apparent suicide.

6/29/23

WABE

6/29/2023 5:04 PM

Opponents of the controversial Atlanta Public Safety Training Center are continuing their protests against the proposed facility in South Dekalb County.

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

All Things Considered

4/26/23

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4/26/2023 7:04 PM

Atlanta is one of the top cities in the country for Energy Star commercial buildings.

TRANSPORTATION

All Things Considered

4/28/23

WABE

4/28/2023 6:04 PM

Georgia transportation officials say drivers need to be more careful in work zones on roads... especially as major projects in metro Atlanta continue.

5/19/23

WABE

5/19/2023 5:04 PM

Atlanta teens can soon request their own Uber rides on their own accounts.

6/28/23

WABE

6/28/2023 4:04 PM

A main runway remains closed at this hour in Charlotte... blocked by a disabled Delta 7-17 jet that made an emergency landing en route from Atlanta this morning.

WOMEN

All Things Considered

5/5/23

WABE

5/5/2023 4:04 PM

Mental health conditions are a *leading* cause of maternal mortality in Georgia.

Closer Look

Local lawmaker pushes to end so-called tampon tax

WABE

5/15/2023 1:00 PM

State Rep. Debbie Buckner, Claire Cox, the chair of Georgia STOMP, and Ashlie James, the secretary of Georgia STOMP, discuss Georgia's 4% sales tax on menstrual products and the ongoing push for legislation to end what they call "period poverty."

Plus, Walker Ashley, an atmospheric scientist, disaster geographer and a professor of meteorology at Northern Illinois University, discusses the connection between climate change and the recent rise in tornadoes in Georgia.

YOUTH

All Things Considered

5/1/23

WABE

5/1/2023 5:04 PM

This year alone, fifteen states have restricted gender-affirming care for transgender youth -- including Georgia.

6/8/23

WABE

6/8/2023 5:32 PM

Georgia's Black Caucus members say they hope working with students of color will help shape the next generation of state leaders.

ARTS & POPULAR CULTURE

Morning Edition

Auburn Ave Research Grant-V Evans MON ME

WABE

6/23/2023 7:04 AM

The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History is getting money to help it upload more of its collection online.
As “City Lights” producer Summer Evans reports, that includes speeches by Andrew Young, and poems and plays by Amiri Baraka.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Morning Edition

Peach Destruction-Gringlas-SF TUES ME

WABE

5/26/2023 7:31 AM

Summer is around the corner... and in Georgia, summer means peaches.

But this year, the fruit will be almost entirely unavailable.

University of Georgia horticulturists say a changing climate has wiped out ROUGHLY NINETY percent of the Peach State's crop.

WABE's Sam Gringlas reports.

ECONOMY

Morning Edition

Crane Collapse Folo-LO-Burress-CC

WABE

5/24/2023 6:04 AM

Officials say West Peachtree and Spring Streets between 10th and 12th will remain off-limits to traffic until crews can secure and dismantle a fallen crane.

Four construction workers were injured and taken to the hospital after Monday's collapse.....

They've all been released from the hospital.

About a thousand residents living nearby are barred from their homes until the cleanup is complete...

Mayor Andre Dickens says the city and the Red Cross are helping the displaced by setting up an emergency shelter at a recreation center.

Peaches Ossoff-Bali-SS TUES ME

WABE

6/26/2023 7:31 AM

Georgia leaders are pursuing federal aid for peach farmers after a devastating spring freeze.

WABE Politics Reporter Rahul Bali says farmers believe 90 to 95 percent of the state's peach crop was destroyed.

ENVIRONMENT

Morning Edition

DeKalb Landfill-Vance-SF TUES ME

WABE

5/26/2023 6:31 AM

DeKalb County is closing part of its municipal landfill

Officials say it's because it's reaching capacity...But as DorMiya [dor-MY-uh] Vance reports, residents have complained for years

Yellowstone GA-Alston-Debrief

WABE

6/8/2023 6:31 AM

More than 16 thousand acres of land in Bartow County is now off-limits to the public.

The Pine Log Wildlife management area property northwest of Atlanta is owned by a family that's been trying to sell it for months.

That's after 50 years of the state department of natural resources leasing it, and making it available for public use.

Zachary Hansen is a reporter with the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Whale Boats-Samuel-V MON ME

WABE

6/23/2023 6:04 AM

Georgia Congressman Buddy Carter wants to block new boat speed restrictions off the Georgia coast.

The proposed limits are meant to help protect endangered North Atlantic right whales.

WABE's Molly Samuel has more.

Sunday Severe Storms-LO-Feito-C

WABE

6/26/2023 6:04 AM

More than 35 thousand people across metro Atlanta STILL do not have power .. according to the latest from Georgia Power's outage map.

That's as our area recovers from a bout of severe thunderstorms that boasted gusts up to 60 miles per hour yesterday [SUN]

Forecasters with the National Weather Service report storms snapped several power poles and branches.

Atlanta police say a 55-year-old Buckhead man died after he was struck by a falling tree. Police say he was transported to the hospital in critical condition, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The N-W-S says stay away from any areas where power lines are down, as they may still be electrified.

Forecasters say we might be hit with another round of thunderstorms today [Monday].

[Primary threats include lightning, strong wind gusts and heavy rainfall.]

HEALTH

Morning Edition

Medical Cannabis Stores Update-Bali-V WABE 5/24/2023 8:04 AM

More medical cannabis dispensaries could open soon in the Atlanta metro area.
As WABE's Rahul Bali reports, the first opened in April.

Food Deserts-Hyde-V THURS ME WABE 6/8/2023 6:04 AM

In the midst of the controversy surrounding the vote to fund Atlanta's public safety training center, the City Council approved funding for combating food insecurity.

WABE's Marlon Hyde explains,

Dobbs Anniversary-Mador-2 Way-FRI ME WABE 6/23/2023 7:44 AM

Tomorrow [sat 6/24] marks one year since the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade ... The so-called Dobbs case ended half-a-century of constitutional rights to abortion.

Since then, roughly 20 states have enacted abortion restrictions, including Georgia.

WABE Health Reporter Jess Mador [MAYdoor] and Deputy Managing Editor Molly Samuel look at what's changed here over the last year.

GA Blood-Virgin-S WABE 6/27/2023 6:04 AM

The American Red Cross of Georgia says it is seeing a shortfall in blood donations.

WABE's Julien Virgin reports.

LEGAL

Morning Edition

Delta Settlement-Burress-V THURS ME

WABE

6/8/2023 7:04 AM

Delta Air Lines has agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit claiming it ILLEGALLY forced passengers whose flights were canceled to take travel vouchers instead of refunds. Jim Burress reports.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

Morning Edition

Citizens Review-Cruz-S FRI ME

WABE

6/1/2023 7:04 AM

An Atlanta citizen's board that oversees police conduct says it's still looking for a resolution after it was blocked from interviewing some detainees.

Chamian [shuh-MAYN] Cruz reports.

COP CITY 6 AM UPDATE-LO-Bali-CC

WABE

6/6/2023 6:04 AM

At 5:30 am this morning [TUES] after more than 14 hours of public comment .. the Atlanta City Council has passed millions in funding to help build the controversial proposed Atlanta Public Safety Training Center ...

Or what many opponents call, Cop City.

The vote was 11 to 4.

Hundreds spoke during the city council meeting .. so many that the council voted to allow one extra hour of public comment.

Officials closed the building shortly after the vote.

You can hear more updates throughout the morning right here on 90.1 WABE.

Cop City Final Vote-Bali-S

WABE

6/6/2023 7:00 AM

The Atlanta City Council is backing millions of dollars to help build the controversial Atlanta Public Safety Training Center.

WABE's Rahul Bali reports the vote came early this morning after a 16-hour council meeting.

Waites on Cop City-Rayam-LO-TW LIVE

WABE

6/6/2023 8:44 AM

Atlanta city councilwoman Keisha Sean Waites is ONE OF FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED AGAINST funding that would help build a police training facility in unincorporated Dekalb County.

The council spent hours and hours listening to public comment.

Councilwoman Waites joins us this morning to talk about what continues to concern her about the vote....and the facility.

Youth Belong-Murry-V FRI ME

WABE

6/22/2023 8:31 AM

A new program from the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta is creating a space for LGBTQ-plus youth. For our Beyond Pride series... Kenny Murry has more.

The Villa Rica police department is apologizing for photos from a firearm safety class that appeared on its facebook page....

.. the photos show a Black man on a poster used for target practice.

Messages of outrage immediately flooded the department's Facebook page over the weekend.

Mayor Gil McDougal released a statement saying.... he was "personally embarrassed" .. and is calling for a third-party investigation.

The police department issued statement that caused even more anger.....it said.....the targets depict "realistic human images" that were never intended to be insensitive .

Local N-A-A-C-P officials are calling for a meeting with city officials to address the incident.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Morning Edition

Southern Pols-Gringlas-SS WED ME

WABE

5/24/2023 7:31 AM

Republican politicians from the South, including Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, could play an outside role in the 2024 presidential race. WABE's Sam Gringlas reports.

GA Swing Voters-Hurt-Rayam-TW

WABE

5/26/2023 7:44 AM

A new Axios Atlanta report examines the power swing voters will likely have on the 2024 presidential election.

What stands out in the study...is that the majority surveyed indicate: They would rather see anyone BUT sitting President Joe Biden or Former President Donald Trump on the ballot.

I spoke with Axios Atlanta's Emma Hurt about the findings.....and began by asking her WHY?

Fulton Election Board-Gringlas-SS

WABE

6/8/2023 6:31 AM

One of the most prolific filers of voter challenges will NOT have a seat on the Fulton County Election Board, after the County Commission voted down his nomination.

Conservative activist Jason Frazier was one of a few individuals who unsuccessfully challenged the eligibility of tens of thousands of voters during the 2022 midterms.

WABE's Sam Gringlas reports.

Safety Speaker-Bali-SS WED ME

WABE

6/27/2023 7:31 AM

Georgia leaders continue to deal with the challenges of recruiting and keeping state law enforcement officers. WABE Politics Reporter Rahul Bali says it goes beyond increasing pay.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Morning Edition

Cop City Fraud-Wu Pearson-SS

WABE

6/1/2023 7:31 AM

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation says it is charging three people involved in helping protestors of Atlanta's proposed Public Safety Training Center with financial crimes.

Emily Wu Pearson reports GBI has not clarified what specific actions led to the arrests.

Cobb detainees suicides-LO-C

WABE

6/22/2023 8:04 AM

Cobb County Sheriff Craig Owens is offering his condolences to the families of two teen jail detainees .. who died over the Juneteenth weekend by apparent suicide.

Owens is now asking the state to help increase the jail's number of close observation beds .. where detainees wear medical watches to regulate their vitals. Owens says that 32-bed unit is usually at capacity.

A spokesperson with the Sheriff's office tells WABE that both the 19-year-old and 17-year-old were NOT in that reserved mental health unit when found unresponsive .. but were in standard cells.

The Sheriff's office swore-in Owens during the height of the pandemic in 2020. Officials say Owens has aggressively increased funding for mental health services, including providing 24/7 access to support.

That's after former sheriff Neil Warren faced criticism over lack of transparency and the deaths of several inmates.

The Sheriff's office is still investigating the apparent suicides.

[Owens says his administration is centered around recognizing mental health and "the humanity of all" in custody.]

FBI director-Cruz-SS FRI ME

WABE

6/22/2023 9:31 AM

The nation's top law enforcement agency is partnering with metro Atlanta police departments to combat violent crime and potential threats posed by artificial intelligence.

WABE's Chamian [shuh-MAYN] Cruz reports FBI Director Christopher Wray announced the collaboration during a visit with the Commerce Club and Atlanta Press Club this week [TUES].

RELIGION

Morning Edition

Antisemitic Demo Folo-Bali-CC

WABE

6/26/2023 7:04 AM

Recent neo-Nazi demonstrations in Georgia have brought new attention to proposed state legislation on anti-Semitism.

Two small groups gathered outside of synagogues in Macon and Cobb County on Friday and Saturday.

Democratic State Representative Esther Panitch of Sandy Springs is the General Assembly's only Jewish member and a co-sponsor of House Bill 30.

It would formally define anti-Semitism in state law.