

ABC 16 WGXA 1st QUARTER

CRIME ISSUES

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
LAURENS COUNTY MURDER	1/1/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LAURENS COUNTY BEGINS 20-15 WITH A MURDER INVESTIGATION.
ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE LAURENS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE... 2
PEOPLE WERE SHOT ON HIGHWAY 319 AROUND 8 O-CLOCK LAST NIGHT.
CORONER RICHARD STANLEY PRONOUNCED ANTONE JOHNSON DEAD ... ANOTHER VICTIM,
17 YEAR OLD PETER VANDERLIN WAS TAKEN TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL.
NO WORD YET ON HIS CONDITION.
THE SHOOTING IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
LAURENS COUNTY SHOOTING	1/2/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A LAURENS COUNTY MAN IS IN JAIL FOR MURDER AND THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR A
SECOND SUSPECT..
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THE REACTION FROM A WOMAN WHO HELPED RAISE
BOTH MEN WHO WERE SHOT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CRAZY BULL TASING	1/5/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

CHAOS NEAR A MACON BAR ON NEW YEAR'S EVE...
DEPUTIES SHOT A MAN WITH A STUN GUN OUTSIDE THE CRAZY BULL AFTER MULTIPLE
CONFRONTATIONS WITH AUTHORITIES AND SECURITY.
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON IS LIVE IN STUDIO WITH DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PEACH 8 YEAR OLD KILLED	1/6/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

UP FIRST ON WGXA... TONIGHT THE COMMUNITY IS MOURNING THE DEATH OF A PEACH
COUNTY BOY AFTER A SHOOTING.
INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHO KILLED EIGHT YEAR OLD JAIMEL
ANDERSON AT THE INDIAN OAKS APARTMENT COMPLEX IN FORT VALLEY.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TALKED TO THE BOY'S FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT WHAT
THEY SAW.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PUTNAM JUVENILE SEX	1/7/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

10- MEN ARE UNDER ARREST.. AND PUTNAM COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR ONE
MORE SUSPECT...
DEPUTIES NOW SAY THE MEN RESPONDED TO A SOLICITATION ON FACEBOOK TO HAVE
SEX WITH A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS US HOW THE TWO MONTH LONG INVESTIGATION LED TO THE ARRESTS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BRINSON SON TURNS HIMSELF IN	1/8/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SWAT TEAMS IN MILITARY GEAR ARE DOING DOOR TO DOOR IN PARIS LOOKING FOR TWO MASKED MEN SUSPECTED OF STORMING INTO A NEWSROOM... AND EXECUTING EDITORS.. CARTOONISTS.. THEN OPENING FIRE ON THE STREETS.

ABC'S TERRY MORAN SHOWS US THE FRANTIC SEARCH UNDERWAY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MCCALL ROAD MURDER	1/9/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE LAST HOUR.. IN THE KILLING OF A MACON MAN.. IN FRONT OF TWO CHILDREN..

BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY 24-YEAR-OLD SHEROD HOLSTON AND 25-YEAR-OLD ANTWAN JOHNSON ARE WANTED ON CHARGES OF FELONY MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY..

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THEY ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND ROBBING 42-YEAR-OLD ULYSSES PITTS INSIDE HIS HOME ON MCCALL ROAD WEDNESDAY MORNING.

INVESTIGATORS TELL US.. TWO KIDS.. AGES 10 AND 13 WERE THERE AT THE TIME..

IF YOU SEE HOLSTON OR JOHNSON, CALL 911.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BRANNAN CLEMENCY HEARING	1/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S BOARD OF PAROLE AND PARDONS DENIED CLEMENCY FOR A CONVICTED DEPUTY KILLER.

ANDREW BRANNAN IS SET TO DIE BY LETHAL INJECTION TOMORROW EVENING.. FOR THE MURDER OF LAURENS COUNTY DEPUTY KYLE DINKHELLER.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS US HOW BRANNAN'S LAWYERS TRIED TO SPARE HIS LIFE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BRANNAN EXECUTION	1/13/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT'S TOP STORY... THE EXECUTION OF ANDREW HOWARD BRANNAN IS COMPLETE.

BRANNAN IS THE CONVICTED KILLER OF LAURENS COUNTY DEPUTY KYLE DINKHELLER.

BRANNAN SHOT AND KILLED DINKHELLER IN 19-98 AFTER DINKHELLER STOPPED HIM FOR DRIVING NEARLY 1 HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR.

HIS LAWYERS ARGUED HE SHOULD GET LIFE IN PRISON.. INSTEAD OF THE DEATH PENTALTY.. BECAUSE HE SUFFERED FROM POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.. AFTER SERVING IN VIETNAM.. BUT THE STATE DENIED CLEMENCY..

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE GEORGIA DIAGNOSTIC CLASSIFICATION CENTER IN JACKSON.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CC WINGS AND FISH	1/15/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DETAILS JUST IN.. ABOUT A ROBBERY TONIGHT.. AT CC WING AND FISH IN MACON..

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUST TOLD US A BLACK MAN WITH A GUN ORDERED EVERYONE AT THE RESTAURANT TO THE GROUND..

AS ONE CUSTOMER WAS TRYING TO GET TO THE FLOOR.. THE ROBBER HIT THE CUSTOMER IN THE HEAD WITH A GUN..

THE MAN GOT AWAY WITH MONEY TOWARDS SAINT JAMES AVENUE..

HE WAS WEARING A BLACK COAT.. JEANS.. BLACK SHOES WITH WHITE SOLES.. AND WHITE SHOE STRINGS.

THE MAN HAD A GRAY GLOVE ON ONE HAND AND A LIME GREEN GLOVE ON THE OTHER.

THE CUSTOMER WAS TREATED AT THE SCENE.

Story:
DOG FIGHTING RING LATEST

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DETAILS TONIGHT IN A DOG FIGHTING RING BUST IN CRAWFORD COUNTY...

28 YEAR OLD ROBERT WAYNE DURHAM.. 22 YEAR OLD JOHN RUSSELL CAIL... AND 25 YEAR OLD JEFFREY BASSETT ARMSTRONG...APPEARED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING TODAY.

ALL WERE DENIED BOND...AND ARE CHARGED WITH 1 COUNT OF DOG FIGHTING.

THE 3 SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED ON JANUARY 1-ST, AFTER DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO A CALL IN THE 11 HUNDRED BLOCK OF HOPEWELL ROAD EAST..

2 DEAD PIT BULLS WERE FOUND INSIDE A BUILDING THAT WAS SET UP WITH A RING USED FOR DOG FIGHTING...

7 GROWN BULLDOGS AND 2 BULLDOG PUPPIES WERE TAKEN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Story:
EAST MACON MURDER

Date Aired:
1/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NO BOND.. FOR A MAN SUSPECTED OF KILLING AND ROBBING AN EAST MACON MAN..

ANTWAN JOHNSON APPEARED IN MAGISTRATE COURT TODAY AND REQUESTED A COMMITMENT HEARING.

JOHNSON IS THE SECOND SUSPECT ARRESTED IN THE ARMED ROBBERY AND MURDER OF ULYSSESS PITTS ON MCCALL ROAD.

BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED JOHNSON SUNDAY AT THE DISCOVERY INN ON CHAMBERS ROAD.

HIS COMMITMENT HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY SECOND.

SHEROD HOLSTON IS ALSO CHARGED WITH MURDER... ARMED ROBBERY.. AND VIOLATION OF PROBATION.. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE.

Story:
WINGS CAFÉ PRESSER

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON CLUB WHERE THREE MEN DIED AND THREE OTHERS WERE BADLY HURT IS ONE SIGNATURE AWAY FROM BEING CLOSED.

IF THE CLUB OWNER SIGNS THE AGREEMENT, THE CLUB WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RENEW ITS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 2 YEARS.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THE UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF WING'S CAFE'..

Story:
JAILER ASSAULT

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN EX-JAIL DEPUTY IS UNDER ARREST ACCUSED OF HAVING SEX WITH INMATES..

THE DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TELLS THE "EASTMAN EXAMINER".. 47-YEAR-OLD STEVEN LEWIS OF EASTMAN... IS CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT BY AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT..

INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED LEWIS IN JANUARY.. BUT THEY BELIEVE THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED IN JULY.

HE WAS SUSPENDED ON JULY 16TH.. THEN FIRED TWO DAYS LATER.

A TRIAL DATE IS NOT SET YET.

Story:
LAMAR SCAM

Date Aired:
1/23/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

ANOTHER LOCAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS WARNING OF A SCAM TO TRY TO GET YOU TO PAY A FINE YOU DON'T EVEN OWE..

SOMEONE IMPERSONATING A LAMAR COUNTY DEPUTY IS CALLING PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND TELLING THEM THEY MISSED A COURT DATE OR JURY DUTY. THE SUSPECT SAYS A WARRANT IS ISSUED AND A FINE OF 1 THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE PAID THROUGH GREEN DOT CARDS OR YOU'LL BE ARRESTED.

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CALL LIKE THIS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS... CALL THE LAMAR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 770... 358...51-59.

WE'VE HAD OTHER COUNTIES REPORT SIMILAR CALLS IN RECENT MONTHS... DEPUTIES SAY NEVER GIVE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Story:
MISSING MARIETTA COUPLE

Date Aired:
1/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE SEARCH IN CENTRAL GEORGIA IS OVER.. FOR A MISSING COUPLE WHO PLANNED TO BUY A CLASSIC CAR ON CRAIGSLIST.

INVESTIGATORS IN TELFAIR COUNTY SAY THEY FOUND BUD AND JUNE RUNION'S S-U-V IN A LAKE.. AND THE REMAINS OF TWO PEOPLE A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS YOU HOW THIS CASE UNFOLDED OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS... LEADING TO ONE MAN'S ARREST.

Story:
CRAIG'S LIST MURDER UPDATE

Date Aired:
1/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT RONNIE TOWNS IS IN JAIL IN TELFAIR COUNTY WITHOUT BOND... AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY.. IN THE DEATHS OF BUD AND JUNE. RUNION.

NEW AT 10.. TOWNS' FATHER AND AUNT ARE TALKING WITH US..

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT HIS ARRAIGNMENT TODAY AND JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO..

Story:
GEORGIA WOMAN

Date Aired:
1/28/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BUSINESS OWNER SAYS SHE TRIED TO GIVE DIRECTIONS TO A COUPLE FOUND MURDERED IN TELFAIR COUNTY..

SHE ALSO KNOWS THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING BUD AND JUNE RUNION..

AS JESSICA JAGLOIS TELLS US... SHE WONDERES IF SHE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.

Story:
ASHLEY GARRY MURDER ARREST

Date Aired:
1/29/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE MURDER OF A CORDELE MOTHER.. DEPUTIES SAY THEY BELIEVE THEY KNOW WHO DID IT..
AND TONIGHT ASHLEY GARRY'S MOTHER IS TALKING ABOUT HER RELIEF NOW THAT A MAN IS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME.
CODY LONG.. HAS HER REACTION.. AND HOW CRISP COUNTY DEPUTIES FOUND THE ACCUSED KILLER.

Story:
RUTLAND HIGH SECURITY THREAT

Date Aired:
1/30/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN BIBB COUNTY... SPENT THE DAY ON INCREASED SECURITY AFTER SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS SAY SOMEONE MADE THREATS TARGETING THE SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA..
STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR CLASSES IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY TODAY.. WHILE INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE..
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM PARENTS...

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME GEORGIA LAW OFFICERS SAY THEY'RE AGAINST LEGALIZING CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA..
"HOUSE BILL ONE" WOULD ALLOW PATIENTS TO USE CANNABIS OIL FOR CANCER, SEIZURE DISORDERS, OR OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS..
REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT POLICE TO PRESSURE LAWMAKERS INTO REMOVING CANCER, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, OR A-L-S FROM THE LIST OF CONDITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR OIL..
THE GEORGIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WORRIES ABOUT THE LAW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE MANY MORE ILLNESSES..

Story:
W.R. PAWN SHOP THEFT

Date Aired:
2/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE SEARCH CONTINUES.. FOR THE MAN WHO STOLE A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR WATCH FROM A WARNER ROBINS PAWN SHOP..
IT WAS OVER VERY QUICKLY..
OFFICERS SAY.. THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS A MAN TALKING WITH PAWN SHOP STAFF ONE SECOND.... AND OUT THE DOOR WITH A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR ROLEX WATCH THE NEXT.
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS ABOUT THE CRIME.. STORE OWNERS SAY HAPPENED IN SECONDS.

Story:
ARSON ARREST

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER THREE FIRES IN ONE AREA .. IN ONE NIGHT.. A MACON MAN IS UNDER ARREST. ACCORDING TO THE BIBB SHERIFF'S OFFICE..

60 YEAR OLD LARRY SMITH JUNIOR IS CHARGED WITH 3 COUNTS OF ARSON AND A PROBATION VIOLATION.

SMITH IS ACCUSED OF SETTING 3 HOUSES ON MARION AVENUE AND WORSHAM AVENUE ON FIRE MONDAY.

DEPUTIES SAY THEY QUESTIONED SMITH AFTER SEEING HIM WALKING AROUND THE SCENE OF EACH HOUSE FIRE.

Story:
CLUB STATUS SHOOTING

Date Aired:
2/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

2 SHOOTINGS IN 2 MONTHS AT MACON NIGHTCLUBS ARE RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER PEOPLE ARE SAFE WHEN GOING OUT AT NIGHT..

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SPOKE WITH ONE CLUB OWNER WHO SAYS SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE TO CUT DOWN ON THE VIOLENCE.

Story:
CHILD ABANDONED

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MACON MOTHER IS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF LEAVING HER TWO YEAR OLD SON IN A RESTAURANT PARKING LOT.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TALKS TO THE TODDLER'S GRANDMOTHER... TO FIND OUT WHAT MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE 23-YEAR OLD TO ABANDON HER CHILD.

Story:
TARA GRINSTEAD POND

Date Aired:
2/10/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR CLUES IN THE CASE OF A GEORGIA TEACHER MISSING FOR NEARLY A DECADE..

SASHA LENNINGER FINDS OUT WHAT HAS OFFICERS SEARCHING A POND... FOR SIGNS OF TARA GRINSTEAD.

Story:
2014 SHOOTING HEARING

Date Aired:
2/11/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MACON MAN IS SENTENCED TODAY FOR A SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR. ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SANDRA MATSON... 20 YEAR OLD ADRIEN FLETCHER SHOT 42 YEAR OLD THOMAS HOLSTON THROUGH A SCREEN DOOR LAST JANUARY ON ROY STREET.

A JUDGE SENTENCED HIM TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON WITH 15 YEARS PROBATION. UPON HIS RELEASE... FLETCHER WILL BE COUNSELED THROUGH THE CRIMINAL STREET GANG PREVENTION ACT.

Story:
BREAKING NEWS LEVI'S CALL

Date Aired:
2/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BREAKING NEWS OUT OF NORTH GEORGIA.. A LEVI'S CALL IS IN EFFECT. KENNESAW POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR 5-YEAR-OLD ETHAN PETERMAN.

POLICE BELIEVE HIS FATHER, JOSEPH DAVIS TOOK HIM AFTER STABBING THE BOY'S MOTHER TONIGHT.

ETHAN WAS LAST SEEN AT 2100 ELLISON LAKE DRIVE IN KENNESAW. HE WAS WEARING A BRIGHT ORANGE SHIRT, BLUE JEANS AND BLACK JORDAN TENNIS SHOES.

IF YOU SEE THEM CALL 911.

Story:
2009 COLD CASE

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE ANNIVERSARY OF A 2009 COLD CASE IS ALMOST HERE AND THE VICTIM'S FAMILY IS STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

27-YEAR OLD SOPHIA DENAMRK WAS FOUND MURDERED IN HER APARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 21, 2009...

AS WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS REPORTS.. FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN UP.

Story:
CRIME STATS

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME VIOLENT CRIME IS DOWN.. BUT OVERALL CASES ARE UP.. ACCORDING TO THE BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

NEW AT 10.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SHOWS HOW THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED IN 2014 .. SINCE LAST YEAR.

Story:
PUTNAM MURDER FOLO

Date Aired:
2/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 pm

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT: WE'RE LEARNING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MURDER OF A PUTNAM COUNTY COUPLE.

SHERIFF HOWARD SILLS TELLS W-S-B THE KILLER WEIGHED DOWN 87-YEAR-OLD SHIRLEY DERMOND IN LAKE OCONEE WITH TWO CEMENT BLOCKS AFTER KILLING HER IN MAY 2014...

BUT DECOMPOSING GASES MADE HER REMAINS FLOAT.

INVESTIGATORS FOUND RUSSELL DERMOND DECAPITATED IN THE GARAGE OF THEIR HOME.

DEPUTIES HAVE NOT NAMED ANY SUSPECTS IN THE CASE.

Story:
KIDNAPPING AND ASSAULT

Date Aired:
2/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW INFORMATION IN THE BEATING OF A MAN AT A HOME IN MACON... AND THE KIDNAPPING OF A CHILD..

TONIGHT A MAN VISITING THE HOUSE ON NISBET DRIVE WHERE IT HAPPENED.. FACES CHILD SEX CHARGES.

BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY LEVI MOSS JUNIOR IS ACCUSED OF INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCHING A GIRL.. AND SHOWING HER PORNOGRAPHY.

HE'S BEING HELD AT THE BIBB COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER WITH NO BOND.

Story:
KOHL'S BURGLARIZED

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ALSO NEW TONIGHT... BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR A BURGLAR.. WHO STOLE JEWELRY FROM KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORE.. ON ZEBULON ROAD..

INVESTIGATORS SAY A MAN SHOT OUT THE FRONT WINDOW AND GLASS DOORS WITH A HANDGUN.. JUST BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

THE BURGLAR BROKE THE GLASS JEWELRY COUNTER.. AND TOOK 10 "CITIZEN" BRAND WATCHES.. THEN TOOK OFF.

THE MAN WAS WEARING A MASK, RED SHIRT, AND KHAKI PANTS.. AND MAY HAVE LEFT IN A WHITE OR SILVER 4-DOOR CAR.

Story:
PREPARING CHILDREN

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. PARENTS.. COMMUNITY LEADERS.. AND POLICE.. ARE TEACHING CHILDREN RESPECT.. AND HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT..
THESE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW HIGH PROFILE CASES INVOLVING TEENS AND OFFICERS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THE STORY FROM THE PEYTON ANDERSON EDUCATION CENTER.

Story:
DRUGS MAILED

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS SAY A MAJOR DRUG OPERATION OUT OF MACON IS SHUT DOWN.. AFTER A GRAND JURY INDICTED 35 SUSPECTS.

THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CALLS THE BUST "OPERATION SOUTHERN POSTAL POWDER".

INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY SEIZED LARGE AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE WHEN CHECKING MAIL.

OF THE 35 PEOPLE INDICTED.. 18 SUSPECTS ARE FROM MACON..

IF CONVICTED... THE PENALTIES RANGE FROM 10 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE.. AND FINES FROM 500-THOUSAND TO 10 MILLION DOLLARS.

Story:
CRAWFORD CRIME SPREE

Date Aired:
2/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT STATE INVESTIGATORS AND THE CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN THEY SAY WENT ON A CRIME SPREE.

DEPUTIES SAY IT STARTED AROUND 3-30 THIS MORNING WHEN A MAN BROKE INTO A HOUSE ON HIGHWAY 80 SAYING HE WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THE MAN THEN WENT ACROSS THE ROAD AND TOOK A PICKUP TRUCK...

LATER DEPUTIES GOT A CALL FROM ANOTHER NEARBY HOMEOWNER.. WHO REPORTED HAVING SEVERAL ANTIQUE VEHICLES BROKEN INTO AND MOVED.

DEPUTIES LATER FOUND THE STOLEN PICKUP TRUCK WRECKED ON SALEM CHURCH ROAD..

INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THE SAME PERSON ALSO BURGLARIZED SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND A SEPARATE GARAGE.

THEY THINK HE MAY HAVE A STOLEN 12-GAUGE SHOT GUN..

Story:
MONROE BURGLARIES

Date Aired:
2/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FIVE PEOPLE ARE UNDER ARREST IN A STRING OF CAR BREAKINS... AND TONIGHT, THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR A 6TH SUSPECT.

THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THEY ARRESTED AUSTIN NICHOLSON, CHRISTIAN KING, AND DILLAN GILBERT ON CHARGES OF BURGLARY AND THEFT BY TAKING.

ALSO CHARGED... ARE JONATHAN AND SELENA NICHOLSON.

DEPUTIES ARE STILL LOOKNG FOR STEVEN BUCHWARD.

INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY ALL STOLE ITEMS OUT OF UNLOCKED CARS.. INCLUDING ELECTRONICS, A GUN, AND FOOD.

THEY'RE ALSO ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BREAK INTO A HOUSE ON BOLINGVIEW ROAD... AND SELLING A STOLEN CELL PHONE.

Story:
GA FEMALE EXECUTION

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT.. ON DEATH ROW INMATE KELLY RENEE GISSENDANER... SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE BY INJECTION TONIGHT AT 7 P-M... BUT HER LAWYERS ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THE U-S SUPREME COURT WILL GRANT A STAY.

THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES DENIED CLEMENCY..

PROSECUTORS SAID IN 19-97 SHE PLOTTED WITH HER BOYFRIEND, GREGORY OWEN, WHO STABBED AND KILLED HER HUSBAND.. DOUGLAS GISSENDANER..

Story:
GA. EXECUTION LATEST

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE STATE HAS POSPONED ALL PLANNED EXECUTIONS ... TO GIVE CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS MORE TIME TO EXAMINE THE DRUG THAT STOPPED LAST NIGHT'S PLANNED EXECUTION OF KELLY GISSENDANER.

THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT SAYS THE DRUG APPEARED CLOUDY ... SO THEY DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HER.

SPOKESWOMAN GWENDOLYN HOGAN SAYS THE STATE TOOK PROPER STEPS IN CHECKING THE DRUG.

Story:
VERONICA BRINSON

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. AT AN APPEAL HEARING .. MACON LAWYER VERNICA BRINSON INSISTS HER DOGS ARE NOT DANGEROUS..

THE BIBB ANIMAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CALLED BRINSON'S ANIMALS A THREAT.. AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY KILLED A DOG IN DECEMBER.. AND ATTACKED A COUPLE.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH'S HEARING. HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS OF THE CASE.

Story:
KENDRICK JOHNSON

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PARENTS OF A VALDOSTA TEEN FOUND DEAD IN A HIGH SCHOOL GYM ... ARE ACCUSED OF LIBEL AND SLANDER.

KENDRICK JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE A ROLLED UP GYM MAT IN 2013 .

HIS PARENTS, KENNETH AND JACQUELYN JOHNSON FILED A WRONGFUL - DEATH LAWSUIT .. AFTER INVESTIGATORS RULED HIS DEATH AS A FREAK ACCIDENT.

JOHNSON'S PARENTS BELIEVE TWO TEENAGE BROTHERS ATTACKED HIM ... FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR FATHER.

THAT FAMILY NOW FILES A COUNTER CLAIMS AGAINST THE JOHNSONS ... SAYING THEY HARMED THE FAMILY'S REPUTATION.

Story:
BIBB CHILD SHOT

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DEVELOPING STORY IN BIBB COUNTY...
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A 5 YEAR OLD CHILD WAS SHOT IN THE CHEEK AT A HOUSE ON GRAND AVENUE THIS EVENING.
DEPUTIES TELL US THE CHILD'S 8 YEAR OLD BROTHER ACCIDENTLY SHOT HIM AFTER FINDING A GUN IN THE HOUSE.
THE BOY IS IN STABLE CONDITION.
DEPUTIES SAY THE BOY'S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WERE HOME AT THE TIME.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CHILD SHOT DAD CHARGED	3/11/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A FATHER REMAINS IN JAIL AFTER A SHOOTING INVOLVING HIS UNDERAGE CHILDREN.
BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE MAN'S 8-YEAR-OLD SON SHOT HIS 5-YEAR-OLD BROTHER TUESDAY EVENING.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS GIVES YOU AN UPDATE ON THE CHILD'S CONDITION AND THE CHARGES.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
DAVISBORO MAYOR ARRESTED	3/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

JOHNNY SHEDRICK IS OUT AS DAVISBORO MAYOR.
HE RESIGNED WEDNESDAY BEFORE BEING ARRESTED FOR MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.
NEW AT 10 ... W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS REACTION FROM THE SMALL COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
TWIGGS ROAD BLOCK	3/13/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WE'RE ENTERING FESTIVAL AND PARTY SEASON.... AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ALREADY GEARING UP IN A BIG WAY...
WHEN YOU THINK OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRADITIONS... YOU THINK OF CELEBRATIONS IN DUBLIN AND SAVANNAH...
BUT WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE TAKES YOU TO ANOTHER ANNUAL EVENT... THE HOLIDAY WEEK ROADBLOCK ALONG I-16 IN PREPARATION FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CRAWFORD DEPUTY SHOT	3/16/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF IS TALKING ABOUT A SHOOTOUT THAT INJURED A DEPUTY AND A SUSPECT..
IT ALL STARTED AT A GAS STATION AND ENDED IN GUNFIRE.
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THE LATEST.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
LIBERTY INN HAZMAT	3/18/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN UPDATE TO A BREAKING STORY WE BROUGHT YOU EARLIER.

MACON BIBB FIREFIGHTERS AND DEPUTIES SAY THEY FOUND SMOKE AND SENT A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM TO A MOTEL ROOM AT LIBERTY INN ON PIO NONO AVENUE. AROUND 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT DEPUTIES SAY A GUEST REPORTED SMELLING SOMETHING BURNING.

AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THEY DETERMINED THERE WAS NOTHING DANGEROUS AND NO METH INSIDE THE ROOM.

Story:
STOLEN CHARITY JAR UPDATE

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DETAILS IN THE THEFT OF A DONATION JAR MEANT FOR A SICK BOY NAMED "MATHEW HANCOCK" IN WARNER ROBINS.

POLICE FIRST IDENTIFIED THE MAN SUSPECTED OF TAKING OFF WITH THE MONEY AS "DARYL THOMAS".

BUT NOW THEY SAY 29-YEAR-OLD DESEAN HENDRIX ACTUALLY STOLE THOMAS' IDENTITY, CAUSING ARREST WARRANTS TO BE ISSUED FOR THOMAS.

OFFICERS SAY HENDRIX TOOK THE JAR FROM "JUS ONE MORE" IN JANUARY, THEN GAVE A FALSE NAME.

HENDRIX IS CHARGED WITH THEFT BY TAKING AND FELONY IDENTITY THEFT.

Story:
WHIPPLE LUE

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A GORDON MAN IS BEING CHARGED WITH D-U-I AND DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE REASON WHY GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE GOT INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH A GORDON POLICE OFFICER.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THAT PART OF THE STORY.

Story:
BURKE AND BROADWAY

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A MAN ARRESTED IN A CHASE THAT ENDED IN A CRASH IN MACON.

BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY TRAVARAS HOLLOWAY IS CHARGED WITH FLEEING POLICE AND POSSESSION OF COCAINE.

AS WE FIRST REPORTED AS BREAKING NEWS ON WGXA NEWS AT FIVE, INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY FOLLOWED A STOLEN CAR THIS AFTERNOON, AND HOLLOWAY HIT A POLE AT BURKE AND BROADWAY.

A JUDGE SET BOND AT 10-THOUSAND -300- DOLLARS.

Story:
BONAIRE KIDNAPPING

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DETAILS IN THE KIDNAPPING OF A 74 YEAR OLD WOMAN IN BONAIRE. TONIGHT TWO SUSPECTS ARE UNDER ARREST.

INVESTIGATORS SAY TWO MEN MADE THE ELDERLY WOMAN DRIVE FROM HER HOUSE ON WISTERIA DRIVE TO BANKS TO WITHDRAW MONEY LAST THURSDAY.

SHE EVENTUALLY GOT FREE BY JUMPING OUT OF HER CAR.

HOUSTON COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY 39-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA MOORE AND 32-YEAR-OLD LARRY MARCHANT JUNIOR ARE CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY. MOORE IS ALSO SUSPECTED OF HAVING NARCOTICS.

DEPUTIES SAY THEY STOPPED MOORE MONDAY NIGHT.

WILCOX COUNTY DEPUTIES CAPTURED MARCHANT THIS MORNING.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
FATAL FARDEN APARTMENT SHOOTING	3/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LET'S GET RIGHT TO THAT BREAKING NEWS IN BIBB COUNTY.
THE CORONER AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE ON THE SCENE OF A DEADLY SHOOTING AT
MACON GARDEN APARTMENTS ON MERCER UNIVERSITY DRIVE.
IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.
CORONER LEON JONES SAYS 19-YEAR-OLD TAVAROUS VEAL DIED, AND ONE OTHER MAN
WAS SHOT IN BOTH LEGS, BUT IS IN STABLE CONDITION.
INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHO PULLED THE TRIGGER.

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EDUCATION ISSUES

Story:
GCSU PRESIDENT DIES

Date Aired:
1/1/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA COLLEGE HAS DIED IN MILLEDGEVILLE....
DR.EDWIN SPEIR, ("SPEAR") JUNIOR SERVED AS THE SCHOOL'S PRESIDENT FROM 1981
UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 1997.
HE HELPED GUIDE THE SCHOOL TO BECOME THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS
UNIVERSITY FOR GEORGIA.
THE MEMORIAL SERVICE IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 2 P.M. AT WILLIAMS FUNERAL
HOME CHAPEL.
DR. ED SPEIR WAS 80 YEARS OLD.

Story:
NATIONAL MENTOR PRESSER

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

KEEPING MACON KIDS OFF THE STREETS AND IN CLASS ... THE MENTORS PROJECT IS
LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS TO HELP THE GROUP ACHIEVE ITS GOAL.
JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORS MONTH.
THE MENTOR'S PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS A POSITIVE
INFLUENCE WHILE PAIRED UP WITH A STUDENT..
THE GROUP AIMS TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF GANGS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE
THEIR EDUCATION.

Story:
NORTHSIDE TEACHER FIGHT UPDATE

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SUSPENDED FOR ALLEGEDLY FIGHTING WITH A
STUDENT IS NO LONGER ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.
ACCORDING BETH MCLAUGHLIN... DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SCHOOLS AFFAIRS
TELLS US.. DANIEL KELLY... SEEN HERE ON CELL PHONE VIDEO... IS NOW ON UNPAID LEAVE
PENDING A HEARING WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.
KELLY IS CHARGED WITH SIMPLE BATTERY..
HE HAS BEEN AN EDUCATOR AT NORTHSIDE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

Story:
DUBLIN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS NAME THEIR TEACHER OF THE YEAR!
YESTERDAY AT A LUNCHEON AT THE DUBLIN COUNTRY CLUB--- KATHY CHRISTIAN WAS
AWARDED THE SYSTEM WIDE TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
CHRISTIAN IS A TEACHER AT DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL.
THE LUNCHEON IS A WAY OF THANKING EDUCATORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY DO
EACH DAY.

Story:
GA. LEGISLATURE

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE 2015 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN ATLANTA.... AND THE IMPROVING ECONOMY MEANS MORE MONEY FOR LAWMAKERS TO SPEND ON ISSUES LIKE EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE...

LAWMAKERS WERE SWORN IN AND NOW IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK. WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU THE PRESSING ISSUES ON THE AGENDA THIS TERM.

Story:
NORTHSIDE TEACHER RESIGNS

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER DAVID KELLY ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION TODAY... INSTEAD OF MAKING HIS CASE BEFORE THE HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WARNER ROBINS POLICE SAY THE TEACHER AND COACH OF 23 YEARS WAS CAUGHT ON CELL PHONE VIDEO IN A FIGHT WITH A STUDENT IN HIS CLASSROOM.

KELLY WAS CHARGED WITH SIMPLE BATTERY AND PUT ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. HE WAS LATER ON UNPAID LEAVE PENDING A BOARD HEARING.

IN HIS RESIGNATION LETTER HE SAYS ...

'I HAVE DECIDED TO RESIGN FROM MY POSITION AT NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL.

I FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WITH REGARD TO THE INCIDENT THAT PRECEDED MY DECISION TO RESIGN... MY ACTIONS WERE ENTIRELY REACTIVE AND WERE PROVOKED BY THE STUDENT.

I HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM STUDENTS... CURRENT AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS... FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND WILL FOREVER BE BLESSED BY THAT.'

ALSO IN KELLY'S RESIGNATION LETTER... HE SAYS HE LOVES TEACHING AND WILL CONTINUE HIS CAREER IN ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Story:
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Date Aired:
1/15/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING ITS 2015 TEAM DUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE MACON CENTREPLEX STARTING TODAY.

APPROXIMATELY 80 GHSA HIGH SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE WITH AS MANY AS 13 HUNDRED INDIVIDUAL WRESTLERS COMPETING.

THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HAS HOSTED THE GEORGIA DUAL TEAMS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT IN MACON SINCE 2004.

ONE STUDENT EXPRESSES HIS EXCITEMENT.

Story:
MLK PROGRAM

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE LEGACY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING LIVES ON THROUGH CHILDREN IN CENTRAL GEORGIA.

CHILDREN AT THE NEW HOPE BAPTST CHURCH IN MACON HONORED M-L-K TODAY WITH A SPECIAL SHOWCASE.

BUT TODAY'S PROGRAM WASN'T JUST ABOUT DOCTOR KING.

STUDENTS RESEARCHED LEADERS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY LIKE ROSA PARKS AND OPRAH... AND TOLD STORIES OF THEIR LIFE OF IMPACT.

ORGANIZERS SAY EVENTS LIKE THESE HELP STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE AT AN EARLY AGE.

Story:
STATE OF THE UNION WRAP

Date Aired:
1/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH TWO YEARS LEFT IN HIS TIME IN OFFICE... PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SPENT TONIGHT LAYING OUT HIS BROAD VISION FOR THE END OF HIS TERM.

HIS STATE OF THE UNION COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS... FROM FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ... TO THE WAR ON TERROR.

RYAN NOBLES THE DETAILS NIGHT'S BIG MOMENTS.

Story:
EASTMAN SCHOOL BUS CRASH

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SCHOOL BUS AND PICK-UP TRUCK COLLIDE IN DODGE COUNTY THIS MORNING ... FLIPPING THE SCHOOL BUS OVER.

THERE WERE NO CHILDREN ON BOARD AT THE TIME.

JIMMY JOINES WITH THE EASTMAN EXAMINER SAYS IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 8 AT THE INTERSECTION HAWKINSVILLE ROAD AND HIGHWAY 3-41.

THE DRIVER OF THE PICK-UP TRUCK WAS TAKEN TO THE DODGE COUNTY HOSPITAL WITH UNSPECIFIED INJURIES.

THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL IS INVESTIGATING.

Story:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS... BIBB COUNTY SCHOOLS WERE LEAD BY EITHER AN INTERIM OR TEMPORARY SUPERINTENDENT.... BUT THERE MAY BE A NEW EFFORT TO CHANGE THAT.

NEW TONIGHT.. THE BIBB BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ENLIST THE HELP OF AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
BIBB BOE RETREAT IN PERRY

Date Aired:
1/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BIBB SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT IS SUPPOSED HELP MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO MOVE PAST PROBLEMS AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE....

INSTEAD IT BREAKS DOWN INTO AN ARGUMENT... COMPLETE WITH ACCUSATIONS OF PETTY POLITICS...INEPTNESS... AND EVEN RACISISM...

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SPENT THE DAY IN PERRY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD... AND NOW JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO SHOW YOU JUST WHAT HAPPENED... A LOT OF EMOTION THERE TONIGHT CHACE...

Story:
SCHOOL INSURANCE CUTS

Date Aired:
1/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE .. COULD BE LOSING THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE ... IF GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL HAS HIS WAY.

DEAL IS PROPOSING A STATE-WIDE ELIMINATION OF THE BENEFITS FOR SCHOOL STAFF WORKING FEWER THAN THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK.

THE IDEA IS SPELLED OUT IN THE GOVERNORS BUDGET.

WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU WHICH EMPLOYEES COULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL.

Story:
GRAD TEST

Date Aired:
1/28/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TEST COULD BE GOING AWAY.. IF HOUSE LAWMAKERS GET THEIR WAY.

STUDENTS WHO FAIL THE GRADUATION TEST... HAVE HAD TO FILE A WAIVER FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GET THEIR DIPLOMAS.

SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD WOODS SAYS HE SUPPORTS H-B 91 BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT PUTS ALL STUDENTS IN THE SAME PLAYING FIELD. HE SAYS...

'WE NO LONGER REQUIRE THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TEST OF OUR STUDENTS... YET WE ARE NOT ALLOWING STUDENTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS TO GRADUATE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT PASSED THE GRADUATION TEST'.

WOODS GOES ON TO SAY THAT BY ELIMINATING THE TEST... IT WOULD 'ALLOW MORE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND GO ON TO SOME FORM OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION WHERE THEY CAN GET THE SKILLS NEEDED TO HAVE A GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE AND BE CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR SOCIETY.'

Story:
BIBB JOB FAIR

Date Aired:
1/29/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA SCHOOL'S NEED MORE EDUCATORS.. INCLUDING IN BIBB COUNTY!
THE MIDDLE GEORGIA R-E-S-A REGIONAL TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR IS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6-TH.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 8 DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL MEET WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TEACH SCIENCE, MATH, FOREIGN LANGUAGE, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION...

CONTRACTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR 2015 TO 2016.

Story:
RUTLAND HIGH SECURITY THREAT

Date Aired:
1/30/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN BIBB COUNTY... SPENT THE DAY ON INCREASED SECURITY AFTER SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS SAY SOMEONE MADE THREATS TARGETING THE SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA..

STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR CLASSES IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY TODAY.. WHILE INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE..

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM PARENTS...

Story:
BALDWIN BUS CRASH

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

OFFICERS ARE LOOKING INTO A WRECK INVOLVING A SCHOOL BUS..
IT HAPPENED ON UNDERWOOD ROAD IN BALDWIN COUNTY.

ACCORDING TO TRACEY WATSON WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY... THE SCHOOL BUS WAS THE *ONLY* VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT.

THE BUS GOT STUCK IN A DITCH... BUT NO ONE WAS HURT AND TRAFFIC WAS NOT BLOCKED.

Story:
GA. COMMON CORE EXPLAINED

Date Aired:
2/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

JUST THE SUGGESTION OF THE COMMON CORE PROGRAM CAN STRIKE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF MANY PARENTS.

BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF PARENTS AND EDUCATORS WHO THINK IT'S A GOOD REPLACEMENT FOR THE OLD WAY OF DOING THINGS.

IN THIS SPECIAL REPORT... ON "COMMON CORE CONFUSION"...KATIE THURBER EXPLAINS WHAT THE SYSTEM IS...AND WHY IT MIGHT NOT BE THE REAL PROBLEM.

Story:
MERCER SIGNING DAY

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME OF THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE CHOOSING WHICH SCHOOL COLORS THEY'LL WEAR NEXT YEAR AS THEY BEGIN THEIR COLLEGE CAREERS.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS DETAILS ON MERCER UNIVERSITY'S EFFORTS TO SIGN SOME OF THE NATION'S BEST RECRUITS.

Story:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT SALARY

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT WE HAVE DETAILS OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR BIBB COUNTY INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT KELLEY CASTLIN-GACUTAN.

THE AGREEMENT SAYS SHE WILL MAKE A BASE SALARY OF 185-THOUSAND DOLLARS... AND RECEIVE 800 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR TRAVEL.

GACUTAN'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT IS VALID THROUGH JUNE 30TH..

IF THE SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT PICK HER TO BE THE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT.. SHE CAN CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT AS A DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OR ANOTHER COMPRABALE POSITION.

Story:
DALLEMAND LAWSUIT

Date Aired:
2/10/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FORMER BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ROMAIN DALLEMAND IS REPORTEDLY SUING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO "THE TELEGRAPH".. DALLEMAND WANTS 10-MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

HE SAYS THEY VIOLATED HIS SEVERENCE AGREEMENT... AND COMMITTED ACTS OF LIBEL AND SLANDER AGAINST HIM.

WGXA CALLED DALLEMAND TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE SUIT.. BUT HE DID NOT ANSWER.

THE BOARD SAYS THEY DO NOT COMMENT ON PENDING LAWSUITS.

THE GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOUND DALLEMAND ENTERED INTO MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS WITHOUT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL.. WHICH VIOLATES STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.

Story:
DEAL FAILING SCHOOLS

Date Aired:
2/11/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FAILING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING CONTROL OVER THEIR SCHOOLS.

GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL WANTS THE STATE TO RUN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE UNDERACHIEVING.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON IS LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
TABLETS FOR TODDLERS

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TECHNOLOGY IS ALL AROUND US AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

WITH IT.. COMES NEW CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS.

TABLETS LIKE THE I-PAD ARE IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR SCHOOLS... BUT WHAT EFFECT ARE THEY HAVING ON OUR CHILDREN?

RICK DEVENS REPORTS.

Story:
MGSC TEAM WALKS

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE RECENT WINTER WEATHER STRANDED TWO LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAMS AS THEY VISITED ALABAMA...

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO EXPLAIN HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT SAVED BOTH TEAMS.

Story:
PREPARING CHILDREN

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. PARENTS.. COMMUNITY LEADERS.. AND POLICE.. ARE TEACHING CHILDREN RESPECT.. AND HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT..

THESE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW HIGH PROFILE CASES INVOLVING TEENS AND OFFICERS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THE STORY FROM THE PEYTON ANDERSON EDUCATION CENTER.

Story:
BIBB SCHOOL CHANGES

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 60 POSITIONS AND CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SECOND CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE FALL.

W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT

Date Aired:
2/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S TAKEN ABOUT 19 MONTHS BUT TONIGHT... THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

BUT THE VOTE WAS NOT UNANIMOUS, ONE MEMBER ABSTAINED AND ANOTHER VOTED AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO EXPLAIN WHY.

Story:
DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

Date Aired:
2/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS.. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING HAS REPLACED DRINKING AND DRIVING AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF TEEN DEATHS ON THE ROADS.

AS WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON REPORTS.. STUDENTS AT NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL IN MACON SAY THEY'RE LEARNING AN IMPORTANT LESSON FROM A MONSTER TRUCK DRIVER.

Story:
BOE SUING DALLEMAND

Date Aired:
2/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DAY AFTER APPROVING A NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FILED A COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST FORMER SUPERINTENDENT ROMAIN DALLEMAND.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE GOT A COPY OF THE CLAIM, HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
BIBB BOE MEETING

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DECISION TO CUT THE NUMBER OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BIBB COUNTY DREW QUICK COMPLAINTS... BUT NOW THERE ARE HOPES VOTERS CAN OFFER SOME SOLUTIONS.

WGXA'S IVY NOVA IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE NEW CITIZENS COMMITTEE THAT WILL HELP VOTERS AND THE BOARD WITH THE REDUCTION PROPOSAL OF PRECINCTS.

Story:
COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE RULES GOVERNING POPULAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS COULD BE CHANGING. HOUSE LAWMAKERS PASSED LEGISLATION THAT CHANGES TWO PROVISIONS TO THE PLANS.

FIRST, FAMILIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE 529 MONEY TO BUY A COMPUTER, PROVIDED IT'S USED FOR SCHOOLWORK.

SECOND, YOU CAN PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE PLAN IF THE SCHOOL REFUNDS IT TO YOU... THE BILL COMES AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE OPTED NOT TO GO FORWARD ON A PROPOSAL TO CURTAIL THE TAX BENEFITS OF 529 PLANS AFTER PUBLIC OUTCRY.

Story:
POVERTY SUMMIT

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

CREATING A PATH OUT OF POVERTY ... THAT'S THE GOAL OF TODAY'S MACON POVERTY ACTION SUMMIT.

ADVOCATES FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY ... HOPE TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE PLANS AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE LOCAL POOR.

MAYOR ROBERT REICHERT SAYS ... THIS AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY ... INCLUDING THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS, HEALTHCARE, AND CRIME STATISTICS ...

Story:
GA DEAL FAILING SCHOOLS

Date Aired:
3/5/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL'S PLAN TO TAKE OVER SCHOOLS NAMED CHRONICALLY FAILING IS MOVING TO THE GEORGIA HOUSE.

THE STATE SENATE PASSED THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TODAY BY A 38 TO 15 VOTE...EXACTLY THE NUMBER REQUIRED.

DEAL'S PLAN WOULD LET AN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT SELECT UP TO 20 SCHOOLS DEEMED FAILING EVERY YEAR AND MAKE THEM INTO CHARTERS... CLOSE THEM... OR OVERHAUL MANAGEMENT.
UP TO 100 SCHOOLS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT AT ONE TIME.
EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS OPPOSED TO THE BILL SAY THE STATE SHOULD WORK WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PROVIDE MORE RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS IMPROVE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
UNITED WAY GEICO PRESSER	3/6/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEICO IS CELEBRATING MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.
THE INSURANCE COMPANY RAISED OVER 1 POINT 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN... WHICH IS AN 11-PERCENT INCREASE IN A YEAR.
UNITED WAY SERVES LOCAL PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP WITH INCOME, EDUCATION, OR HEALTH.
OVER 4 THOUSAND EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTED .. BENEFITING 190 THOUSAND PEOPLE THAT THE AGENCY SERVES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PEACH ESPLOST	3/10/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

VOTERS IN PEACH COUNTY WILL SOON HEAD TO THE POLLS TO VOTE ON A ONE CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.
BUT SOME AREN'T ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSED TAX OR THE NEW SCHOOL.
NEW TONIGHT .. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THAT STORY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
GCSU DUI SIMULATOR	3/11/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN MILLEDGEVILLE GOT THE CHANCE TO LEARN THE DANGERS OF DRUNK DRIVING FIRST-HAND ... IN A SAFE SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT.
UNITE'S ARRIVE ALIVE TOUR USES A HIGH TECH SIMULATOR TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRIVING IMPAIRED BY ALLOWING STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SAXTON HEIGHTS CLOSED	3/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE SCHOOL IN DUBLIN WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW..
SAXON HEIGHTS WILL NOT HOLD CLASS FRIDAY ... BECAUSE OF A MAINTENANCE ISSUE.
STAFF SHOULD STILL REPORT TO WORK AS USUAL.
AGAIN THAT'S FOR SAXON HEIGHTS IN DUBLIN.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SAXTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY	3/13/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DUBLIN SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY FOR MAINTENANCE IS SET TO REOPEN ON MONDAY.
SAXON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY WILL BE READY FOR STUDENTS IN A FEW DAYS.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY A HOT WATER HEATER HOLD TANK HAD A HOLE IN IT .. AND FLOODED THE BASEMENT OF THE SCHOOL.
CREWS CLEANED UP THE MESS TODAY.

Story:
MERCER TOURNAMENT

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MERCER'S MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON LIVES ON FOR ANOTHER DAY.
THE BEARS OPENED PLAY TONIGHT IN THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATION TOURNAMENT AGAINST STONY BROOKE WITH A WIN IN A GREAT GAME.
FINAL SCORE 72 TO 70.
THE WIN SECURES MERCER'S SPOT AS THE FIRST TEAM IN HISTORY TO WIN THE FIRST GAME IN 4 DIFFERENT POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS IN 4 STRAIGHT YEARS!
MERCER WILL BATTLE LOUISIANA-MONROE IN THE SECOND ROUND ON MARCH 23RD.

Story:
BIBB SCHOOLS CURTIS JONES

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES A CONTRACT TONIGHT FOR INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT CURTIS JONES JUNIOR.
THE BOARD HAS NOT RELEASED DETAILS OF THE CONTRACT.
JONES CURRENTLY WORKS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF GRIFFIN-SPAULDING COUNTY SCHOOLS.
HE IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK APRIL 6TH AS THE FIRST PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN TWO YEARS.

Story:
GA. CHRONICALLY FAILING SCHOOLS

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVED GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL'S PROPOSAL TO TAKE FAILING SCHOOLS ... AND PUT THEM IN A STATE RUN DISTRICT.
THE SENATE-PASSED BILL REQUIRES A TWO - THIRDS APPROVAL IN THE HOUSE .. AND A STATEWIDE VOTE, WHICH IS PLANNED FOR 2016.
DEAL'S PLAN WOULD LET AN APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT PICK UP TO 20 SCHOOLS DEEMED CHRONICALLY FAILING EACH YEAR AND MAKE THEM INTO CHARTERS, CLOSE THEM, OR OVERHAUL MANAGEMENT.
UP TO 100 SCHOOLS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT.
EDUCATION GROUPS RALLIED AT THE STATE CAPITOL ... CALLING THE PROPOSAL AN INSULT TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WORKING TO OVER COME POVERTY.

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HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

ASTHMA AFFECTS MORE THAN 22 MILLION AMERICANS OF ALL AGES.
IT CAN BE CHALLENGING .. EVEN DANGEROUS .. FOR ASTHMATICS WHO DON'T TAKE
PROPER CARE OF THEMSELVES.
AND THE WINTER TIME POSES ITS OWN SET OF TRIGGERS.
HOLLY FIRFER HAS DETAILS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:
FLU EPIDEMIC

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SCARY FLU SEASON FOR PARENTS.
THE VIRUS HAS KILLED AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE CHILDREN IN ELEVEN STATES.
MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS PLAGUED BY HIGH LEVELS OF INFECTION.
JOHN ROBERTS HAS AN UPDATE FROM ATLANTA.

Story:
WBMA HYPOTHERMIA RISK

Date Aired:
1/7/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HERE IN THE SOUTH... WE AREN'T ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH SEVERE COLD... AND
SOMETIMES WE FORGET THE DANGER INVOLVED.
WITH TEMPERATURES PLUMMETING... HYPOTHERMIA CAN BE A REAL PROBLEM.
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT EDWARD BURCH SAYS INFANTS AND THE ELDERLY ARE AT
AN INCREASED RISK.

Story:
PUTNAM CHILD SEX

Date Aired:
1/8/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CRISIS CENTER IS OFFERING HELP TO THE 14 YEAR GIRL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE...
SHE COULD BE A VICTIM OF RAPE OR SEX TRAFFICKING..
AND IN PUTNAM COUNTY THOSE RESOURCES AREN'T AVAILABLE.
SO, WE CHECKED AND FOUND THAT OUT OF 28 CENTRAL GEORGIA COUNTIES.. NEARLY 13
COUNTIES SHADED HERE.. DO NOT HAVE A RAPE CRISIS CENTER LISTED WITH ABUSE, RAPE
& DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AID & RESOURCE COLLECTION...
AS WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SHOWS YOU... RESOURCES ARE SCARCE.

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

IT SEEMS OUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE CAN IMPACT OUR CHANCES OF HAVING HEART
TROUBLE. REPORTER SHELBY LIN HAS THE DETAILS ON A NEW STUDY IN TODAY'S HEALTH
MINUTE.

Story:
GA. LEGISLATURE

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE 2015 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN ATLANTA.... AND THE IMPROVING ECONOMY MEANS MORE MONEY FOR LAWMAKERS TO SPEND ON ISSUES LIKE EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE...

LAWMAKERS WERE SWORN IN AND NOW IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK. WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU THE PRESSING ISSUES ON THE AGENDA THIS TERM.

Story:
NO EBOLA FOR CDC WORKER

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A C-D-C WORKER POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO EBOLA IN ATLANTA HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF THE DEADLY VIRUS.

HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE LAB TECHNICIAN WAS POSSIBLY EXPOSED WHEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE LIVE EBOLA VIRUS WAS MOVED INTO A C-D-C LAB.

THE TECHNICIAN WAS MONITORED SINCE IT HAPPENED ON DECEMBER 22-ND... SYMPTOMS USUALLY SHOW WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF INFECTION.

THE AGENCY PLANS TO HIRE SOMEONE TO OVERSEE LABORATORY SCIENCE AND SAFETY.

Story:
SA MENTAL HEALTH

Date Aired:
1/15/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

1 IN 5 CHILDREN HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS... ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS.

THIS YEAR -- THE TEXAS SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS MADE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

AS ERIN NICHOLS EXPLAINS -- IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY THAN WE MIGHT THINK.

Story:
FLU WITH THE MINUTE CLINIC

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS YOU JUST HEARD CASES OF THE FLU VIRUS ARE CLIMBING.

RETAIL CLINICS LIKE MINUTE CLINIC CAN PROVIDE VACCINES AND PRESCRIBE ANTI-VIRALS.

DESPITE SOME STATISTICS ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS, PRACTITIONERS SAY THE VACCINE IS STILL YOUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST THE FLU.

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
1/20/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF "HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE."

IT CAN BE MISERABLE FOR THE KIDS WHO GET IT, BUT IT'S EASILY TREATABLE.

SUSAN HENDRICKS HAS THE DETAILS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:
W.R. FUNDRAISER

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

MONEY RAISED TO HELP A SICK 5 YEAR OLD BOY ENDS UP STOLEN... BUT POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE VIDEO OF THE MAN RESPONSIBLE...

"JUST ONE MORE" BAR AND GRILL ON RUSSELL PARKWAY RAISED MONEY FOR 2 MONTHS TO BENEFIT A LITTLE BOY NAMED MATTIE WHO IS HAS A BLOOD DISORDER.

MANAGERS NOTICED THE MISSING JAR ON SUNDAY... FILED A POLICE REPORT... AND PULLED VIDEO THAT SHOWS SOMEONE TAKING THE JAR ON SATURDAY NIGHT...

NOW... EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF 'JUST ONE MORE' ARE PLANNING A WEEKEND EVENT JUST FOR MATTIE...

Story:
ABORTION BILL

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ON CAPITOL HILL...

THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED HOUSE PASSED LEGISLATION TODAY BANNING ALL TAXPAYER MONEY FOR ABORTIONS.

THE BILL PASSED IN A 242-TO 179 VOTE, WITH THREE DEMOCRATS JOINING THE BAND OF GOP SUPPORTERS.

REPUBLICAN RICHARD HANNA OF NEW YORK WAS THE ONE REPUBLICAN WHO VOTED AGAINST IT.

Story:
PEAKE CANNABIS BILL

Date Aired:
1/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE IS PLANNING TO FILE A BILL ON MONDAY IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL FOR PEOPLE WITH CANCER... SEIZURE DISORDERS AND OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES.

PEAKE CALLS THE PROPOSAL A COMPROMISE WITH GOVERNOR DEAL.

HE HAS DISCUSSED A BROADER BILL TO ALLOW IN-STATE GROWTH... AND THE MANUFACTURING AND SALE OF THE OIL WITH LOW T-H-C LEVELS.

T-H-C IS THE CHEMICAL THAT CAN CAUSE A HIGH FEELING FOR MARIJUANA USERS.

BUT RECENTLY... HE'S PULLED BACK.

THE CHANGE DISAPPOINTED PEOPLE WHO RELOCATED TO COLORADO WHERE CANNABIS OIL IS LEGAL.

HOUSE SPEAKER DAVID RALSTON SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE BILL.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO CREATES A COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE END OF THE YEAR ABOUT AN IN-STATE PROGRAM TO MAKE AND SELL THE PRODUCT.

Story:
PEAKE REINTRODUCES BILL

Date Aired:
1/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OFFICIALLY INTRODUCES A NEW BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA.

THE BILL ALSO KNOWN AS H-B-1 WILL HELP CHILDREN WITH SEIZURE DISORDERS GET TREATMENT IN THEIR OWN STATE AND POTENTIALLY BRING 17 GEORGIA FAMILIES BACK HOME.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS AN UPDATE..

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
1/27/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

DOCTORS ARE NOW CALLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AN EPIDEMIC.

THE NUMBER OF KIDS WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST 30 YEARS .. AND THE NUMBER OF OVERWEIGHT ADOLESCENTS HAS QUADRUPLD.
HOLLY FIRFER LOOKS AT THE PROBLEM IN TODAYS HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SCHOOL INSURANCE CUTS	1/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE .. COULD BE LOSING THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE ... IF GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL HAS HIS WAY.
DEAL IS PROPOSING A STATE-WIDE ELIMINATION OF THE BENEFITS FOR SCHOOL STAFF WORKING FEWER THAN THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK.
THE IDEA IS SPELLED OUT IN THE GOVERNORS BUDGET.
WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU WHICH EMPLOYEES COULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
AVA'S LAW RALLY	1/28/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA IS ONE OF SEVERAL STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR AUTISM TREATMENT..
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SPENT TIME AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY WITH DOZENS OF FAMILIES FIGHTING FOR "AVA'S LAW".. WHICH IS A PLAN TO CHANGE THAT..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
AVA'S LAW	1/29/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR AUTISM TREATMENT IN GEORGIA.. HEADS TO THE HOUSE..
TODAY THE GEORGIA SENATE PASSED "AVA'S LAW".. 54 TO ZERO..
UNDER THE PLAN.. INSURANCE MUST COVER AUTISM THERAPY FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX.. BUT IT CAPS COVERAGE AT 35-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
THE LAW WOULD NOT APPLY TO COMPANIES WITH 10 OR FEWER WORKERS.
SUPPORTERS SAY THE COVERAGE CAN HELP KIDS WITH AUTISM LEARN TO SPEAK AND LOWER LATER HEALTH CARE COSTS.
A SIMILAR PROPOSAL IN THE HOUSE LAST YEAR.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MEASLES OUTBREAK	1/30/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE NUMBER OF MEASLES CASES.. JUST JUMPED TO 91.. ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL.. THAT'S UP FROM 84 REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON.
THE OUTBREAK IS ON THE WEST COAST RIGHT NOW.. AND SOME DOCTORS EVEN REFUSE TO SEE UNVACCINATED PATIENTS..
WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU WHAT THAT COULD MEAN FOR MIDDLE GEORGIA.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA	2/2/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME GEORGIA LAW OFFICERS SAY THEY'RE AGAINST LEGALIZING CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA..

"HOUSE BILL ONE" WOULD ALLOW PATIENTS TO USE CANNABIS OIL FOR CANCER, SEIZURE DISORDERS, OR OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS..

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT POLICE TO PRESSURE LAWMAKERS INTO REMOVING CANCER, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, OR A-L-S FROM THE LIST OF CONDITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR OIL..

THE GEORGIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WORRIES ABOUT THE LAW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE MANY MORE ILLNESSES..

Story:
VACCINATION MYTHS

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE OF THE LARGEST MYTHS ABOUT VACCINATIONS... IS THAT CAN CAUSE AUTISM... FOLLOWING A STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL "THE LANCET"..

MOST OF DOCTOR ANDREW WAKEFIELD'S CO-AUTHORS WITHDREW THEIR NAMES FROM THE STUDY IN 2004 AFTER FINDING OUT A LAW FIRM PAID THE DOCTOR..

THE FIRM HAD PLANNED TO SUE VACCINE MANUFACTURERS.

THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE ALSO FOUND -NO- CONNECTION BETWEEN VACCINES AND AUTISM.

Story:
GRADUATE FOR MOM

Date Aired:
2/6/2014

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR A WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR.

MERCEDES SALETTE WILL OFFICIALLY BE GRADUATING IN MAY BUT HER MOTHER MAY NOT LIVE TO SEE IT.

DOCTORS HAVE GIVEN SALETTE'S MOM TWO WEEKS TO LIVE... BECAUSE SHE HAS COLON CANCER.

IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE SHE SEE'S HER DAUGHTER GET HER DIPLOMA, THE BIBB BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD A CEREMONY AT PINE POINT HOSPICE JUST FOR MERCEDES AND HER FAMILY.

Story:
MEASLES IN GEORGIA

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CONFIRMING GEORGIA'S FIRST REPORTED CASE OF THE MEASLES SINCE 20-12.

THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS AN INFANT INFECTED WITH MEASLES ARRIVED IN ATLANTA FROM OUTSIDE THE U-S AND IS BEING TREATED AT CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA.

STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE HOSPITAL AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL TO IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE PATIENT.

THEY SAY THIS CASE IS NOT RELATED TO THE OUTBREAK STEMMING FROM DISNEY LAND.

Story:
MEASLES IN GEORGIA

Date Aired:
2/10/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

THE WESTERN UNITED STATES HAS BEEN DEALING WITH AN OUTBREAK OF MEASLES. NOW... GEORGIA HAS A CASE.

IT'S THE FIRST REPORTED IN THE STATE SINCE 20-12.

ERICA BYFIELD HAS THE WARNING FROM DOCTORS IN ATLANTA.

Story:
HPV AND SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Date Aired:
2/11/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

DOCTORS SAY.. GIRLS WHO GET THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE SHOULD NOT TREAT IT AS A GREEN LIGHT TO START HAVING RISKY SEX.

RESEARCHERS WENT THROUGH HEALTH INSURANCE RECORDS FOR OVER 200 THOUSAND AMERICAN GIRLS... LOOKING AT RATES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

THE TEAM REASONED THAT IF THE H-P-V VACCINE SPURS GIRLS TO HAVE SEX -- THEN S-T-D DIAGNOSES SHOULD CHANGE NOTICEABLY IN THE YEAR AFTER VACCINATION.

THEY FOUND WHILE S-T-D RATES DID RISE ... IT WAS A NEARLY IDENTICAL RATE BETWEEN VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED GIRLS.

STUDY AUTHORS HOPE THEIR RESULTS WILL EASE PARENTS' MINDS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO GET THE H-P-V VACCINATION FOR THEIR CHILD.

Story:
GA. ANTHEM INSURANCE

Date Aired:
2/12/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MASSIVE CYBER ATTACK ON ANTHEM INSURANCE COULD LEAVE GEORGIA USER INFORMATION COMPROMISED.

WHILE ANTHEM SAYS THERE ISN'T ANY EVIDENCE TO PROVE CREDIT CARD OR MEDICAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN STOLEN... NAMES, BIRTHDAYS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION ARE ALL AT RISK.

STATES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED INCLUDE GEORGIA... CALIFORNIA.. COLORADO... CONNECTICUT.. INDIANA... KENTUCKY.. MAINE.. MISSOURI... NEVADA... NEW HAMPSHIRE.. NEW YORK... OHIO AND PARTS OF VIRGINIA AND WISCONSIN.

ANTHEM IS THE SECOND LARGEST HEALTH INSURER IN THE U-S.

THE F-B-I IS INVESTIGATING.

Story:
AUGUSTA BURN CENTER UPDATE

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

MATT COU-EY AND BEN BOLLINGER WERE RELEASED FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER - NAVICENT HEALTH YESTERDAY.

ADAM MITCHIE (MICKEY)... FERRELL CROMER... AND STEVEN STAFFORD ARE AT THE AUGUSTA BURN CENTER.

WE CHECKED ON THEIR CONDITIONS LAST NIGHT.

STAFFORD REMAINS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

MITCHIE (MICKEY) AND CROMER HAVE BEEN UPGRADED TO GOOD CONDITION.

YESTERDAY, THE AUGUSTA FIRE CHIEF SPENT TIME VISITING THE MACON-BIBB FIREFIGHTERS AT THE BURN CENTER.

Story:
MACON BIBB HEALTH MEETING

Date Aired:
2/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BAD TATTOO CAN MEAN MORE THAN LOW QUALITY BODY ART, IT COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS AND PAINFUL INFECTION.

BUT THE NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND LOCAL LEADERS ARE TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING TATTOO SAFETY REGULATIONS.

NEW TONIGHT.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SHOWS US WHY SOME TATTOO ARTISTS SUPPORT THE IDEA.

Story:
HEART PATIENT MOM

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MAN FROM MACON IS BACK IN THE HOSPITAL AND IS FACING A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION WHILE HE WAITS FOR A NEW HEART.

THE FAMILY OF 27-YEAR OLD JANEIRO BROWN IS PLEADING FOR HELP TO PAY FOR AN EXPENSIVE TRANSPLANT.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SHOWS YOU.. IF THEY DON'T GET THE MONEY.. HE COULD DIE.

Story:
GLUTEN FREE SWEEPS

Date Aired:
2/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THERE'S A NEW DIET CRAZE HITTING THE STORE SHELVES.... BUT COULD FOLLOWING IT BE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD FOR YOUR BODY?

AMYRE MAKUPSON GETS THE SKINNY.. ON THE GLUTEN FREE LIFESTYLE.

Story:
SEAN PRITCHARD CANCER

Date Aired:
2/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SEAN PRITCHARD HAS DONE MANY THINGS FOR THE DOWNTOWN MACON COMMUNITY BUT NOW HE'S IN NEED OF SUPPORT AS HE BATTLES LEUKEMIA.

NEW TONIGHT.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO SHOW HOW THE COMMUNITY IS REACHING OUT TO HELP PRITCHARD WITH HIS MEDICAL COSTS.

Story:
GA. CANNABIS OIL BILL

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. A BILL TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL IS HEADED TO GEORGIA HOUSE LAWMAKERS THIS WEEK.. AFTER PASSING IN A HOUSE JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE..

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE TELLS US.. THE BILL COVERS EIGHT MEDICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING SEIZURES AND LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.

PATIENTS WOULD NEED DOCTOR APPROVAL, REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE.. AND THEN WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OIL.

THE OIL CAN ONLY HAVE 5-PERCENT T-H-C.

PEAKE SAYS 500-THOUSAND GEORGIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS OIL.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT WE'RE HEARING FROM THE GEORGIA LAWMAKER BEHIND A BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL AS IT HEADS TO THE HOUSE FLOOR.

THIS IS THE SECOND ATTEMPT TO THE PASS THE BILL.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS US WHICH CHANGES ARE IN PLACE.. TO GIVE IT A BETTER CHANCE OF BECOMING LAW..

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

BEING PREGNANT CAN BE VERY STRESSFUL.

SUSAN HENDRICKS EXPLAINS HOW TO MANAGE THOSE STRESS LEVELS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:
WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT

Date Aired:
2/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A HEARING TODAY IN JONES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LOOKS AT THE ISSUE OF WHEN LIFE BEGINS IN THE EYES OF LAW...

THE CASE DATES BACK TO A CAR ACCIDENT ALONG HIGHWAY 49 IN AUGUST 2013.

A WOMAN INVOLVED IN THAT ACCIDENT SAYS IT CAUSED HER TO MISCARRY A THREE-WEEK-OLD FETUS.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS IN COURT AND TELLS YOU WHAT'S NEXT..

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME SAY A NEW VERSION OF THE BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA GUTS A BILL ALREADY PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

UNLIKE THE HOUSE VERSION... IT WOULD SET UP A 4 YEAR STUDY RATHER THAN MAKING THE DRUG AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

THE NEW BILL BY SENATOR LINDSEY TIPPIN WOULD LIMIT THE OIL'S USE TO KIDS UNDER 18 WITH EPILEPSY... WHO ARE PART OF A RESEARCH TRIAL THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA.

ADVOCATES OF MACON REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAK'S HOUSE BILL... WHICH PASSED LAST WEEK... SAY THE SENATE VERSION WOULD GUT THE MEASURE THAT PASSED THE LOWER CHAMBER.

HIS BILL CALLS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES OF CANNABIS OIL TO BE USED BY PRESCRIPTION TO TREAT SEIZURE DISORDERS AND 8 OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

THE BILL DOESN'T SET AN AGE LIMIT.

Story:
PANCAKE DAY FOR KIDS

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

PEOPLE ACROSS MIDDLE GEORGIA ARE TAKING PART IN THE NATION'S LARGEST PANCAKE PARTY ALL TO HELP LOCAL CHILDREN.

I-HOP IS HOSTING THE PARTY ALL DAY TODAY WHILE ENCOURAGING EATERS TO DONATE TO THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS.

W-G-X-A'S IVY NOVA IS LIVE IN THE STUDIO TO TELL YOU HOW THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED IN MIDDLE GEORGIA.

Story:
VERONICA BRINSON

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. AT AN APPEAL HEARING .. MACON LAWYER VERNICA BRINSON INSISTS HER DOGS ARE NOT DANGEROUS..

THE BIBB ANIMAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CALLED BRINSON'S ANIMALS A THREAT.. AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY KILLED A DOG IN DECEMBER.. AND ATTACKED A COUPLE.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH'S HEARING. HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS OF THE CASE.

Story:
ALLERGY SEASON

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE WARMER WEATHER AND POLLEN MAY MAKE YOUR ALLERGIES EVEN WORSE. TODAY WE TALKED TO A LOCAL DOCTOR ABOUT WAYS YOU CAN GET RELIEF.

IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO POLLEN DOCTOR JEREMIAH BIVINS WITH THE ALLERGY, ASTHMA & SINUS CENTER, IN MACON, SAYS:

LEAVE THE WINDOWS UP IN YOUR CAR WHILE DRIVING. USE THE AIR CONDITIONING IN BOTH YOUR CAR AND AT HOME TO HELP FILTER THE AIR AND LEAVE THE WINDOWS CLOSED IN YOUR HOME.

IF YOU NEED SOME RELIEF DOCTOR BIVINS SAYS THERE ARE SOME OVER THE COUNTER REMEDIES YOU CAN TRY, BUT THOSE DON'T CURE YOUR ALLERGIES. THEY ONLY TREAT YOUR SYMPTOMS.

HE RECOMMENDS GETTING AN ALLERGY TEST AND FOR MANY STOPPING YOUR ALLERGIES ALTOGETHER WITH ALLERGY SHOTS.

Story:
PTSD SERVICE DOG

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SERVICE DOG IS MISSING FROM CENTRAL GEORGIA.

OLIVIA IS A POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING.

ACCORDING TO "VETERANS K-9 SOLUTIONS" ... SHE WAS LAST SEEN ON FOREST HILL DRIVE IN WARNER ROBINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CALL CHARLTON LANE AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN... 662...01-09 OR ANIMAL CONTROL AT 929...72-90.

Story:
ASTROTURF CANCER RISK

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED TO INSTALL A NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD AT MCCONNEL-TALBERT STADIUM IN WARNER ROBINS.

BUT HOW SAFE IS ARTIFICIAL TURF?

W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON SPOKE WITH HOUSTON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MARK SCOTT ABOUT THE CHANGE.

Story:
EBOLA PATIENT

Date Aired:
3/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN UPDATE TONIGHT ON THE EBOLA OUTBREAK.

AN AMERICAN HEALTH CARE WORKER WHO GOT THE DISEASE IN SIERRA LEONE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE U-S FOR TREATMENT FRIDAY.

THE WORKER WILL BE TREATED AT NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND.

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS NOT RELEASED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT.

Story:
SHRIVER ALZHEIMER

Date Aired:
3/13/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

MARIA SHRIVER IS ISSUING A CHALLENGE TO WOMEN... TO HELP FIGHT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE... THE DISEASE THAT TOOK HER FATHER.

SHE'S ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE DISEASE AND HELP TO BUILD AWARENESS.

SHRIVER IS AIMING THIS CHALLENGE AT WOMEN, BECAUSE SHE SAYS THE DISEASE IMPACTS WOMEN THE MOST.

Story:
HEALTH INSURANCE OVERHAUL

Date Aired:
3/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY SYLVIA BURWELL SAYS MORE THAN 16 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE GAINED INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT.

ABOUT 14 MILLION PEOPLE... GOT THEIR INSURANCE AFTER THE LAW'S BIG EXPANSION STARTED AT THE END OF 20-13.

THE PROGRAM OFFERS SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE JOB .. ALONG WITH AN EXPANDED MEDICAID PROGRAM THAT MANY STATES HAVE ACCEPTED.

ANOTHER 2 POINT 3 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE PREVIOUSLY GAINED COVERAGE... THOSE WERE YOUNG ADULTS ALLOWED TO STAY ON THEIR PARENTS' PLAN UNTIL AGE 26.

Story:
PEAKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TOMORROW WILL BE A CRUCIAL DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL FOR A MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL BILL.

THE BILL KNOWN AS H-B-1 OR "HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT" WILL HAVE IT'S FIRST HEARING IN THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU ABOUT THE OPPOSITION THE BILL FACES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER HOURS OF TESTIMONY .. A COMPROMISE CANNABIS BILL MOVES FORWARD IN THE GEORGIA SENATE.

HB1 WILL BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND THEN SENT TO THE FLOOR FOR A FINAL VOTE

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL TODAY AND TELLS US WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT'S NEXT.

Story:
CANNABIS OIL

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S MEDICAL CANNABIS BILL IS ON ITS WAY TO ANOTHER SENATE COMMITTEE FOR A DEBATE..

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SPONSORED THE BILL AND SAYS IT WILL GRANT IMMUNITY FOR GEORGIA FAMILIES WHO NEED CANNABIS OIL FOR MEDICINE BUT STILL CREATES A FEW OBSTACLES.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHY THE BILL WILL NOT BENEFIT EVERYONE.

Story:
AVA'S LAW

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSURANCE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS OFFER AUTISM TREATMENT TO CHILDREN.

THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN THE STATE COULD USE THE TREATMENT THAT THEIR PARENTS CAN'T AFFORD .. UNDER AVA'S LAW.

BUT AS MALCOLM JOHNSON REPORTS, OPPONENTS CALL IT TOO BIG A BURDEN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER A YEAR OF DEBATE, H-B-1 ALSO KNOWN AS HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT HAS PASSED THE GEORGIA SENATE 48-6..

THE BILL, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OF MACON, GRANTS IMMUNITY TO PATIENTS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED CANNABIS OIL LEGALLY IN ANOTHER STATE.

NEW TONIGHT, WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM FAMILIES..

Story:
AVA'S LAW TO PASS

Date Aired:
3/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LAWMAKERS MAY FINALLY VOTE ON AVA'S LAW, A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA TO COVER AUTISM THERAPY.

THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

NOW, THE MAN MANY BELIEVE WAS HOLDING THE BILL HOSTAGE, HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD SMITH, HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR CHARLIE BETHEL.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF RICHARD SMITH HUGGING ANNA BULLARD EARLEIR THIS AFTERNOON... THE BILL IS NAMED AFTER BULLARD'S DAUGHTER AVA.

THE BILL WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, THEN THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

IF IT PASSES BOTH SENATE PARTIES, IT WILL COME BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR AGREEMENT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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HOUSING ISSUES

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
ANIMAL SHELTER QUARANTINE	1/1/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON BIBB ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER IS UNDER A QUARANTINE AFTER A PUPPY IS FOUND DEAD FROM PARVO.

ACCORDING TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER... THE PUPPY WAS DIAGNOSED BY A VETERINARIAN IN THE CENTER.

DURING THE QUARANTINE... NO ANIMALS WILL BE ADMITTED OR RELEASED.

RECORDS ON ALL THE ANIMALS RELEASED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE PUPPY WITH PARVO... ARE BEING REVIEWED.

THE OWNERS OF THOSE ANIMALS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND TOLD TO MONITOR THEIR PETS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PARVO QUARANTINE	1/2/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON BIBB ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER IS UNDER A QUARANTINE AFTER A PUPPY IS FOUND DEAD FROM PARVO.

ACCORDING TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER... THE PUPPY WAS DIAGNOSED BY A VETERINARIAN IN THE CENTER.

DURING THE QUARANTINE... NO ANIMALS WILL BE ADMITTED OR RELEASED.

RECORDS ON ALL THE ANIMALS RELEASED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE PUPPY WITH PARVO... ARE BEING REVIEWED.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER STEVE LAYSON EXPLAINS THE CLEANING PROCESS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MACON BIBB CRIME TRENDS	1/5/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

CRIME IS GOING DOWN IN BIBB COUNTY.

THAT'S ACCORDING TO A REPORT TOTALING THE NUMBER OF CRIMES SINCE THE CITY AND COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS.

SHERIFF DAVID DAVIS SAYS.. THERE WERE 16 HOMICIDES IN 2014 - ONE LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 7 LESS THAN THE 23 IN 2012.

SHERIFF DAVIS SAYS INFORMANTS, CRIME STOPPERS AND THE GANG UNIT HAVE ALL HELPED TO BRING THE MURDER RATE DOWN.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB HOUSE FIRE	1/6/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WE BEGIN WITH BREAKING NEWS.. IN BIBB COUNTY.. THAT'S WHERE A MAN ESCAPED A HOUSE FIRE..

THE MACON BIBB FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS...

THE MAN LIVING AT THIS HOUSE ON WASHINGTON STREET .. WAS AWAKENED BY HIS SMOKE DETECTOR AROUND 8-30 TONIGHT...

THE FRONT ROOMS OF HIS HOUSE WERE BURNING... BUT HE MANAGED TO GET SAFELY OUT OF THE BACK OF THE HOUSE...

HIS HOME HAS MAJOR SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE TO THE FRONT ROOMS.

AN INVESTIGATOR IS WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT STARTED THE FIRE.

Story:
PROTECTING YOUR PIPES

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH TEMPERATURES EXPECTED TO STAY NEAR OR BELOW FREEZING FOR SEVERAL STRAIGHT DAYS... YOU NEED TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL ABOUT YOUR PIPES FREEZING...

IF YOU HAVE SINKS AGAINST AN OUTSIDE WALL... YOU CAN LEAVE THE CABINET DOORS OPEN TO GET MORE HEAT AROUND THE PIPES... AND IT'S GOOD TO LEAVE THOSE FAUCETS AT A SLOW TRICKLE TO KEEP THE WATER MOVING.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS LEAVING THE HOSES CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE FAUCETS OF A HOUSE.....

Story:
WBMA HYPOTHERMIA RISK

Date Aired:
1/7/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HERE IN THE SOUTH... WE AREN'T ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH SEVERE COLD... AND SOMETIMES WE FORGET THE DANGER INVOLVED.

WITH TEMPERATURES PLUMMETING... HYPOTHERMIA CAN BE A REAL PROBLEM.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT EDWARD BURCH SAYS INFANTS AND THE ELDERLY ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK.

Story:
ROYAL OAKS FIRE

Date Aired:
1/8/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DEVELOPING STORY AT THIS HOUR.. IN BIBB COUNTY...

THAT'S WHERE FIREFIGHTERS ARE INVESTIGATING A HOUSE FIRE.. ON ROYAL OAKS COURT.

THE CALL CAME IN.. ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT..

NO INJURIES ARE REPORTING. INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT SAID WHAT SPARKED THE FIRE.

Story:
MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE PURCHASE OF THE MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER IN FORSYTH IS COMING UNDER FIRE.

WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON ASKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IF A VOTE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.. IS LEGAL..

Story:
ST. CHARLES PLACE

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT.. FIREFIGHTERS ARE LOOKING INTO A HOUSE FIRE.. THAT LEFT A FAMILY HOMELESS.

IT HAPPEND THIS AFTERNOON.. ON ST. CHARLES PLACE.

CHIEF STEVEN STAFFORD WITH THE BIBB COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.. SAYS THE FAMILY WAS NOT HOME AT THE TIME.

THE FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM AND SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE HOME.

A NEIGHBOR TALKS WITH US ABOUT WHAT HE SAW..

Story:
COMMISSION ON GANGS

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN COMMUNITY INTERVENTION WORKERS TO HELP REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.
THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES STRENGTHENING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS PLANNED..

Story:
USDA PROGRAMS

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

INSURING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND CLEAN WATER FOR GEORGIA ARE BEHIND A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST...
MONEY FOR THE INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECTS WILL BRING TOGETHER PARTNERS FROM ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST TO ADDRESS A WIDE RANGE OF CONSERVATION ISSUES SUCH AS WATER QUALITY, WATER QUANTITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT... AND OTHERS.
OFFICIALS FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE VISITED THE GEORGIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION...TO TELL LAND OWNERS WHAT THE WHAT THE PROGRAM, AND MONEY, WILL DO FOR THEM...

Story:
REBUILDING ON MLK DAY

Date Aired:
1/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR URGED PEOPLE TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES..
AND TODAY VOLUNTEERS ARE LENDING A HAND BY JOINING "REBUILDING MACON"..
WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU HOW THEY SAVED A WOMAN'S HOME.. IN JUST A MATTER OF HOURS.

Story:
STONEFIELD CIRCLE FIRE

Date Aired:
1/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BREAKING NEWS OUT OF BIBB COUNTY.. FIREFIGHTERS ARE BATTLING A HOUSE FIRE..
IT STARTED AT A HOME ON STONEFIELD CIRCLE.. AROUND 9-45 TONIGHT.
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SAYS THE HOMEOWNER TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS WATCHING TV.. WHEN A NEIGHBOR KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AFTER SEEING SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE CHIMNEY..
HE AND HIS WIFE.. GOT OUT OKAY..
THE CAUSE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Story:
STAPLETON HOUSE FIRE

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A FAMILY IS OKAY TONIGHT.. BUT WITHOUT THEIR HOUSE.. AFTER A FIRE GUTTED THEIR HOME.
IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE TEN THIS MORNING IN THE 69 HUNDRED BLOCK OF STAPLETON ROAD IN MACON..
WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON TALKS TO THE HOMEOWNER WHO SAVED HER DOGS FROM THE FIRE.

Story:
ELAINE LUCAS

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WANTS TO CHANGE THE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ITS VOTERS.

NEW TONIGHT.. A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CALLS THE PROPOSAL POLITICALLY MOTIVATED..

THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PLANS TO CUT 14 VOTING LOCATIONS IN BIBB COUNTY.. GOING FROM 40 TO 26.

THEY SAY THE MAIN REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS TO MINIMIZE ELECTION SPENDING, DUE TO MANDATED BUDGET CUTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS SAYS SHE'LL FIGHT THE CHANGE.

Story:

FATAL KATHLEEN FIRE

Date Aired:

1/23/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DEADLY FIRE IN HOUSTON COUNTY KILLS AN ELDERLY WOMAN FRIDAY MORNING.

IT STARTED IN THE KITCHEN... INVESTIGATORS SAY IT WAS AN ACCIDENT...WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHAT HAPPENED.

Story:

FLINT ENERGIES RATES

Date Aired:

1/27/2015

Newscast:

6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FLINT ENERGY CUSTOMERS... COULD BE PAYING MORE FOR POWER STARTING IN APRIL. THE BASE RESIDENTIAL RATE FOR FLINT ENERGIES WILL BE MOVING FORM 23 DOLLARS PER MONTH TO 24 DOLLARS PER MONTH.

THIS NEW PLAN FOLLOWS A RATE CHANGE THAT CALLS FOR A RESIDENTIAL BASE CHARGE TO JUMP TO 27 DOLLARS PER MONTH BY 20-18.

THE BASE CHARGE COVERS FLINT'S COST OF A METER... READING THE METER... BILLING THE ACCOUNT THROUGH DATA PROCESSING... AND COLLECTING OR CREDITING PAYMENT.

Story:

GOLF CARTS

Date Aired:

1/28/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GOLF CARTS, MANY PEOPLE THINK OF FLORIDA RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES OR A GATED COUNTRY CLUB.

BUT IF BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS A NEW ORDINANCE NEXT MONTH, YOU MAY START SEEING THEM ON SOME MACON STREETS.

WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:

ROAD TAXES

Date Aired:

1/29/2015

Newscast:

6:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA HOUSE LEADERS ANNOUNCED A NEW PLAN THEY SAY FUNNELS ONE BILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

THE STRATEGY WOULD ELIMINATE A FUEL SALES TAX... AND THAT MONEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY AN EXCISE TAX OF ABOUT 29 CENTS PER GALLON.

THE PLAN ALSO CREATES NEW FEES ON ELECTRIC OR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND GIVES MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACCESS TO 1 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS FOR NEXT YEAR.

WE CAUGHT UP WITH SOME DRIVERS TODAY TO GET THEIR TAKE ON THE TAX CHANGE...

Story:
HOUSTON AVENUE FIRE

Date Aired:
1/30/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A HOMEOWNER NEEDS A NEW GARAGE.. AND TWO NEW CARS.. AFTER A FIRE SPREAD IN THIS WINDY WEATHER..

THE OWNER OF A HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF HOUSTON AVENUE AND NELSON STREET IN MACON SAYS.. HE WAS IN THE FRONT OF HIS HOUSE... AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS BACK YARD.. HIS GARAGE AND TWO CARS WERE ON FIRE THIS EVENING.

CAPTAIN JIMMY HOLLIS WITH THE BIBB COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE WIND LIKELY FANNED THE FLAMES FROM A BARREL WHERE LEAVES WERE BURNING..

NO ONE WAS HURT..

Story:
GAS TAX PROPOSAL

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A CHANGE TO THE GAS TAX PROPOSED IN THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE COULD END UP COSTING YOU MORE..

IF APPROVED, COUNTY LEADERS SAY THEY COULD LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE ELIMINATION OF THE LOCAL GAS SALES TAX.

WGXA'S IVY NOVA TELLS YOU HOW IT WOULD IMPACT ROAD PROJECTS.

Story:
HISTORIC MACON

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS HISTORIC MACON CONTINUES REDEVELOPMENT IN (BIEL'S) BEALL'S HILL .. THEY WANT TO IDENTIFY AFRICAN AMERICAN SITES THAT SHOULD BE PRESERVED ACROSS BIBB COUNTY..

THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEM TO DETERIORATION.. OR DEMOLITION.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT A SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT WHERE NEIGHBORS GAVE THEIR INPUT.

Story:
MILLEDGEVILLE CONSOLIDATION

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT... A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE THE GOVERNMENTS OF MILLEDGEVILLE AND BALDWIN COUNTY.. HAS SOME CITY LEADERS FIRED UP..

THE BILL.. HEADS TO THE GEORGIA SENATE AFTER PASSING THE HOUSE THIS WEEK..

WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON.. LOOKS AT BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE.

Story:
TORNADO SAFETY

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK CONTINUES TODAY WITH THE FOCUS ON TORNADO SAFETY.

WGXA METEOROLOGIST STEPHEN SHIVELEY TELLS YOU HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOURSELF BEFORE A TORNADO STRIKES.

Story:
FORSYTH COUNCIL GAS TAX

Date Aired:
2/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WHILE GEORGIA LAWMAKER DEBATE A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE GAS TAX.. LEADERS IN A CENTRAL GEORGIA CITY.. ARE TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON THEIR BUDGET..

WGXA'S IVY NOVA HAS THE REACTION FROM FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MACON ENDANGERED PROPERTIES	2/9/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE OF MACON'S GREATEST ASSETS IS THE HISTORIC CHARM PROVIDED BY BUILDINGS, CHURCHES AND HOUSES. BUT WHEN HISTORY GETS IN THE WAY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS, SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. THAT'S THE LESSON OF THE NOW DEMOLISHED TREMONT TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE DOUGLASS HOUSE.

RAYMOND TUBB LOOKS NOW AT OTHER PARTS OF THE HISTORIC CITY IN DANGER OF DEMOLITION.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WX RADIO IMPORTANCE	2/10/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THERE IS A TYPE OF PROTECTION YOU CAN'T BUY THROUGH AN INSURANCE AGENT. METEOROLOGIST ANGIE RAGLE SHOWS YOU HOW ONE DEVICE CAN SAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BRINSON DOG HEARING	2/11/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT... A MACON ATTORNEY IS APPEALING A RULING THAT HER THREE DOGS ARE DANGEROUS... THAT RULING CAME AFTER THE DOGS WERE ACCUSED OF ATTACKING A WOMAN AND KILLING HER SCHNAUZER...

MACON BIBB COUNTY ANIMAL WELFARE.. DECLARED VERONICA BRINSON'S THREE DOGS "DANGEROUS"..

IN DECEMBER A WOMAN SAYS BRINSON'S DOGS ATTACKED HER... AND KILLED HER SCHNAUZER... AFTER GETTING OUT OF A FENCED BACK YARD ON MILLWOOD COURT.

DEPUTIES SAY THE DOGS ALSO INJURED THE WOMAN'S HUSBAND WHEN HE TRIED TO HELP.

BRINSON AND HER SON, RYAN, TURNED THEMSELVES IN LAST MONTH.

THEY HAD WARRANTS FOR RECKLESS CONDUCT FOR CAUSING BODILY HARM.... FOR NOT CONTAINING HER PETS... WHILE KNOWING THE DOGS PREVIOUSLY ESCAPED AND ATTACKED PEOPLE AND OTHER PETS.

WGXA'S DAVE JOHNSON IS AT THE HEARING NOW AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON EMERY HIGHWAY... STAY TUNED TO WGXA FOR THE LATEST.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
FATAL FAIRVIEW FIRE	2/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE MACON BIBB COUNTY FIRE CHIEF IS TALKING ABOUT THE FIRE THAT KILLED ONE OF HIS OWN.. AND LEFT 5 OTHER FIREFIGHTERS HURT..

BIBB COUNTY FIREFIGHTER LT. RANDY PARKER DIED AFTER BEING TRAPPED INSIDE THE BURNING HOUSE.

W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE VERY LATEST.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
FATAL FAIRVIEW FIRE	2/13/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MACON BIBB COUNTY FIREFIGHTER KILLED WHILE BATTLING WEDNESDAY EVENING'S HOUSE FIRE ON FAIRVIEW DRIVE.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SPEAKS WITH A MAN WHO KNEW LIEUTENANT RANDY PARKER.. HE ALSO SPOKE TO THE HOMEOWNER..

Story:

MACON BIBB HEALTH MEETING

Date Aired:

2/16/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BAD TATTOO CAN MEAN MORE THAN LOW QUALITY BODY ART, IT COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS AND PAINFUL INFECTION.

BUT THE NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND LOCAL LEADERS ARE TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING TATTOO SAFETY REGULATIONS.

NEW TONIGHT.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SHOWS US WHY SOME TATTOO ARTISTS SUPPORT THE IDEA.

Story:

FAIRVIEW FIRE HOME

Date Aired:

2/18/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT KILLED MACON-BIBB COUNTY FIREFIGHTER RANDY PARKER.

CREWS ARE STARTING TO TEAR DOWN THE HOUSE.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON TALKS TO THE OWNER ABOUT WHAT WAS INSIDE..

Story:

MACON FLAG RETIREMENT

Date Aired:

2/19/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LIEUTENANT RANDY PARKER'S WIFE.. SANDIE IS NOW TALKING ABOUT COPING WITH THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND... AND STAYING STRONG FOR HER SONS.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HEARD HER MESSAGE.. AND WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOING TO REMEMBER PARKER.

Story:

SMITH DRIVE FIRE

Date Aired:

2/20/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT FIREFIGHTERS ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED A FIRE.. AT BARNES PAPER COMPANY IN PERRY..

PERRY FIRE CHIEF JOEL GRAY TELLS US.. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE CENTER OF THE WAREHOUSE THIS MORNING.. ON SOUTH STREET.

THE COMPANY HAD STACKS OF LARGE ROLLS OF PAPER IN THE FACILITY WHICH CREATED A LOT OF SMOKE.

SEVERAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS PUT OUT THE FIRE..

NO ONE WAS HURT.

Story:

PAYNE CITY ABOLISH

Date Aired:

2/23/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PAYNE CITY.. IS CLOSER TO MERGING WITH MACON-BIBB COUNTY..

THIS IS VIDEO FROM DECEMBER 2013.. WHEN PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY.. GATHERED TO TALK ABOUT THE PLAN..

THE CITY'S MAYOR AND COUNCIL VOTED LAST YEAR TO ASK STATE LAWMAKERS TO ABOLISH PAYNE CITY..
THE CITY DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY IT NEEDED TO REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURE.
SENATOR DAVID LUCAS TELLS US.. TODAY.. THE SENATE AGREED TO THE MERGER..
THE BILL STILL NEEDS APPROVAL FROM THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
GA. TAX BILL	2/24/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. GEORGIA LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING AT CUTTING THE INCOME TAX RATE..
REPUBLICAN JOHN CARSON.. OF MARIETTA WANTS TO DROP THE STATE'S INCOME TAX RATE FROM SIX TO FOUR PERCENT.. BETWEEN 2016 AND 2018.
THE BILL ALSO RAISES GEORGIA'S GENERAL SALES TAX BY ONE PERCENT..
YOU COULD ALSO PAY A FIVE PERCENT GROCERY TAX.. AND PAY 20 CENTS MORE PER PACK OF CIGARETTES..
IF PASSED.. THE STATE MAY DROP TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD AND ELDER CARE..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB SCHOOL CHANGES	2/25/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 60 POSITIONS AND CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT.
AT THE SAME TIME, A SECOND CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE FALL.
W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MERCER STADIUM	2/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. MERCER UNIVERSITY'S STADIUM WILL NOW BE CALLED "FIVE STAR STADIUM".
FIVE STAR AUTOMOTIVE GROUP PAID FOR THE SPONSORSHIP.
THE STADIUM HOLDS 10-THOUSAND SEATS.. AND IS HOME TO MERCER BEARS FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NEW ANIMAL SHELTER TOUR	2/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MACON-BIBB COUNTY ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER IS ALMOST COMPLETE.
THE NEW CENTER ON FULTON MILL ROAD IS THREE-TIMES BIGGER THAN THE OLD ONE.
WGXA'S IVY NOVA GIVES YOU A FIRST LOOK INSIDE THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SHELTER.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MACON BIBB COMMISSION	3/3/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A CONTRACT TONIGHT WITH PIEDMONT CONSTRUCTION GROUP FOR A NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER MERCER UNIVERSITY DRIVE.
COUNTY AND MERCER UNIVERSITY LEADERS SAY THE BRIDGE WILL ADD TO MACON'S REVITALIZATION ..

BUT AS MALCOLM JOHNSON REPORTS .. SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEIR TAX MONEY SPENT ON THE BRIDGE.

Story:
VERONICA BRINSON

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. AT AN APPEAL HEARING .. MACON LAWYER VERNICA BRINSON INSISTS HER DOGS ARE NOT DANGEROUS..

THE BIBB ANIMAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CALLED BRINSON'S ANIMALS A THREAT.. AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY KILLED A DOG IN DECEMBER.. AND ATTACKED A COUPLE.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH'S HEARING. HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS OF THE CASE.

Story:
7 YEAR OLD DIES

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FRESH FLOWERS AND TEDDY BEARS STAND AMONG BLACKENED DEBRIS AFTER A FIRE CLAIMED THE LIFE OF 7-YEAR-OLD ZANTRELL RUSSELL AT THE ANTHONY HOMES PUBLIC HOUSING COMPLEX IN MACON.

THE FIRE STARTED AFTER ELEVEN SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE 900 BLOCK OF WREN AVENUE WHERE THREE CHILDREN WERE INSIDE.

NEIGHBOR TURKESHA PETE BROUGHT FLOWERS TO THE DESTROYED HOME.

PETE SAYS HER CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN WHO LIVED IN THE DUPLEX WERE FRIENDS.

MACON-BIBB COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATOR BEN GLEATON SAYS BYSTANDERS WERE ABLE TO RESCUE TWO CHILDREN BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED.

PETE WATCHED THE FLAMES TAKE OVER HER NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

A 7 YEAR OLD BOY WAS LATER FOUND UNRESPONSIVE INSIDE THE BEDROOM AND WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE MEDICAL CENTER NAVICENT HEALTH WHERE HE DIED MONDAY MORNING OF FIRE RELATED INJURIES.

PETE SAYS SHE IS SADDENED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO HER NEIGHBOR.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Story:
5X5 PROGRAM UPDATE

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON-BIBB COUNTY'S FIVE WEEK CLEANUP IN THE BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD IS UNDERWAY..

WORKERS ARE TRIMMING TREES AND PICKING UP TRASH AS PART OF MACON BIBB'S 5X5 NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM..

OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS FROM THE BELLEVUE COMMUNITY GATHERED ON MUMFORD ROAD MONDAY TO GIVE A LITTLE TLC TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD...

IN ADDITION TO CLEANING UP .. LEADERS ARE LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS.

BACK IN JANUARY, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER CHARLES CONEY AND OTHER LEADERS TOOK A TRIP TO DETROIT AND FLINT, MICHIGAN TO GET A SENSE OF HOW THEY'RE CLEANING UP BLIGHT.

Story:
PEACH ESPLOST

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

VOTERS IN PEACH COUNTY WILL SOON HEAD TO THE POLLS TO VOTE ON A ONE CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT SOME AREN'T ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSED TAX OR THE NEW SCHOOL.

NEW TONIGHT .. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THAT STORY.

Story:
TRAFFIC STUDY

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

STOPPING A DEADLY TREND .. CAR ACCIDENTS KILLING OR INJURING PEOPLE IN BIBB COUNTY.

THAT'S THE FOCUS OF A NEW TRAFFIC REPORT AIMED AT IMPROVING SAFETY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS YOU WHAT THE ACCIDENTS HAVE IN COMMON AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT THEM.

Story:
BLESSED DAY BANNED

Date Aired:
3/12/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLICY OVER THE PHRASE "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE.

THE BASE SENT A STATEMENT AROUND 6-15 TONIGHT SAYING STAFF SHOULD SAY "WELCOME TO TEAM ROBINS" BUT THE USE OF "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" DOES -NOT- VIOLATE THEIR STANDARDS AND IS OKAY TO SAY.

ROBINS BANNED THE PHRASE EARLIER TODAY AFTER A COMPLAINT ON "MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DOT ORG".

THE NON-RELIGIOUS EMPLOYEE FELT OFFENDED BY THE GREETING.

EARLIER TODAY MANY OF YOU SPOKE AGAINST THE BAN.

Story:
RAFB RUNWAY

Date Aired:
3/12/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE IS LOOKING INTO EXPANDING ITS RUNWAY SERVICES TO CIVILIANS WHICH WOULD MEAN MORE MONEY AND MORE JOBS IN HOUSTON COUNTY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING DONE TO MOVE THE IDEA FORWARD.

Story:
NU-WAY FIRE

Date Aired:
3/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A MACON LANDMARK IS A TOTAL LOSS FOLLOWING AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

FLAMES GUTTED THE ICONIC NU-WAY WEINERS RESTAURANT ON COTTON AVENUE.

THE RESTAURANT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 99 YEARS.

NU-WAY WEINERS IS THE 2ND OLDEST HOT DOG CHAIN IN THE COUNTRY.

AND NOW A 100-TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS IN JEOPARDY AFTER THE LOSS.

DAVID JOHNSON SPOKE WITH THE OWNER TODAY.

Story:
TWIGGS DOUBLE FATAL

Date Aired:
3/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

2 PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A WEEKEND CRASH IN TWIGGS COUNTY.

ACCORDING TO THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL... 24 YEAR OLD CAMERON BRADLEY FROM COCHRAN RAN A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF LONGSTREET ROAD AND HIGHWAY 3-58.

HIS CAR HIT A G-M-C .. DRIVEN BY 28 YEAR OLD JAMES CRINER FROM ALBANY.

BRADLEY AND HIS PASSENGER .. 16 YEAR OLD MARIA PALAYPAYON FROM COCHRAN DIED.

CRINER SURVIVED THE ACCIDENT.

Story:
LIBERTY INN HAZMAT

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN UPDATE TO A BREAKING STORY WE BROUGHT YOU EARLIER.
MACON BIBB FIREFIGHTERS AND DEPUTIES SAY THEY FOUND SMOKE AND SENT A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM TO A MOTEL ROOM AT LIBERTY INN ON PIO NONO AVENUE.
AROUND 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT DEPUTIES SAY A GUEST REPORTED SMELLING SOMETHING BURNING.
AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THEY DETERMINED THERE WAS NOTHING DANGEROUS AND NO METH INSIDE THE ROOM.

Story:
PEACH COUNTY ARSON

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT PEACH COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR AN ARSONIST AFTER A HOMEOWNER SAYS SOMEONE STOLE ITEMS FROM HIS HOUSE AND TORCHED IT.
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS CREWS RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE ON WEST WESLEY CHAPEL ROAD IN FORT VALLEY MARCH 17TH.
THE MAN LIVING THERE SAYS SOMEONE TOOK 60 DIE CAST COLLECTABLE NASCAR CARS AND LIT THE HOME IN TWO PLACES.
INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT NAMED ANY SUSPECTS IN THE CASE.

Story:
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE ON THE WAY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS ...
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA IS LAUNCHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM.
NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDED IN THE NEW PROGRAM ARE ... VILLAGE GREEN AND WALNUT CREEK IN MACON, AND HARRISBURG IN MILLEDGVILLE.
FUNDS WILL BE GRANTED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE PRIDE, CONNECTION, BEAUTIFICATION, ARTS, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND LEADERSHIP.
APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 30-TH ... THE FOUNDATION HOPES TO AWARD UP TO 30 THOUSAND DOLLARS.
THEY PLAN TO ADD MORE NEIGHBORHOODS BY THE TIME OF THEIR DECEMEBER DEADLINE.

Story:
BLIND SAFETY

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WINDOW BLIND CORD DEATHS ARE ALL TOO COMMON, ACCORDING TO THE U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION.
WGXA'S ANGIE RAGLE SHOW YOU WHAT EXPERTS SAY YOU SHOULD USE IN YOUR HOME TO COVER YOUR WINDOWS.

Story:
W.R. APARTMENT FIRE

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MAN WHO SAVED HIS NEIGHBOR FROM AN APARTMENT FIRE IN WARNER ROBINS IS TALKING TO US ABOUT THE RESCUE.

FIREFIGHTERS SAY GREASE CAUGHT FIRE AND SPREAD TO THREE UNITS JUST AFTER 6 O-CLOCK MONDAY NIGHT AT THE FOXWOOD APARTMENTS ON WATSON BOULEVARD.

BUT WHEN MYLO AUSTIN SAW THE SMOKE... HE QUICKLY HELPED HIS NEIGHBORS.

Story:

NEW MACON SHOPPING CENTER

Date Aired:

3/26/2015

Newscast:

7:00 PM

Synopsis:

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR A NEW SHOPPING CENTER IN NORTH MACON.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU.. WHAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT.

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MINORITY ISSUES

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MLK EMANCIPATION	1/1/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FROM DECEMBER 2014 THROUGH APRIL OF 2015 THE MACON BIBB COMMISSION IS PAYING RESPECT TO DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE ESTABLISHED A MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR COMMISSION.

THEY'LL SPONSOR AND ENDORSE A TOTAL OF 24 EVENTS.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON ATTENDED THE FIRST EVENT OF 2015 EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL MENTOR PRESSER	1/6/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

KEEPING MACON KIDS OFF THE STREETS AND IN CLASS ... THE MENTORS PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS TO HELP THE GROUP ACHIEVE ITS GOAL.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORS MONTH.

THE MENTOR'S PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE WHILE PAIRED UP WITH A STUDENT..

THE GROUP AIMS TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF GANGS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
FLU EPIDEMIC	1/6/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SCARY FLU SEASON FOR PARENTS.

THE VIRUS HAS KILLED AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE CHILDREN IN ELEVEN STATES.

MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS PLAGUED BY HIGH LEVELS OF INFECTION.

FOX NEWS' JOHN ROBERTS HAS AN UPDATE FROM ATLANTA.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PUTNAM JUVENILE SEX	1/7/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

10- MEN ARE UNDER ARREST.. AND PUTNAM COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR ONE MORE SUSPECT...

DEPUTIES NOW SAY THE MEN RESPONDED TO A SOLICITATION ON FACEBOOK TO HAVE SEX WITH A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS US HOW THE TWO MONTH LONG INVESTIGATION LED TO THE ARRESTS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PUTNAM CHILD SEX	1/8/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CRISIS CENTER IS OFFERING HELP TO THE 14 YEAR GIRL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE... SHE COULD BE A VICTIM OF RAPE OR SEX TRAFFICKING..

AND IN PUTNAM COUNTY THOSE RESOURCES AREN'T AVAILABLE.

SO, WE CHECKED AND FOUND THAT OUT OF 28 CENTRAL GEORGIA COUNTIES.. NEARLY 13 COUNTIES SHADED HERE.. DO NOT HAVE A RAPE CRISIS CENTER LISTED WITH ABUSE, RAPE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AID & RESOURCE COLLECTION...

AS WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SHOWS YOU... RESOURCES ARE SCARCE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MN TRAIN AX	1/9/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW AT 11.. TWO CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHER DIED HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY.. ARE BACK IN MACON TONIGHT.

HERE'S A PICTURE FROM JUDY NORMAN.. WHO OWNS A TRAVEL AGENCY..

SHE ARRANGED FOR 15-YEAR-OLD SHEMEL REED AND 8 YEAR OLD JAMEEL WYNES TO RETURN FROM MINNESOTA.

THEIR MOTHER.. SHERYL REED OF MACON.. WAS IN A CAR WITH HER HUSBAND IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA.. WHEN FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THE CAR FAILED TO STOP AT A SIGN... BEFORE THE TRACKS.

THE CAR AND FREIGHT TRAIN COLLIDED AND THEIR CAR WENT INTO A DITCH.

THEIR AUNT SHANNON.. PICKED THEM UP AT THE AIRPORT TONIGHT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
KENDRICK JOHNSON	1/12/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE KENDRICK JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD IN A ROLLED UP WRESTLING MAT AT LOWNDES HIGH SCHOOL.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED IN VALDOSTA OVER THE WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE.

SYMONE DAVIS SHOWS YOU HOW JOHNSON'S FAMILY HONORED HIS LEGACY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
COMMISSION ON GANGS	1/13/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN COMMUNITY INTERVENTION WORKERS TO HELP REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.

THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES STRENGTHENING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS PLANNED..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SA MENTAL HEALTH	1/15/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

1 IN 5 CHILDREN HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS... ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS.

THIS YEAR -- THE TEXAS SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS MADE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

AS ERIN NICHOLS EXPLAINS -- IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY THAN WE MIGHT THINK.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MLK PROGRAM	1/16/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE LEGACY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING LIVES ON THROUGH CHILDREN IN CENTRAL GEORGIA.

CHILDREN AT THE NEW HOPE BAPTST CHURCH IN MACON HONORED M-L-K TODAY WITH A SPECIAL SHOWCASE.
BUT TODAY'S PROGRAM WASN'T JUST ABOUT DOCTOR KING.
STUDENTS RESEARCHED LEADERS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY LIKE ROSA PARKS AND OPRAH... AND TOLD STORIES OF THEIR LIFE OF IMPACT.
ORGANIZERS SAY EVENTS LIKE THESE HELP STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE AT AN EARLY AGE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
GORDON CHARTER	1/16/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS THE MAYOR OF GORDON PREPARES TO HEAD TO COURT NEXT WEEK OVER ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE HER... AND THE CITY ASKS FOR A REVIEW OF ITS CHARTER...
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TONIGHT...

IN ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING, ONE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE WHO HAS REQUESTED THE REGIONAL COMMISSION TAKE A LOOK AT GORDON'S CITY CHARTER.

ALSO ATTENDING THAT MEETING WAS WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WHO JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
REBUILDING ON MLK DAY	1/19/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR URGED PEOPLE TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.. AND TODAY VOLUNTEERS ARE LENDING A HAND BY JOINING "REBUILDING MACON"..

WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU HOW THEY SAVED A WOMAN'S HOME.. IN JUST A MATTER OF HOURS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MLK RALLY	1/19/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PEOPLE IN BIBB COUNTY CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY.. WITH A UNITY MARCH..

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE MARCHED THEIR WAY THROUGH THE STREETS TO CELEBRATE DR. KING'S LEGACY...

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM THE PEOPLE THERE...

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MLK IN CENTRAL GEORGIA	1/19/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEARLY 60 YEARS AGO...DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR SPOKE IN MACON.

WGXA'S ANGIE RAGLE SAT DOWN WITH A WOMAN WHO WAS THERE WHEN DOCTOR KING GAVE HIS SPEECH.. AND SPENT HER LIFE SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF KINDNESS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WHIPPLE LUE SUPREME COURT	1/20/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA SUPREME COURT HEARD ARGUMENTS TODAY IN THE APPEAL OF GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE.

SHE'S FIGHTING TO GET HER JOB BACK.

NEW TONIGHT.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE BREAKS DOWN THE ISSUE AT STAKE.

Story:
ELAINE LUCAS

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WANTS TO CHANGE THE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ITS VOTERS.

NEW TONIGHT.. A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CALLS THE PROPOSAL POLITICALLY MOTIVATED..

THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PLANS TO CUT 14 VOTING LOCATIONS IN BIBB COUNTY.. GOING FROM 40 TO 26.

THEY SAY THE MAIN REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS TO MINIMIZE ELECTION SPENDING, DUE TO MANDATED BUDGET CUTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS SAYS SHE'LL FIGHT THE CHANGE.

Story:
ABORTION BILL

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ON CAPITOL HILL...

THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED HOUSE PASSED LEGISLATION TODAY BANNING ALL TAXPAYER MONEY FOR ABORTIONS.

THE BILL PASSED IN A 242-TO 179 VOTE, WITH THREE DEMOCRATS JOINING THE BAND OF GOP SUPPORTERS.

REPUBLICAN RICHARD HANNA OF NEW YORK WAS THE ONE REPUBLICAN WHO VOTED AGAINST IT.

Story:
MLK HONORED IN DUBLIN

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH BLACK HISTORY MONTH JUST DAYS AWAY, DUBLIN HAS SOME INNOVATIVE PLANS TO HONOR EXCEPTIONAL FIGURES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS US WHICH NEW IDEAS ARE BRINGING EXCITEMENT TO DUBLIN...

Story:
BIBB BOE RETREAT IN PERRY

Date Aired:
1/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BIBB SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT IS SUPPOSED HELP MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO MOVE PAST PROBLEMS AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE....

INSTEAD IT BREAKS DOWN INTO AN ARGUMENT... COMPLETE WITH ACCUSATIONS OF PETTY POLITICS...INEPTNESS... AND EVEN RACISISM...

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SPENT THE DAY IN PERRY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD... AND NOW JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO SHOW YOU JUST WHAT HAPPENED... A LOT OF EMOTION THERE TONIGHT CHACE...

Story:
MACON BIBB COMMISSION

Date Aired:
1/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET MORE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNMENT BIDDING PROCESS.

COMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL WORKSESSION TO DISCUSS HOW TO MOVE THAT IDEA FORWARD.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE LOOKS AT THEIR PLANS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
HEALTH MINUTE	1/27/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

DOCTORS ARE NOW CALLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AN EPIDEMIC.
THE NUMBER OF KIDS WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST 30 YEARS .. AND
THE NUMBER OF OVERWEIGHT ADOLESCENTS HAS QUADRUPLED.
HOLLY FIRFER LOOKS AT THE PROBLEM IN TODAYS HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE STUDY	1/28/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF THE DOUGLASS HOUSE AND TREMONT TEMPLE BAPTIST
CHURCH ... TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE JOINING FORCES TO PRESERVE MACON'S AFRICAN
AMERICAN HISTORY.
THE HISTORIC MACON FOUNDATION AND GEORGIA'S DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES HAVE ARE STARTING A FIRST OF ITS KIND STUDY.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU MORE ABOUT IT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NAACP FIGHTING BOE	1/28/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON'S N DOUBLE A C-P IS TAKING A STAND AGAINST THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF 14
VOTING LOCATIONS IN BIBB COUNTY
THE BIBB BOARD OF ELECTIONS CALLED THE MOVE A COST CUTTING MEASURE WHICH
WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF VOTING LOCATIONS FROM 40 TO 26.
BUT THE NAACP SAYS OVER 10 OF THE 14 LOCATIONS HAVE AN OVERWEALMING AFRICAN
AMERICAN VOTER TURNOUT.
THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS HOLDING A MEETING ABOUT THE PROPOSAL TOMORROW
MORNING AT 10:00.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
JESSE JACKSON TOWN HALL	1/29/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON WAS IN FORT VALLEY TONIGHT ADDRESSING RESIDENTS
ABOUT A NUMBER OF TOPICS, MOSTLY ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER AS A UNIFIED
COMMUNITY.
WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WAS AT THAT TOWN HALL MEETING, HE JOINS US LIVE IN
STUDIO WITH THE STORY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
RUTLAND HIGH SECURITY THREAT	1/30/3015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN BIBB COUNTY... SPENT THE DAY ON INCREASED SECURITY
AFTER SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS SAY SOMEONE MADE THREATS TARGETING THE SCHOOL
ON SOCIAL MEDIA..
STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR CLASSES IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY TODAY.. WHILE
INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE..
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM PARENTS...

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME GEORGIA LAW OFFICERS SAY THEY'RE AGAINST LEGALIZING CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA..

"HOUSE BILL ONE" WOULD ALLOW PATIENTS TO USE CANNABIS OIL FOR CANCER, SEIZURE DISORDERS, OR OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS..

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT POLICE TO PRESSURE LAWMAKERS INTO REMOVING CANCER, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, OR A-L-S FROM THE LIST OF CONDITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR OIL..

THE GEORGIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WORRIES ABOUT THE LAW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE MANY MORE ILLNESSES..

Story:
MCDUFFIE PERFORMS

Date Aired:
2/3/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON BIBB COMMISSIONERS HEARD A PERFORMANCE FROM WORLD RENOWNED VIOLINIST ROBERT MCDUFFIE..

AN UPCOMING PERFORMANCE, "LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL" WAS PROMOTED AT THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR COMMISSIONERS AT THE MACON BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNEX BUILDING.

MCDUFFIE TOOK A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON HIS EXPERIENCE OF PLAYING IN HIS HOMETOWN.

Story:
VACCINATION MYTHS

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE OF THE LARGEST MYTHS ABOUT VACCINATIONS... IS THAT CAN CAUSE AUTISM... FOLLOWING A STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL "THE LANCET"..

MOST OF DOCTOR ANDREW WAKEFIELD'S CO-AUTHORS WITHDREW THEIR NAMES FROM THE STUDY IN 2004 AFTER FINDING OUT A LAW FIRM PAID THE DOCTOR..

THE FIRM HAD PLANNED TO SUE VACCINE MANUFACTURERS.

THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE ALSO FOUND -NO- CONNECTION BETWEEN VACCINES AND AUTISM.

Story:
CHILD ABANDONED

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MACON MOTHER IS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF LEAVING HER TWO YEAR OLD SON IN A RESTAURANT PARKING LOT.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TALKS TO THE TODDLER'S GRANDMOTHER... TO FIND OUT WHAT MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE 23-YEAR OLD TO ABANDON HER CHILD.

Story:
WHIPPLE LUE MONEY PLEA

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE- LUE IS TRYING TO RAISE MONEY.. THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.

WHIPPE- LUE POSTED A STATEMENT ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE SAYING SHE NEEDS 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

SHE'S ALSO INVITING PEOPLE TO VISIT HER YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR WHAT SHE CALLS 'UNADULTERATED TRUTH' ABOUT HER CASE AGAINST HER OFFICE IN GORDON.
WHIPPLE-LUE TOOK THE FIGHT FOR HER JOB TO THE SUPREME COURT LAST MONTH.
A LAWSUIT DEMANDS HER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.. ACCUSING HER OF HOLDING SECRET MEETINGS AND BREAKING OTHER LAWS...
THE SUPREME COURT HAS A FEW MONTHS TO RETURN WITH A VERDICT.
IF IT UPHOLDS THE DECISION.. WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COULD DECIDE IF WHIPPLE-LUE WILL KEEP HER JOB.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MEASLES IN GEORGIA	2/9/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CONFIRMING GEORGIA'S FIRST REPORTED CASE OF THE MEASLES SINCE 20-12.

THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS AN INFANT INFECTED WITH MEASLES ARRIVED IN ATLANTA FROM OUTSIDE THE U-S AND IS BEING TREATED AT CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA.

STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE HOSPITAL AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL TO IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE PATIENT.

THEY SAY THIS CASE IS NOT RELATED TO THE OUTBREAK STEMMING FROM DISNEY LAND.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
DEAL FAILING SCHOOLS	2/11/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FAILING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING CONTROL OVER THEIR SCHOOLS.

GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL WANTS THE STATE TO RUN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE UNDERACHIEVING.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON IS LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BREAKING NEWS LEVI'S CALL	2/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BREAKING NEWS OUT OF NORTH GEORGIA.. A LEVI'S CALL IS IN EFFECT. KENNESAW POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR 5-YEAR-OLD ETHAN PETERMAN.

POLICE BELIEVE HIS FATHER, JOSEPH DAVIS TOOK HIM AFTER STABBING THE BOY'S MOTHER TONIGHT.

ETHAN WAS LAST SEEN AT 2100 ELLISON LAKE DRIVE IN KENNESAW. HE WAS WEARING A BRIGHT ORANGE SHIRT, BLUE JEANS AND BLACK JORDAN TENNIS SHOES.

IF YOU SEE THEM CALL 911.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
TABLETS FOR TODDLERS	2/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. TECHNOLOGY IS ALL AROUND US AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

WITH IT.. COMES NEW CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS.

TABLETS LIKE THE I-PAD ARE IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR SCHOOLS... BUT WHAT EFFECT ARE THEY HAVING ON OUR CHILDREN?

RICK DEVENS REPORTS.

Story:
LONDON & KENYA PROTESTS

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

'50 SHADES OF GREY' HAS SOME PEOPLE FIRED UP.. OUTSIDE THE BEDROOM..
AT THE PREMIERE IN LONDON... DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGNERS HELD SIGNS
SUGGESTING THE MOVIE PROMOTES RAPE AND OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE.
IN KENYA... THE MOVIE IS BANNED FROM ALL THEATERS... THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KENYA
FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD SAYING THE FILM IS TOO SEXUALLY EXPLICIT -- BORDERING
PORNOGRAPHY.

Story:
TABLETS FOR TODDLERS

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

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TABLETS LIKE THE I-PAD ARE IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR SCHOOLS... BUT WHAT EFFECT
ARE THEY HAVING ON OUR CHILDREN?
RICK DEVENS REPORTS.

Story:
FOOD STAMP SHORTAGE

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD GROCERIES.. AND HAVING YOUR STATE
ASSISTANCE CUT OFF.. BECAUSE YOU CAN'T REACH ANYONE BY PHONE TO RE-APPLY.
CENTRAL GEORGIA FAMILIES SAY IT'S HAPPENING TO THEM..
SINCE THE STATE IS SO BEHIND IN PROCESSING FOOD ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS.. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THREATENED TO CUT 75-MILLION DOLLARS.
WGXA'S ANGIE RANGLE GETS ANSWERS FROM THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN
SERVICES.

Story:
GA. CANNABIS OIL BILL

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. A BILL TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL IS HEADED TO GEORGIA HOUSE
LAWMAKERS THIS WEEK.. AFTER PASSING IN A HOUSE JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE..
REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE TELLS US.. THE BILL COVERS EIGHT MEDICAL CONDITIONS
INCLUDING SEIZURES AND LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.
PATIENTS WOULD NEED DOCTOR APPROVAL, REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE.. AND THEN
WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OIL.
THE OIL CAN ONLY HAVE 5-PERCENT T-H-C.
PEAKE SAYS 500-THOUSAND GEORGIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM LEGALIZATION OF
CANNABIS OIL.

Story:
PREPARING CHILDREN

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. PARENTS.. COMMUNITY LEADERS.. AND POLICE.. ARE TEACHING
CHILDREN RESPECT.. AND HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT..
THESE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW HIGH PROFILE CASES INVOLVING TEENS AND OFFICERS
AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THE STORY FROM THE PEYTON ANDERSON EDUCATION CENTER.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB SCHOOL CHANGES	2/25/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 60 POSITIONS AND CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT.
AT THE SAME TIME, A SECOND CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE FALL.
W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT	2/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S TAKEN ABOUT 19 MONTHS BUT TONIGHT... THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT
BUT THE VOTE WAS NOT UNANIMOUS, ONE MEMBER ABSTAINED AND ANOTHER VOTED AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT.
WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO EXPLAIN WHY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT	2/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A HEARING TODAY IN JONES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LOOKS AT THE ISSUE OF WHEN LIFE BEGINS IN THE EYES OF LAW...
THE CASE DATES BACK TO A CAR ACCIDENT ALONG HIGHWAY 49 IN AUGUST 2013.
A WOMAN INVOLVED IN THAT ACCIDENT SAYS IT CAUSED HER TO MISCARRY A THREE-WEEK-OLD FETUS.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS IN COURT AND TELLS YOU WHAT'S NEXT..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WOMAN REMEMBERS MLK	2/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY TOOK HIM TO DIFFERENT CITIES, STATES AND COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE.
IN 1966, IT BROUGHT HIM TO MIDDLE GEORGIA.
WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON MET WITH A WOMAN WHO SAYS KING CAME TO HER HOUSE, ALONG WITH THAN 200 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE	2/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS.. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING HAS REPLACED DRINKING AND DRIVING AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF TEEN DEATHS ON THE ROADS.
AS WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON REPORTS.. STUDENTS AT NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL IN MACON SAY THEY'RE LEARNING AN IMPORTANT LESSON FROM A MONSTER TRUCK DRIVER.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
GA FEMALE EXECUTION	3/2/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS TONIGHT.. ON DEATH ROW INMATE KELLY RENEE GISSENDANER... SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE BY INJECTION TONIGHT AT 7 P-M... BUT HER LAWYERS ARE WAITING TO SEE IF THE U-S SUPREME COURT WILL GRANT A STAY.
THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES DENIED CLEMENCY..
PROSECUTORS SAID IN 19-97 SHE PLOTTED WITH HER BOYFRIEND, GREGORY OWEN, WHO STABBED AND KILLED HER HUSBAND.. DOUGLAS GISSENDANER..

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME SAY A NEW VERSION OF THE BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA GUTS A BILL ALREADY PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

UNLIKE THE HOUSE VERSION... IT WOULD SET UP A 4 YEAR STUDY RATHER THAN MAKING THE DRUG AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

THE NEW BILL BY SENATOR LINDSEY TIPPIN WOULD LIMIT THE OIL'S USE TO KIDS UNDER 18 WITH EPILEPSY... WHO ARE PART OF A RESEARCH TRIAL THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA.

ADVOCATES OF MACON REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAK'S HOUSE BILL... WHICH PASSED LAST WEEK... SAY THE SENATE VERSION WOULD GUT THE MEASURE THAT PASSED THE LOWER CHAMBER.

HIS BILL CALLS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES OF CANNABIS OIL TO BE USED BY PRESCRIPTION TO TREAT SEIZURE DISORDERS AND 8 OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

THE BILL DOESN'T SET AN AGE LIMIT.

Story:
GORDON ATTORNEY

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA SUPREME COURT IS DECIDING WHO SHOULD LEGALLY BE THE GORDON CITY ATTORNEY.

JOSEPH BOONE, WHO HELD THE POSITION FOR 35 YEARS .. SAYS MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE ILLEGALLY FIRED HIM.

RONNY JONES... THE MAYOR'S CHOICE FOR BOONE'S REPLACEMENT... IS APPEALING TO THE SUPREME COURT SAYING HE SHOULD STILL HAVE THE JOB AFTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED HIM IN.

HERE'S WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON.

Story:
GA. EXECUTION LATEST

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE STATE HAS POSPONED ALL PLANNED EXECUTIONS ... TO GIVE CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS MORE TIME TO EXAMINE THE DRUG THAT STOPPED LAST NIGHT'S PLANNED EXECUTION OF KELLY GISSENDANER.

THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT SAYS THE DRUG APPEARED CLOUDY ... SO THEY DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HER.

SPOKESWOMAN GWENDOLYN HOGAN SAYS THE STATE TOOK PROPER STEPS IN CHECKING THE DRUG.

Story:
DOJ TO RELEASE FERGUSON

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FERGUSON POLICE DEPARTMENT ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS.

THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION THAT LOOKED INTO THE EMBATTLED POLICE FORCE.

POLO SANDOVAL HAS THE LATEST ON THE NEWLY-RELEASED REPORT..

Story:
KENDRICK JOHNSON

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PARENTS OF A VALDOSTA TEEN FOUND DEAD IN A HIGH SCHOOL GYM ... ARE ACCUSED OF LIBEL AND SLANDER.

KENDRICK JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE A ROLLED UP GYM MAT IN 2013 .

HIS PARENTS, KENNETH AND JACQUELYN JOHNSON FILED A WRONGFUL - DEATH LAWSUIT .. AFTER INVESTIGATORS RULED HIS DEATH AS A FREAK ACCIDENT.

JOHNSON'S PARENTS BELIEVE TWO TEENAGE BROTHERS ATTACKED HIM ... FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR FATHER.

THAT FAMILY NOW FILES A COUNTER CLAIMS AGAINST THE JOHNSONS ... SAYING THEY HARMED THE FAMILY'S REPUTATION.

Story:
WEEKEND IN SELMA

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TRAVELED TO THE SMALL TOWN OF SELMA, ALABAMA OVER THE WEEKEND.

PEOPLE MADE THE TRIP TO HONOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH IN SELMA KNOWN AS BLOODY SUNDAY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON WALKED WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOWARDS THE FRONT OF THE FAMOUS BRIDGE WHERE THE PRESIDENT DELIVERED HIS ADDRESS.

IT WAS A LENGTHY WAIT BEFORE HE SPOKE.

SOME SLEPT WHILE OTHERS CONGREGATED AND TOOK PICTURES.

A POWERFUL THING THAT SPARKED THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.

SELMA NATIVES LIKE THERESA THOMAS MARCHED THAT DAY AND RETURNED OVER THE WEEKEND.

THOSE WHO STILL LIVE IN SELMA SAY RACE RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

AND MANY FEEL THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO.

TODAY ABOUT 100 PEOPLE STARTED THEIR JOURNEY FROM SELMA TO THE STATE CAPITOL IN MONTGOMERY.

DEMONSTRATORS WILL MARCH ABOUT 10 MILES EACH DAY UNTIL THEY ARRIVE.

Story:
BIBB CHILD SHOT

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DEVELOPING STORY IN BIBB COUNTY...

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A 5 YEAR OLD CHILD WAS SHOT IN THE CHEEK AT A HOUSE ON GRAND AVENUE THIS EVENING.

DEPUTIES TELL US THE CHILD'S 8 YEAR OLD BROTHER ACCIDENTLY SHOT HIM AFTER FINDING A GUN IN THE HOUSE.

THE BOY IS IN STABLE CONDITION.

DEPUTIES SAY THE BOY'S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WERE HOME AT THE TIME.

Story:
SAE FRAT BANNED

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FRATERNITY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PACK THEIR BAGS AND LEAVE THEIR FRAT HOUSE.

THE UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT SAYS THE CHAPTER OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON IS CLOSED FOR GOOD, AFTER VIDEO SURFACED SHOWING MEMBERS ENGAGED IN A RACIST CHANT.

TODAY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY EXPELLED 2 STUDENTS OVER THE VIDEO. ANDREW SPENCER REPORTS.

Story:
CHILD SHOT DAD CHARGED

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A FATHER REMAINS IN JAIL AFTER A SHOOTING INVOLVING HIS UNDERAGE CHILDREN.

BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE MAN'S 8-YEAR-OLD SON SHOT HIS 5-YEAR-OLD BROTHER TUESDAY EVENING.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS GIVES YOU AN UPDATE ON THE CHILD'S CONDITION AND THE CHARGES.

Story:
FERGUSON CHIEF QUILTS

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ABOUT THE RESIGNATION OF FERGUSON'S POLICE CHIEF.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL AL EICKHOFF WILL TAKE OVER FOR THOMAS JACKSON .. UNTIL THE CITY FINDS A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT.

JACKSON ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION TODAY AFTER A U-S JUSTICE REPORT FOUND THE CITY TO HAVE A PROFIT-DRIVEN COURT SYSTEM AND RACIAL BIAS ON THE POLICE FORCE.

THE CITY'S MAYOR SAYS JACKSON WAS TRYING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY HEAL FROM THE POLICE SHOOTING DEATH OF MICHAEL BROWN.

Story:
SEARCH FOR FERGUSON SHOOTER

Date Aired:
3/13/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

POLICE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING TWO FERGUSON, MISSOURI POLICE OFFICERS EARLY THURSDAY MORNING.

OFFICIALS ARE HOPING THAT THE VIOLENCE WAS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, AS THEY PREPARE FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF PROTESTS.

POLO SANDOVAL HAS THE STORY FROM FERGUSON.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA LAWMAKERS COULD SOON BE CLOSER TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL.

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE'S PLANNING TO MEET WITH A GEORGIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE THIS THURSDAY TO DISCUSS COMBINING THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS.

PEAKE'S HOUSE BILL WOULD LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH SEIZURE DISORDERS... CANCER AND 7 OTHER MEDICAL DIAGNOSES.

A BILL PASSED BY REPUBLICAN SENATOR LINDSEY TIPPINS FROM MARIETTA WOULD ESTABLISH A 5 YEAR CLINICAL STUDY OF A MARIJUANA EXTRACT FOR PEOPLE UNDER 21 WITH EPILEPSY.

TIPPINS SAYS PEAKE'S MEASURE IS TOO BROAD BUT COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE.

BOTH BILLS PASSED THEIR CHAMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY.

PEAKE SAYS HIS MEASURE WILL BE CARRIED BY GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL'S FLOOR LEADER ... WHICH IS OFTEN A SIGN OF EXECUTIVE SUPPORT.

Story:
HOOP SKIRTS BANNED AT UGA

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE LATEST FALLOUT FROM A RACIST VIDEO INVOLVING OKLAHOMA FRATERNITY MEMBERS IS A BAN ON HOOP SKIRTS AT UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SOCIAL EVENTS.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATORS MET WITH SOME FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LEADERS TO DISCUSS FRATERNITY EVENTS LIKE 'OLD SOUTH WEEK' AND THE 'MAGNOLIA BALL.'

U-G-A'S VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS SAYS THE DISCUSSION INCLUDED COSTUMES WORN DURING SPECIAL EVENTS AND MESSAGES CONVEYED BY THE CLOTHES.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LEADERS MADE THE DECISION *NOT* TO WEAR THOSE TYPES OF CLOTHES AT THE EVENTS. OTHER SYMBOLS LIKE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER UNIFORMS WERE BANNED YEARS AGO.

THE DECISION COMES AFTER A VIDEO SURFACED SHOWING UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FRAT BROTHERS ENGAGING IN A RACIST CHANT.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER HOURS OF TESTIMONY .. A COMPROMISE CANNABIS BILL MOVES FORWARD IN THE GEORGIA SENATE.

HB1 WILL BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND THEN SENT TO THE FLOOR FOR A FINAL VOTE

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL TODAY AND TELLS US WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT'S NEXT.

Story:
WHIPPLE LUE

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A GORDON MAN IS BEING CHARGED WITH D-U-I AND DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE. BUT THAT'S NOT THE REASON WHY GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE GOT INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH A GORDON POLICE OFFICER.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THAT PART OF THE STORY.

Story:
AVA'S LAW

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSURANCE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS OFFER AUTISM TREATMENT TO CHILDREN.

THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN THE STATE COULD USE THE TREATMENT THAT THEIR PARENTS CAN'T AFFORD .. UNDER AVA'S LAW.

BUT AS MALCOLM JOHNSON REPORTS, OPPONENTS CALL IT TOO BIG A BURDEN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER A YEAR OF DEBATE, H-B-1 ALSO KNOWN AS HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT HAS PASSED THE GEORGIA SENATE 48-6..

THE BILL, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OF MACON, GRANTS IMMUNITY TO PATIENTS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED CANNABIS OIL LEGALLY IN ANOTHER STATE.

NEW TONIGHT, WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM FAMILIES..

Story:

AVA'S LAW TO PASS

Date Aired:

3/26/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LAWMAKERS MAY FINALLY VOTE ON AVA'S LAW, A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA TO COVER AUTISM THERAPY.

THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

NOW, THE MAN MANY BELIEVE WAS HOLDING THE BILL HOSTAGE, HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD SMITH, HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR CHARLIE BETHEL.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF RICHARD SMITH HUGGING ANNA BULLARD EARLEIR THIS AFTERNOON... THE BILL IS NAMED AFTER BULLARD'S DAUGHTER AVA.

THE BILL WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, THEN THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

IF IT PASSES BOTH SENATE PARTIES, IT WILL COME BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR AGREEMENT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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PARENTING ISSUES

Story:
NATIONAL MENTOR PRESSER

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

KEEPING MACON KIDS OFF THE STREETS AND IN CLASS ... THE MENTORS PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS TO HELP THE GROUP ACHIEVE ITS GOAL.

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORS MONTH.

THE MENTOR'S PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE WHILE PAIRED UP WITH A STUDENT..

THE GROUP AIMS TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF GANGS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION.

Story:
MACON WOMAN KILLED

Date Aired:
1/5/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A TRAIN STRIKES A CENTRAL GEORGIA MOTHER AND HER HUSBAND IN MINNESOTA.. ON NEW YEAR'S EVE..

AND NOW HER FAMILY NEEDS HELP GET HER TWO KIDS BACK TO MACON.

WGXA'S IVY NOVA TELLS YOU HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FAMILY.

Story:
FLU EPIDEMIC

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SCARY FLU SEASON FOR PARENTS.

THE VIRUS HAS KILLED AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE CHILDREN IN ELEVEN STATES.

MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS PLAGUED BY HIGH LEVELS OF INFECTION.

FOX NEWS' JOHN ROBERTS HAS AN UPDATE FROM ATLANTA.

Story:
PUTNAM JUVENILE SEX

Date Aired:
1/7/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

10- MEN ARE UNDER ARREST.. AND PUTNAM COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR ONE MORE SUSPECT...

DEPUTIES NOW SAY THE MEN RESPONDED TO A SOLICITATION ON FACEBOOK TO HAVE SEX WITH A 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS US HOW THE TWO MONTH LONG INVESTIGATION LED TO THE ARRESTS.

Story:
PUTNAM CHILD SEX

Date Aired:
1/8/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CRISIS CENTER IS OFFERING HELP TO THE 14 YEAR GIRL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE... SHE COULD BE A VICTIM OF RAPE OR SEX TRAFFICKING..

AND IN PUTNAM COUNTY THOSE RESOURCES AREN'T AVAILABLE.

SO, WE CHECKED AND FOUND THAT OUT OF 28 CENTRAL GEORGIA COUNTIES.. NEARLY 13 COUNTIES SHADED HERE.. DO NOT HAVE A RAPE CRISIS CENTER LISTED WITH ABUSE, RAPE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AID & RESOURCE COLLECTION...

AS WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SHOWS YOU... RESOURCES ARE SCARCE.

Story:
MN TRAIN AX

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW AT 11.. TWO CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHER DIED HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY.. ARE BACK IN MACON TONIGHT.

HERE'S A PICTURE FROM JUDY NORMAN.. WHO OWNS A TRAVEL AGENCY..

SHE ARRANGED FOR 15-YEAR-OLD SHEMEL REED AND 8 YEAR OLD JAMEEL WYNES TO RETURN FROM MINNESOTA.

THEIR MOTHER.. SHERYL REED OF MACON.. WAS IN A CAR WITH HER HUSBAND IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA.. WHEN FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THE CAR FAILED TO STOP AT A SIGN... BEFORE THE TRACKS.

THE CAR AND FREIGHT TRAIN COLLIDED AND THEIR CAR WENT INTO A DITCH.

THEIR AUNT SHANNON.. PICKED THEM UP AT THE AIRPORT TONIGHT.

Story:
IDENTIAL TRIPLETS

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

TWINS, RARE----IDENTICAL TRIPLETS WITHOUT THE HELP OF FERTILITY DRUGS -- ONE IN A MILLION RARE---OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY, THREE IN A MILLION.

FOR JASE AND JODY KINSEY OF MONTANA, THE FAMILY WELCOMED THREE MORE BOYS IN DECEMBER AT BILLINGS CLINIC.

ON SATURDAY, THE MEDIA HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET MILO, IAN, AND CADE.

IDENTICAL TRIPLETS CAN BE MORE COMMON IF FERTILITY DRUGS ARE USED, BUT STILL RARE.

CADE, IAN, AND MILO ARE IDENTICAL SPONTANEOUS TRIPLETS.

IT OCCURS WHEN THERE IS ONE EGG THAT IS FERTILIZED, THEN DIVIDES INTO TWO -- THAT CREATES THE IDENTICAL TWINS.

FROM THERE, IF THE EMBRYO SPLITS AGAIN, IDENTICAL TRIPLETS WILL HAPPEN.

BUT THE NEXT 18 YEARS...A HECK OF A RIDE FOR THESE PARENTS. THE TRIPLE TREAT WILL JOIN THEIR SIX YEAR OLD BROTHER JAX.

ALL THREE ARE HEALTHY AND HEADED HOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Story:
COMMISSION ON GANGS

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN COMMUNITY INTERVENTION WORKERS TO HELP REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.

THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES STRENGTHENING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS PLANNED..

Story:
SA MENTAL HEALTH

Date Aired:
1/15/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

1 IN 5 CHILDREN HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS... ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS.

THIS YEAR -- THE TEXAS SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS MADE MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

AS ERIN NICHOLS EXPLAINS -- IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY THAN WE MIGHT THINK.

Story:
BIRTHRATE DECLINES

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

MOTHERS GAVE BIRTH TO FEW BABIES LAST YEAR.
THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS THERE WAS ABOUT 3.9 MILLION BIRTHS IN 20-13 .. AN ALL TIME LOW.
BIRTH RATES FOR WOMEN IN THEIR 20'S HIT RECORD LOWS... BUT ROSE FOR WOMEN IN THEIR 30'S AND LATE 40'S.
TEEN BIRTHS ALSO REACHED HISTORIC LOWS TO A LEVEL OF A LITTLE MORE THAN 26 OUT OF EVERY THOUSAND TEENS BECOMING MOMS.
EXPERTS BELIEVE AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.. WE COULD SEE AN INCREASE IN BIRTHS WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

Story:
MLK BREAKFAST

Date Aired:
1/19/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN ANOTHER PART OF MACON ... A LARGE CROWD REMEMBERED DOCTOR KING WITH A BREAKFAST CELEBRATION.
SAINT PETER CLAVER HOSTED IT'S THE ANNUAL EVENT THIS MORNING.
AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION ... COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE HISTORIC ICON ... AND PARTS OF DOCTOR KING'S SPEECHES WERE SHARED WITH THE CROWD.
ORGANIZERS SAY EVENTS LIKE TODAY REMIND US OF KING'S ULTIMATE GOAL.

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
1/20/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF "HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE."
IT CAN BE MISERABLE FOR THE KIDS WHO GET IT, BUT IT'S EASILY TREATABLE.
SUSAN HENDRICKS HAS THE DETAILS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:
W.R. FUNDRAISER

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

MONEY RAISED TO HELP A SICK 5 YEAR OLD BOY ENDS UP STOLEN... BUT POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE VIDEO OF THE MAN RESPONSIBLE...
"JUST ONE MORE" BAR AND GRILL ON RUSSELL PARKWAY RAISED MONEY FOR 2 MONTHS TO BENEFIT A LITTLE BOY NAMED MATTIE WHO IS HAS A BLOOD DISORDER.
MANAGERS NOTICED THE MISSING JAR ON SUNDAY... FILED A POLICE REPORT... AND PULLED VIDEO THAT SHOWS SOMEONE TAKING THE JAR ON SATURDAY NIGHT...
NOW... EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS OF 'JUST ONE MORE' ARE PLANNING A WEEKEND EVENT JUST FOR MATTIE...

Story:
W.R. TEEN DRIVING

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

KEEPING OUR HIGHWAYS.. FROM TURNING INTO DIE-WAYS.. FOR TEENS..
WARNER ROBINS POLICE AND AND THE GEORGIA TRAFFIC INJURY PREVENTION INSTITUTE ARE OFFERING A FREE TWO HOUR CLASS IN FEBRUARY.. FOR YOUNG DRIVERS.
TEENS LEARN HOW TO DRIVE DEFENSIVELY ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS WHO SUPERVISE THEM BEHIND THE WHEEL..

SERGEANT RANDY EVANS SAYS.. TOO MANY TEENS ARE DYING ON GEORGIA ROADWAYS..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT	1/22/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS... BIBB COUNTY SCHOOLS WERE LEAD BY EITHER AN INTERIM OR TEMPORARY SUPERINTENDENT.... BUT THERE MAY BE A NEW EFFORT TO CHANGE THAT.

NEW TONIGHT.. THE BIBB BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ENLIST THE HELP OF AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
ABORTION BILL	1/22/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ON CAPITOL HILL...

THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED HOUSE PASSED LEGISLATION TODAY BANNING ALL TAXPAYER MONEY FOR ABORTIONS.

THE BILL PASSED IN A 242-TO 179 VOTE, WITH THREE DEMOCRATS JOINING THE BAND OF GOP SUPPORTERS.

REPUBLICAN RICHARD HANNA OF NEW YORK WAS THE ONE REPUBLICAN WHO VOTED AGAINST IT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB BOE RETREAT IN PERRY	1/23/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BIBB SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT IS SUPPOSED HELP MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO MOVE PAST PROBLEMS AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE....

INSTEAD IT BREAKS DOWN INTO AN ARGUMENT... COMPLETE WITH ACCUSATIONS OF PETTY POLITICS...INEPTNESS... AND EVEN RACISM...

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SPENT THE DAY IN PERRY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD... AND NOW JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO SHOW YOU JUST WHAT HAPPENED... A LOT OF EMOTION THERE TONIGHT CHACE...

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PEAKE REINTRODUCES BILL	1/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OFFICIALLY INTRODUCES A NEW BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA.

THE BILL ALSO KNOWN AS H-B-1 WILL HELP CHILDREN WITH SEIZURE DISORDERS GET TREATMENT IN THEIR OWN STATE AND POTENTIALLY BRING 17 GEORGIA FAMILIES BACK HOME.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS AN UPDATE..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
HEALTH MINUTE	1/27/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

DOCTORS ARE NOW CALLING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AN EPIDEMIC.

THE NUMBER OF KIDS WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST 30 YEARS .. AND THE NUMBER OF OVERWEIGHT ADOLESCENTS HAS QUADRUPLED.

HOLLY FIRFER LOOKS AT THE PROBLEM IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:
AVA'S LAW RALLY

Date Aired:
1/28/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA IS ONE OF SEVERAL STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR AUTISM TREATMENT..

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SPENT TIME AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY WITH DOZENS OF FAMILIES FIGHTING FOR "AVA'S LAW".. WHICH IS A PLAN TO CHANGE THAT..

Story:
AVA'S LAW

Date Aired:
1/29/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR AUTISM TREATMENT IN GEORGIA.. HEADS TO THE HOUSE..

TODAY THE GEORGIA SENATE PASSED "AVA'S LAW".. 54 TO ZERO..

UNDER THE PLAN.. INSURANCE MUST COVER AUTISM THERAPY FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX.. BUT IT CAPS COVERAGE AT 35-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

THE LAW WOULD NOT APPLY TO COMPANIES WITH 10 OR FEWER WORKERS.

SUPPORTERS SAY THE COVERAGE CAN HELP KIDS WITH AUTISM LEARN TO SPEAK AND LOWER LATER HEALTH CARE COSTS.

A SIMILAR PROPOSAL IN THE HOUSE LAST YEAR.

Story:
RUTLAND HIGH SECURITY THREAT

Date Aired:
1/30/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL IN BIBB COUNTY... SPENT THE DAY ON INCREASED SECURITY AFTER SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS SAY SOMEONE MADE THREATS TARGETING THE SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA..

STUDENTS ATTENDED THEIR CLASSES IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY TODAY.. WHILE INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE..

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM PARENTS...

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME GEORGIA LAW OFFICERS SAY THEY'RE AGAINST LEGALIZING CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA..

"HOUSE BILL ONE" WOULD ALLOW PATIENTS TO USE CANNABIS OIL FOR CANCER, SEIZURE DISORDERS, OR OTHER CHRONIC CONDITIONS..

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT POLICE TO PRESSURE LAWMAKERS INTO REMOVING CANCER, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, OR A-L-S FROM THE LIST OF CONDITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR OIL..

THE GEORGIA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION WORRIES ABOUT THE LAW EXPANDING TO INCLUDE MANY MORE ILLNESSES..

Story:
THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Date Aired:
2/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK CONTINUES.
EACH DAY... OUR TEAM OF METEOROLOGISTS WILL COVER A DIFFERENT TOPIC TO HELP KEEP YOUR FAMILY AHEAD OF THE STORM.
CHIEF METEOROLOGIST JEFF COX JOINS US FROM STORMTRACK CENTRAL.

JEFF?

Story:
VACCINATION MYTHS

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE OF THE LARGEST MYTHS ABOUT VACCINATIONS... IS THAT CAN CAUSE AUTISM... FOLLOWING A STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL "THE LANCET".. MOST OF DOCTOR ANDREW WAKEFIELD'S CO-AUTHORS WITHDREW THEIR NAMES FROM THE STUDY IN 2004 AFTER FINDING OUT A LAW FIRM PAID THE DOCTOR.. THE FIRM HAD PLANNED TO SUE VACCINE MANUFACTURERS. THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE ALSO FOUND -NO- CONNECTION BETWEEN VACCINES AND AUTISM.

Story:
GRADUATE FOR MOM

Date Aired:
2/6/2014

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR A WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR. MERCEDES SALETTE WILL OFFICIALLY BE GRADUATING IN MAY BUT HER MOTHER MAY NOT LIVE TO SEE IT. DOCTORS HAVE GIVEN SALETTE'S MOM TWO WEEKS TO LIVE... BECAUSE SHE HAS COLON CANCER. IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE SHE SEE'S HER DAUGHTER GET HER DIPLOMA, THE BIBB BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD A CEREMONY AT PINE POINT HOSPICE JUST FOR MERCEDES AND HER FAMILY.

Story:
CHILD ABANDONED

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MACON MOTHER IS CHARGED WITH CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF LEAVING HER TWO YEAR OLD SON IN A RESTAURANT PARKING LOT. WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TALKS TO THE TODDLER'S GRANDMOTHER... TO FIND OUT WHAT MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE 23-YEAR OLD TO ABANDON HER CHILD.

Story:
MEASLES IN GEORGIA

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CONFIRMING GEORGIA'S FIRST REPORTED CASE OF THE MEASLES SINCE 20-12. THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS AN INFANT INFECTED WITH MEASLES ARRIVED IN ATLANTA FROM OUTSIDE THE U-S AND IS BEING TREATED AT CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA. STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE HOSPITAL AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL TO IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE PATIENT. THEY SAY THIS CASE IS NOT RELATED TO THE OUTBREAK STEMMING FROM DISNEY LAND.

Story:
DEAL FAILING SCHOOLS

Date Aired:
2/11/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FAILING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING CONTROL OVER THEIR SCHOOLS.

GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL WANTS THE STATE TO RUN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE UNDERACHIEVING.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON IS LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
BREAKING NEWS LEVI'S CALL

Date Aired:
2/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BREAKING NEWS OUT OF NORTH GEORGIA.. A LEVI'S CALL IS IN EFFECT. KENNESAW POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR 5-YEAR-OLD ETHAN PETERMAN.

POLICE BELIEVE HIS FATHER, JOSEPH DAVIS TOOK HIM AFTER STABBING THE BOY'S MOTHER TONIGHT.

ETHAN WAS LAST SEEN AT 2100 ELLISON LAKE DRIVE IN KENNESAW. HE WAS WEARING A BRIGHT ORANGE SHIRT, BLUE JEANS AND BLACK JORDAN TENNIS SHOES.

IF YOU SEE THEM CALL 911.

Story:
TABLETS FOR TODDLERS

Date Aired:
2/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. TECHNOLOGY IS ALL AROUND US AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

WITH IT.. COMES NEW CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS.

TABLETS LIKE THE I-PAD ARE IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR SCHOOLS... BUT WHAT EFFECT ARE THEY HAVING ON OUR CHILDREN?

RICK DEVENS REPORTS.

Story:
TABLETS FOR TODDLERS

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

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RICK DEVENS REPORTS.

Story:
HEART PATIENT MOM

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MAN FROM MACON IS BACK IN THE HOSPITAL AND IS FACING A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION WHILE HE WAITS FOR A NEW HEART.

THE FAMILY OF 27-YEAR OLD JANEIRO BROWN IS PLEADING FOR HELP TO PAY FOR AN EXPENSIVE TRANSPLANT.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SHOWS YOU.. IF THEY DON'T GET THE MONEY.. HE COULD DIE.

Story:
FOOD STAMP SHORTAGE

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD GROCERIES.. AND HAVING YOUR STATE ASSISTANCE CUT OFF.. BECAUSE YOU CAN'T REACH ANYONE BY PHONE TO RE-APPLY.

CENTRAL GEORGIA FAMILIES SAY IT'S HAPPENING TO THEM..

SINCE THE STATE IS SO BEHIND IN PROCESSING FOOD ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS.. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THREATENED TO CUT 75-MILLION DOLLARS.

WGXA'S ANGIE RANGLE GETS ANSWERS FROM THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES.

Story:
GA. CANNABIS OIL BILL

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. A BILL TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL IS HEADED TO GEORGIA HOUSE LAWMAKERS THIS WEEK.. AFTER PASSING IN A HOUSE JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE.. REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE TELLS US.. THE BILL COVERS EIGHT MEDICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING SEIZURES AND LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.

PATIENTS WOULD NEED DOCTOR APPROVAL, REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE.. AND THEN WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OIL.

THE OIL CAN ONLY HAVE 5-PERCENT T-H-C.

PEAKE SAYS 500-THOUSAND GEORGIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS OIL.

Story:
PREPARING CHILDREN

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. PARENTS.. COMMUNITY LEADERS.. AND POLICE.. ARE TEACHING CHILDREN RESPECT.. AND HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT..

THESE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW HIGH PROFILE CASES INVOLVING TEENS AND OFFICERS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THE STORY FROM THE PEYTON ANDERSON EDUCATION CENTER.

Story:
GA. TAX BILL

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. GEORGIA LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING AT CUTTING THE INCOME TAX RATE..

REPUBLICAN JOHN CARSON.. OF MARIETTA WANTS TO DROP THE STATE'S INCOME TAX RATE FROM SIX TO FOUR PERCENT.. BETWEEN 2016 AND 2018.

THE BILL ALSO RAISES GEORGIA'S GENERAL SALES TAX BY ONE PERCENT..

YOU COULD ALSO PAY A FIVE PERCENT GROCERY TAX.. AND PAY 20 CENTS MORE PER PACK OF CIGARETTES..

IF PASSED.. THE STATE MAY DROP TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD AND ELDER CARE..

Story:
BIBB SCHOOL CHANGES

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 60 POSITIONS AND CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SECOND CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE FALL.

W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:
HEALTH MINUTE

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

BEING PREGNANT CAN BE VERY STRESSFUL.
SUSAN HENDRICKS EXPLAINS HOW TO MANAGE THOSE STRESS LEVELS IN TODAY'S
HEALTH MINUTE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT	2/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S TAKEN ABOUT 19 MONTHS BUT TONIGHT... THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPROVED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

BUT THE VOTE WAS NOT UNANIMOUS, ONE MEMBER ABSTAINED AND ANOTHER VOTED
AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO EXPLAIN WHY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT	2/26/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A HEARING TODAY IN JONES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LOOKS AT THE ISSUE OF WHEN
LIFE BEGINS IN THE EYES OF LAW...

THE CASE DATES BACK TO A CAR ACCIDENT ALONG HIGHWAY 49 IN AUGUST 2013.

A WOMAN INVOLVED IN THAT ACCIDENT SAYS IT CAUSED HER TO MISCARRY A THREE-
WEEK-OLD FETUS.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS IN COURT AND TELLS YOU WHAT'S NEXT..

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE	2/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS.. TEXTING WHILE DRIVING HAS REPLACED DRINKING
AND DRIVING AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF TEEN DEATHS ON THE ROADS.

AS WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON REPORTS.. STUDENTS AT NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL IN
MACON SAY THEY'RE LEARNING AN IMPORTANT LESSON FROM A MONSTER TRUCK DRIVER.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BOE SUING DALLEMAND	2/27/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DAY AFTER APPROVING A NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FILED A COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST FORMER
SUPERINTENDENT ROMAIN DALLEMAND.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE GOT A COPY OF THE CLAIM, HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH
THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA	3/2/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME SAY A NEW VERSION OF THE BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL IN GEORGIA
GUTS A BILL ALREADY PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

UNLIKE THE HOUSE VERSION... IT WOULD SET UP A 4 YEAR STUDY RATHER THAN MAKING
THE DRUG AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

THE NEW BILL BY SENATOR LINDSEY TIPPIN WOULD LIMIT THE OIL'S USE TO KIDS UNDER
18 WITH EPILEPSY... WHO ARE PART OF A RESEARCH TRIAL THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED
THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA.

ADVOCATES OF MACON REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAK'S HOUSE BILL... WHICH PASSED LAST WEEK... SAY THE SENATE VERSION WOULD GUT THE MEASURE THAT PASSED THE LOWER CHAMBER.

HIS BILL CALLS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES OF CANNABIS OIL TO BE USED BY PRESCRIPTION TO TREAT SEIZURE DISORDERS AND 8 OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

THE BILL DOESN'T SET AN AGE LIMIT.

Story:
FORT VALLEY VICTIM MOM

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MOTHER IS STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER HER SON WAS GUNNED DOWN IN FORT VALLEY.

POLICE FOUND 20-YEAR OLD GABRIEL JACKSON DEAD AT THE VALLEY PINES APARTMENT COMPLEX...

INVESTIGATORS SAY SOMEONE SHOT HIM NUMEROUS TIMES.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TALKED JACKSON'S MOTHER WHO SAYS ALL SHE WANTS IS JUSTICE.

Story:
COOKE SPEAKS

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A FORT VALLEY WOMAN SAYS HER SON WAS INNOCENT WHEN SOMEBODY SHOT AND KILLED HIM... BUT THE PROSECUTOR HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS SPOKE WITH MACON JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVID COOKE .. WHO SAYS HE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.. TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST A SUSPECT.

Story:
7 YEAR OLD DIES

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FRESH FLOWERS AND TEDDY BEARS STAND AMONG BLACKENED DEBRIS AFTER A FIRE CLAIMED THE LIFE OF 7-YEAR-OLD ZANTRELL RUSSELL AT THE ANTHONY HOMES PUBLIC HOUSING COMPLEX IN MACON.

THE FIRE STARTED AFTER ELEVEN SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE 900 BLOCK OF WREN AVENUE WHERE THREE CHILDREN WERE INSIDE.

NEIGHBOR TURKESHA PETE BROUGHT FLOWERS TO THE DESTROYED HOME.

PETE SAYS HER CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN WHO LIVED IN THE DUPLEX WERE FRIENDS.

MACON-BIBB COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATOR BEN GLEATON SAYS BYSTANDERS WERE ABLE TO RESCUE TWO CHILDREN BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED.

PETE WATCHED THE FLAMES TAKE OVER HER NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE.

A 7 YEAR OLD BOY WAS LATER FOUND UNRESPONSIVE INSIDE THE BEDROOM AND WAS TRANSPORTED TO the MEDICAL CENTER NAVICENT HEALTH WHERE HE DIED MONDAY MORNING OF FIRE RELATED INJURIES.

PETE SAYS SHE IS SADDENED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO HER NEIGHBOR.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Story:
KENDRICK JOHNSON

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PARENTS OF A VALDOSTA TEEN FOUND DEAD IN A HIGH SCHOOL GYM ... ARE ACCUSED OF LIBEL AND SLANDER.

KENDRICK JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE A ROLLED UP GYM MAT IN 2013 .

HIS PARENTS, KENNETH AND JACQUELYN JOHNSON FILED A WRONGFUL - DEATH LAWSUIT .. AFTER INVESTIGATORS RULED HIS DEATH AS A FREAK ACCIDENT.

JOHNSON'S PARENTS BELIEVE TWO TEENAGE BROTHERS ATTACKED HIM ... FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR FATHER.

THAT FAMILY NOW FILES A COUNTER CLAIMS AGAINST THE JOHNSONS ... SAYING THEY HARMED THE FAMILY'S REPUTATION.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BIBB CHILD SHOT	3/10/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DEVELOPING STORY IN BIBB COUNTY...

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A 5 YEAR OLD CHILD WAS SHOT IN THE CHEEK AT A HOUSE ON GRAND AVENUE THIS EVENING.

DEPUTIES TELL US THE CHILD'S 8 YEAR OLD BROTHER ACCIDENTLY SHOT HIM AFTER FINDING A GUN IN THE HOUSE.

THE BOY IS IN STABLE CONDITION.

DEPUTIES SAY THE BOY'S PARENTS AND SIBLINGS WERE HOME AT THE TIME.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CHILD SHOT DAD CHARGED	3/11/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT A FATHER REMAINS IN JAIL AFTER A SHOOTING INVOLVING HIS UNDERAGE CHILDREN.

BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE MAN'S 8-YEAR-OLD SON SHOT HIS 5-YEAR-OLD BROTHER TUESDAY EVENING.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS GIVES YOU AN UPDATE ON THE CHILD'S CONDITION AND THE CHARGES.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
ASTROTURF CANCER RISK	3/11/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED TO INSTALL A NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD AT MCCONNEL-TALBERT STADIUM IN WARNER ROBINS.

BUT HOW SAFE IS ARTIFICIAL TURF?

W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON SPOKE WITH HOUSTON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MARK SCOTT ABOUT THE CHANGE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SAXTON HEIGHTS CLOSED	3/12/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ONE SCHOOL IN DUBLIN WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW..

SAXON HEIGHTS WILL NOT HOLD CLASS FRIDAY ... BECAUSE OF A MAINTENANCE ISSUE.

STAFF SHOULD STILL REPORT TO WORK AS USUAL.

AGAIN THAT'S FOR SAXON HEIGHTS IN DUBLIN.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
SAXTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY	3/13/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DUBLIN SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY FOR MAINTENCE IS SET TO REOPEN ON MONDAY.

SAXON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY WILL BE READY FOR STUDENTS IN A FEW DAYS.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY A HOT WATER HEATER HOLD TANK HAD A HOLE IN IT .. AND FLOODED THE BASEMENT OF THE SCHOOL.
CREWS CLEANED UP THE MESS TODAY.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA LAWMAKERS COULD SOON BE CLOSER TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL.

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SAYS HE'S PLANNING TO MEET WITH A GEORGIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE THIS THURSDAY TO DISCUSS COMBINING THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS.

PEAKE'S HOUSE BILL WOULD LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH SEIZURE DISORDERS... CANCER AND 7 OTHER MEDICAL DIAGNOSES.

A BILL PASSED BY REPUBLICAN SENATOR LINDSEY TIPPINS FROM MARIETTA WOULD ESTABLISH A 5 YEAR CLINICAL STUDY OF A MARIJUANA EXTRACT FOR PEOPLE UNDER 21 WITH EPILEPSY.

TIPPINS SAYS PEAKE'S MEASURE IS TOO BROAD BUT COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE.

BOTH BILLS PASSED THEIR CHAMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY.

PEAKE SAYS HIS MEASURE WILL BE CARRIED BY GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL'S FLOOR LEADER ... WHICH IS OFTEN A SIGN OF EXECUTIVE SUPPORT.

Story:
PEAKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TOMORROW WILL BE A CRUCIAL DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL FOR A MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL BILL.

THE BILL KNOWN AS H-B-1 OR "HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT" WILL HAVE IT'S FIRST HEARING IN THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU ABOUT THE OPPOSITION THE BILL FACES.

Story:
PEAKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
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Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER HOURS OF TESTIMONY .. A COMPROMISE CANNABIS BILL MOVES FORWARD IN THE GEORGIA SENATE.

HB1 WILL BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND THEN SENT TO THE FLOOR FOR A FINAL VOTE

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL TODAY AND TELLS US WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT'S NEXT.

Story:
CANABIS OIL

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA'S MEDICAL CANNABIS BILL IS ON ITS WAY TO ANOTHER SENATE COMMITTEE FOR A DEBATE..

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE SPONSORED THE BILL AND SAYS IT WILL GRANT IMMUNITY FOR GEORGIA FAMILIES WHO NEED CANNABIS OIL FOR MEDICINE BUT STILL CREATES A FEW OBSTACLES.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHY THE BILL WILL NOT BENEFIT EVERYONE.

Story:
AVA'S LAW

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSURANCE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS OFFER AUTISM TREATMENT TO CHILDREN.

THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN THE STATE COULD USE THE TREATMENT THAT THEIR PARENTS CAN'T AFFORD .. UNDER AVA'S LAW.

BUT AS MALCOLM JOHNSON REPORTS, OPPONENTS CALL IT TOO BIG A BURDEN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER A YEAR OF DEBATE, H-B-1 ALSO KNOWN AS HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT HAS PASSED THE GEORGIA SENATE 48-6..

THE BILL, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OF MACON, GRANTS IMMUNITY TO PATIENTS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED CANNABIS OIL LEGALLY IN ANOTHER STATE.

NEW TONIGHT, WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM FAMILIES..

Story:
AVA'S LAW TO PASS

Date Aired:
3/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LAWMAKERS MAY FINALLY VOTE ON AVA'S LAW, A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA TO COVER AUTISM THERAPY.

THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

NOW, THE MAN MANY BELIEVE WAS HOLDING THE BILL HOSTAGE, HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD SMITH, HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR CHARLIE BETHEL.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF RICHARD SMITH HUGGING ANNA BULLARD EARLEIR THIS AFTERNOON... THE BILL IS NAMED AFTER BULLARD'S DAUGHTER AVA.

THE BILL WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, THEN THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

IF IT PASSES BOTH SENATE PARTIES, IT WILL COME BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR AGREEMENT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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POLITICAL ISSUES

Story:
WBFF BUDGET BATTLES

Date Aired:
1/5/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS RETURN TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW AND WITH BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE NOW CONTROLLED BY REPUBLICANS, THERE'S SURE TO BE SOME TENSE BATTLES THAT ALL COME BACK TO THEIR POWER OF THE PURSE.

OUR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT KRISTINE FRAZAO TAKES A LOOK AT HOW THE UPCOMING BUDGET WILL HELP SET THE AGENDA FOR THE YEAR.

Story:
WINGS COMMISSION

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER A DEADLY SHOOTING AT WINGS CAFÉ LAST MONTH... MACON BIBB COMMISSIONERS ARE TAKING A DEEPER LOOK INTO WHETHER THE BAR SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP ITS LIQUOR LICENSE.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON WAS AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.. AND NOW THE ISSUE IS NOW HEADED TO A MUNICIPAL JUDGE..

Story:
ISAKSON VETERAN AFFAIRS

Date Aired:
1/7/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S AFFAIRS.

ISAKSON'S STAFF SAYS THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT REFORMS PASSED BY CONGRESS LAST YEAR ARE PUT IN PLACE. AIDES SAY HIS PRIORITIES AS CHAIRMAN WILL INCLUDE OVERSIGHT OF THE NEW VETERANS ACCESS... CHOICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 20-14.

IT WAS APPROVED IN RESPONSE TO SCANDAL OVER LONG WAIT TIMES FOR VETS WHO NEED HEALTH CARE ... AND FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS TO COVER UP THOSE DELAYS.

ISAKSON WILL ALSO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.

Story:
MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE PURCHASE OF THE MONROE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER IN FORSYTH IS COMING UNDER FIRE.

WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON ASKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IF A VOTE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.. IS LEGAL..

Story:
GA. LEGISLATURE

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE 2015 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN ATLANTA.... AND THE IMPROVING ECONOMY MEANS MORE MONEY FOR LAWMAKERS TO SPEND ON ISSUES LIKE EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE...

LAWMAKERS WERE SWORN IN AND NOW IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK. WGXA'S IVY NOVA SHOWS YOU THE PRESSING ISSUES ON THE AGENDA THIS TERM.

Story:
COMMISSION ON GANGS

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN COMMUNITY INTERVENTION WORKERS TO HELP REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.
THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES STRENGTHENING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS PLANNED..

Story:
MILLEDGEVILLE ETHICS CASE

Date Aired:
1/15/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN ETHICS HEARING IS SET FOR TOMORROW MORNING IN MILLEDGEVILLE OVER A TAPED CONVERSATION OF THE CITY MOVING A BANK LOAN OF MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS TO A DIFFERENT BANK.

LAST YEAR... CITY MANAGER BARRY JARRETT WAS RECORDED CLAIMING TO MOVE 5 POINT 1 MILLION DOLLARS TO WELLS FARGO BANK.. TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF CENTURY BANK.. FOR CRITICIZING MERGER EFFORTS WITH BALDWIN COUNTY.

TOMORROW'S HEARING WILL DECIDE IF MOVING THE MONEY.. WAS FOR PERSONAL ECONOMIC GAIN.

Story:
GORDON CHARTER

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS THE MAYOR OF GORDON PREPARES TO HEAD TO COURT NEXT WEEK OVER ATTEMPTS TO REMOVE HER... AND THE CITY ASKS FOR A REVIEW OF ITS CHARTER...
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TONIGHT...

IN ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING, ONE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE WHO HAS REQUESTED THE REGIONAL COMMISSION TAKE A LOOK AT GORDON'S CITY CHARTER.

ALSO ATTENDING THAT MEETING WAS WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE WHO JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
PRECINCT BOUNDARY LINE

Date Aired:
1/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

VOTERS IN BIBB COUNTY.. MAY HAVE FEWER PLACES TO VOTE..

THE MACON BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PLANS TO ADOPT SOME CHANGES TO VOTING PRECINCTS AT A HEARING JANUARY 29TH.

THE BOUNDARY LINES FOR THE EAST MACON... GODFREY... HAZZARD... HOWARD AND VINEVILLE PRECINCTS ARE ALL BEING CONSIDERED FOR CHANGES.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL.. CALL THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEFORE NEXT THURSDAY'S HEARING.

THAT NUMBER IS... 478-6-2-1... 66-22.

Story:
STATE OF THE UNION WRAP

Date Aired:
1/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH TWO YEARS LEFT IN HIS TIME IN OFFICE... PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SPENT TONIGHT LAYING OUT HIS BROAD VISION FOR THE END OF HIS TERM.

HIS STATE OF THE UNION COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS... FROM FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ... TO THE WAR ON TERROR.

RYAN NOBLES THE DETAILS NIGHT'S BIG MOMENTS.

Story:
ELAINE LUCAS

Date Aired:
1/21/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WANTS TO CHANGE THE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ITS VOTERS.

NEW TONIGHT.. A COUNTY COMMISSIONER CALLS THE PROPOSAL POLITICALLY MOTIVATED..

THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS PLANS TO CUT 14 VOTING LOCATIONS IN BIBB COUNTY.. GOING FROM 40 TO 26.

THEY SAY THE MAIN REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS TO MINIMIZE ELECTION SPENDING, DUE TO MANDATED BUDGET CUTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELAINE LUCAS SAYS SHE'LL FIGHT THE CHANGE.

Story:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT

Date Aired:
1/22/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS... BIBB COUNTY SCHOOLS WERE LEAD BY EITHER AN INTERIM OR TEMPORARY SUPERINTENDENT.... BUT THERE MAY BE A NEW EFFORT TO CHANGE THAT.

NEW TONIGHT.. THE BIBB BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ENLIST THE HELP OF AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
BIBB BOE RETREAT IN PERRY

Date Aired:
1/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BIBB SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT IS SUPPOSED HELP MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO MOVE PAST PROBLEMS AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE....

INSTEAD IT BREAKS DOWN INTO AN ARGUMENT... COMPLETE WITH ACCUSATIONS OF PETTY POLITICS...INEPTNESS... AND EVEN RACISISM...

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SPENT THE DAY IN PERRY WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD... AND NOW JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO SHOW YOU JUST WHAT HAPPENED... A LOT OF EMOTION THERE TONIGHT CHACE...

Story:
MACON BIBB COMMISSION

Date Aired:
1/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET MORE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNMENT BIDDING PROCESS.

COMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL WORKSESSION TO DISCUSS HOW TO MOVE THAT IDEA FORWARD.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE LOOKS AT THEIR PLANS.

Story:
COMMISSION MEETS

Date Aired:
1/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON-BIBB COMMISSIONERS ARE TAKING A CLOSER AT HOW THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES BUSINESS WITH MOVIE MAKERS AFTER A RECENT PRODUCTION ACCIDENT IN DOWNTOWN MACON

AFTER A BUS EXPLOSION DAMAGED SEVERAL BUSINESSES DURING THE MAKING OF THE MOVIE "THE FIFTH WAVE," COMMISSIONERS ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO CHANGE THE POLICIES OF FILMING .. TO MAKE IT MORE OF A FORMAL PROCESS.

THIS WOULD REQUIRE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND POSSIBLY A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE MOVIE MAKING REQUESTS.

Story:
AVA'S LAW RALLY

Date Aired:
1/28/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA IS ONE OF SEVERAL STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR AUTISM TREATMENT..

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SPENT TIME AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY WITH DOZENS OF FAMILIES FIGHTING FOR "AVA'S LAW".. WHICH IS A PLAN TO CHANGE THAT..

Story:
ROAD TAXES

Date Aired:
1/29/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

GEORGIA HOUSE LEADERS ANNOUNCED A NEW PLAN THEY SAY FUNNELS ONE BILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

THE STRATEGY WOULD ELIMINATE A FUEL SALES TAX... AND THAT MONEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY AN EXCISE TAX OF ABOUT 29 CENTS PER GALLON.

THE PLAN ALSO CREATES NEW FEES ON ELECTRIC OR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND GIVES MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACCESS TO 1 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS FOR NEXT YEAR.

WE CAUGHT UP WITH SOME DRIVERS TODAY TO GET THEIR TAKE ON THE TAX CHANGE...

Story:
WBFF ISIS THREATENS PRESIDENT

Date Aired:
1/30/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ISIS' ONGOING THREAT TO KILL MORE HOSTAGES COMES AS THE TERRORIST GROUP ISSUED A NEW THREAT TO PRESIDENT OBAMA.

NEW TONIGHT.. KRISTINE FRAZAO TAKES A LOOK AT WHETHER THE THREATS ARE MORE RHETORIC OR SOMETHING TO TAKE SERIOUSLY.

Story:
GAS TAX PROPOSAL

Date Aired:
2/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A CHANGE TO THE GAS TAX PROPOSED IN THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE COULD END UP COSTING YOU MORE..

IF APPROVED, COUNTY LEADERS SAY THEY COULD LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE ELIMINATION OF THE LOCAL GAS SALES TAX.

WGXA'S IVY NOVA TELLS YOU HOW IT WOULD IMPACT ROAD PROJECTS.

Story:
MILLEDGEVILLE PRESSER

Date Aired:
2/3/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

EMBATTLED MILLEDGEVILLE MAYOR RICHARD BENTLEY QUIT HIS JOB.
BENTLEY WAS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BECAUSE OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS.
THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ALSO CONTINUES TO LOOK INTO BENTLEY'S
FORMER INSURANCE BUSINESS.. AFTER COMPLAINTS OF MISAPPROPRIATED PREMIUMS.
JEANETTE WALDEN IS THE NEW INTERIM MAYOR.

Story:
MILLEDGEVILLE CONSOLIDATION

Date Aired:
2/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT... A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE THE GOVERNMENTS OF MILLEDGEVILLE AND
BALDWIN COUNTY.. HAS SOME CITY LEADERS FIRED UP..
THE BILL.. HEADS TO THE GEORGIA SENATE AFTER PASSING THE HOUSE THIS WEEK..
WGXA'S DAVID JOHNSON.. LOOKS AT BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE.

Story:
FORSYTH COUNCIL GAS TAX

Date Aired:
2/6/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WHILE GEORGIA LAWMAKER DEBATE A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE GAS TAX.. LEADERS IN
A CENTRAL GEORGIA CITY.. ARE TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT IT COULD HAVE ON THEIR
BUDGET..
WGXA'S IVY NOVA HAS THE REACTION FROM FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL..

Story:
WHIPPLE LUE MONEY PLEA

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE- LUE IS TRYING TO RAISE MONEY.. THROUGH
SOCIAL MEDIA.
WHIPPE- LUE POSTED A STATEMENT ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE SAYING SHE NEEDS 50
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.
SHE'S ALSO INVITING PEOPLE TO VISIT HER YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR WHAT SHE CALLS
'UNADULTERATED TRUTH' ABOUT HER CASE AGAINST HER OFFICE IN GORDON.
WHIPPLE-LUE TOOK THE FIGHT FOR HER JOB TO THE SUPREME COURT LAST MONTH.
A LAWSUIT DEMANDS HER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.. ACCUSING HER OF HOLDING SECRET
MEETINGS AND BREAKING OTHER LAWS..
THE SUPREME COURT HAS A FEW MONTHS TO RETURN WITH A VERDICT.
IF IT UPHOLDS THE DECISION.. WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COULD DECIDE IF
WHIPPLE-LUE WILL KEEP HER JOB.

Story:
DALLEMAND LAWSUIT

Date Aired:
2/10/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FORMER BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ROMAIN DALLEMAND IS REPORTEDLY
SUING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
ACCORDING TO "THE TELEGRAPH".. DALLEMAND WANTS 10-MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HE SAYS THEY VIOLATED HIS SEVERENCE AGREEMENT... AND COMMITTED ACTS OF LIBEL
AND SLANDER AGAINST HIM.
WGXA CALLED DALLEMAND TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE SUIT.. BUT HE DID NOT ANSWER.

THE BOARD SAYS THEY DO NOT COMMENT ON PENDING LAWSUITS.
THE GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION FOUND DALLEMAND ENTERED INTO MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS WITHOUT SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL.. WHICH VIOLATES STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
DEAL FAILING SCHOOLS	2/11/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

FAILING SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING CONTROL OVER THEIR SCHOOLS.

GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL WANTS THE STATE TO RUN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE UNDERACHIEVING.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON IS LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
KEYSTONE TO OBAMA	2/12/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

PRESIDENT OBAMA COULD BE PREPARING TO USE HIS VETO POWERS FOR THE FIRST TIME AGAINST THE NEW REPUBLICAN-LED CONGRESS.

YESTERDAY, THE HOUSE PASSED A FINAL VERSION OF A BILL, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE X-L PIPELINE.

29 DEMOCRATS VOTED WITH REPUBLICANS IN SUPPORT.

ONE ONLY REPUBLICAN-- MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN AMASH-- WAS AGAINST THE BILL.

THE PIPELINE WOULD CARRY CRUDE OIL FROM CANADA TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE BEEN AGAINST ITS CONSTRUCTION... BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THE PROJECT WILL CREATE NEW JOBS.

THE BILL NOW GOES TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DESK FOR A SIGNATURE.

HE'S SAID BEFORE THAT HE WILL VETO THE BILL, BECAUSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS STILL REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT.

THE PRESIDENT HAS TEN DAYS TO DECIDE.

IF HE DOES VETO, NEITHER THE HOUSE NOR THE SENATE APPEARS TO HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO OVERRIDE HIS DECISION.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
ASH CARTER FOR DEFENSE SECRETARY	2/13/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

THE SENATE CONFIRMED ASH CARTER AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS CARTER HAS EXPERIENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TERROR AND LONG-TERM THREATS.

HE REPLACES CHUCK HAGEL AS PENTAGON CHIEF.

HE WILL BE OBAMA'S FOURTH DEFENSE SECRETARY IN SIX YEARS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MACON BIBB HEALTH MEETING	2/16/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A BAD TATTOO CAN MEAN MORE THAN LOW QUALITY BODY ART, IT COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS AND PAINFUL INFECTION.

BUT THE NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND LOCAL LEADERS ARE TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING TATTOO SAFETY REGULATIONS.

NEW TONIGHT.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SHOWS US WHY SOME TATTOO ARTISTS SUPPORT THE IDEA.

Story:
CRIME STATS

Date Aired:
2/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT SOME VIOLENT CRIME IS DOWN.. BUT OVERALL CASES ARE UP.. ACCORDING TO THE BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

NEW AT 10.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE SHOWS HOW THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED IN 2014 .. SINCE LAST YEAR.

Story:
MACON BIBB ELECTIONS

Date Aired:
2/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS COME UNDER FIRE AFTER ANNOUNCING PLANS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POLLING PLACES..

NEW AT 11.. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE TELLS YOU HOW YOU'RE GETTING A SAY IN THE PLAN..

Story:
NATIONAL BACKOOR JIHADISTS

Date Aired:
2/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

COULD THE U-S UNKNOWINGLY ALLOW ISIS TERRORISTS TO ENTER OUR COUNTRY? THAT'S THE DEBATE TONIGHT ABOUT A REFUGEE PROGRAM THAT MAY WELCOME THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM SYRIA.

AS KRISTINE FRAZAO SHOWS US.. THE PLAN RAISES RED FLAGS FROM LAWMAKERS AND MANY OTHERS.

Story:
GA. CANNABIS OIL BILL

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. A BILL TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS OIL IS HEADED TO GEORGIA HOUSE LAWMAKERS THIS WEEK.. AFTER PASSING IN A HOUSE JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE..

REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE TELLS US.. THE BILL COVERS EIGHT MEDICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING SEIZURES AND LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.

PATIENTS WOULD NEED DOCTOR APPROVAL, REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE.. AND THEN WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OIL.

THE OIL CAN ONLY HAVE 5-PERCENT T-H-C.

PEAKE SAYS 500-THOUSAND GEORGIANS COULD BENEFIT FROM LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS OIL.

Story:
NATIONAL WORLD WAR

Date Aired:
2/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BETWEEN THE EMERGENCE OF TERRORIST GROUPS AND THE INCREASINGLY COMBATIVE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, ARE WE HEADED FOR ANOTHER *MAJOR* GLOBAL CONFLICT?

AS NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF BARND REPORTS.... SOME EXPERTS BELIEVE WE COULD BE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

Story:
GA. TAX BILL

Date Aired:
2/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT.. GEORGIA LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING AT CUTTING THE INCOME TAX RATE..

REPUBLICAN JOHN CARSON.. OF MARIETTA WANTS TO DROP THE STATE'S INCOME TAX RATE FROM SIX TO FOUR PERCENT.. BETWEEN 2016 AND 2018.

THE BILL ALSO RAISES GEORGIA'S GENERAL SALES TAX BY ONE PERCENT..

YOU COULD ALSO PAY A FIVE PERCENT GROCERY TAX.. AND PAY 20 CENTS MORE PER PACK OF CIGARETTES..

IF PASSED.. THE STATE MAY DROP TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD AND ELDER CARE..

Story:
BIBB SCHOOL CHANGES

Date Aired:
2/25/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 60 POSITIONS AND CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SECOND CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN THE FALL. W-G-X-A'S DAVID JOHNSON HAS THE DETAILS.

Story:
BIBB SUPERINTENDENT

Date Aired:
2/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S TAKEN ABOUT 19 MONTHS BUT TONIGHT... THE BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

BUT THE VOTE WAS NOT UNANIMOUS, ONE MEMBER ABSTAINED AND ANOTHER VOTED AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO EXPLAIN WHY.

Story:
BOE SUING DALLEMAND

Date Aired:
2/27/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A DAY AFTER APPROVING A NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FILED A COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST FORMER SUPERINTENDENT ROMAIN DALLEMAND.

WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE GOT A COPY OF THE CLAIM, HE JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO WITH THE DETAILS.

Story:
GORDON ATTORNEY

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA SUPREME COURT IS DECIDING WHO SHOULD LEGALLY BE THE GORDON CITY ATTORNEY.

JOSEPH BOONE, WHO HELD THE POSITION FOR 35 YEARS .. SAYS MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE ILLEGALLY FIRED HIM.

RONNY JONES... THE MAYOR'S CHOICE FOR BOONE'S REPLACEMENT... IS APPEALING TO THE SUPREME COURT SAYING HE SHOULD STILL HAVE THE JOB AFTER CITY COUNCIL VOTED HIM IN.

HERE'S WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON.

Story:
GA. EXECUTION LATEST

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT THE STATE HAS POSPONED ALL PLANNED EXECUTIONS ... TO GIVE CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS MORE TIME TO EXAMINE THE DRUG THAT STOPPED LAST NIGHT'S PLANNED EXECUTION OF KELLY GISSENDANER.

THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT SAYS THE DRUG APPEARED CLOUDY ... SO THEY DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HER.

SPOKESWOMAN GWENDOLYN HOGAN SAYS THE STATE TOOK PROPER STEPS IN CHECKING THE DRUG.

Story:
SCOTUS HEALTH CARE

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ARE HEARING ORAL ARGUMENTS IN A CASE CHALLENGING A CENTRAL PROVISION OF THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT.

THEY'RE FOCUSING ON JUST A SINGLE SECTION OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SO-CALLED HEALTH EXCHANGES.

THE ARGUMENTS COULD PROVIDE HINTS ABOUT WHETHER THE JUSTICES BELIEVE THE LAW DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES IN THE 34 STATES THAT DIDN'T ESTABLISH THEIR OWN EXCHANGE.

IF THE COURT ULTIMATELY RULES AGAINST THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, MORE THAN 5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUBSIDIES.

Story:
BIBB ELECTION COMMITTEE

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BIBB BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET THIS AGAIN TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED MERGER OF POLLING PLACES.

THIS WAS THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE FIRST TO HAVE FULL ATTENDANCE.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES BEFORE MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO COME TO A CONCLUSION BUT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE WHATEVER CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO BE PUT IN PLACE BEFORE NOVEMBER.

Story:
PEACH ESPLOST

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

VOTERS IN PEACH COUNTY WILL SOON HEAD TO THE POLLS TO VOTE ON A ONE CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT SOME AREN'T ON BOARD WITH THE PROPOSED TAX OR THE NEW SCHOOL.

NEW TONIGHT .. WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE HAS THAT STORY.

Story:
CLINTON EMAIL SUIT

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR FINDS MANY AGENCY EMPLOYEES ARE NOT SAVING EMAILS FOR PUBLIC RECORD AS THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES.

THE REPORT COMES ONE DAY AFTER HILLARY CLINTON SPOKE ABOUT USING PERSONAL EMAIL FOR CONVENIENCE.. WHILE WORKING AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SAYS IN 2011 WHEN CLINTON WAS SECRETARY OF STATE ..
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WROTE MORE THAN 1 BILLION EMAILS BUT ONLY MARKED JUST
OVER 61-THOUSAND OF THEM FOR PUBLIC RECORD.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
BLESSED DAY BANNED	3/12/2015	7:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLICY OVER THE PHRASE "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" AT
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE.

THE BASE SENT A STATEMENT AROUND 6-15 TONIGHT SAYING STAFF SHOULD SAY
"WELCOME TO TEAM ROBINS" BUT THE USE OF "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" DOES -NOT- VIOLATE
THEIR STANDARDS AND IS OKAY TO SAY.

ROBINS BANNED THE PHRASE EARLIER TODAY AFTER A COMPLAINT ON "MILITARY
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DOT ORG".

THE NON-RELIGIOUS EMPLOYEE FELT OFFENDED BY THE GREETING.
EARLIER TODAY MANY OF YOU SPOKE AGAINST THE BAN.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
RAFB RUNWAY	3/12/2015	7:00 PM

Synopsis:

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE IS LOOKING INTO EXPANDING ITS RUNWAY SERVICES TO
CIVILIANS WHICH WOULD MEAN MORE MONEY AND MORE JOBS IN HOUSTON COUNTY.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING DONE TO MOVE THE IDEA
FORWARD.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
CROSSOVER DAY	3/13/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TODAY WAS CROSSOVER DAY AT THE GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL...LEGISLATORS SPENT
THE DAY SCRAMBLING TO DEBATE AS MANY BILLS AS THEY COULD.

IF A BILL DIDN'T AT LEAST PASS THE CHAMBER IT ORIGINATED IN...IT'S GOT NO TIME TO
CROSS TO THE OTHER CHAMBER AND PASS THE FULL LEGISLATURE THIS YEAR.

HERE'S THE RUNDOWN ON WHAT WAS PASSED TODAY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
HEALTH INSURANCE OVERHAUL	3/16/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY SYLVIA BURWELL SAYS MORE THAN 16
MILLION PEOPLE HAVE GAINED INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH
CARE ACT.

ABOUT 14 MILLION PEOPLE... GOT THEIR INSURANCE AFTER THE LAW'S BIG EXPANSION
STARTED AT THE END OF 20-13.

THE PROGRAM OFFERS SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE
HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE JOB .. ALONG WITH AN EXPANDED MEDICAID PROGRAM THAT
MANY STATES HAVE ACCEPTED.

ANOTHER 2 POINT 3 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE PREVIOUSLY GAINED COVERAGE... THOSE
WERE YOUNG ADULTS ALLOWED TO STAY ON THEIR PARENTS' PLAN UNTIL AGE 26.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
PEAKE MEDICAL MARIJUANA	3/18/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TOMORROW WILL BE A CRUCIAL DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL FOR A MEDICAL CANNABIS OIL BILL.

THE BILL KNOWN AS H-B-1 OR "HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT" WILL HAVE IT'S FIRST HEARING IN THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU ABOUT THE OPPOSITION THE BILL FACES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER HOURS OF TESTIMONY .. A COMPROMISE CANNABIS BILL MOVES FORWARD IN THE GEORGIA SENATE.

HB1 WILL BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE AND THEN SENT TO THE FLOOR FOR A FINAL VOTE

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS WAS AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL TODAY AND TELLS US WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT'S NEXT.

Story:
WHIPPLE LUE

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A GORDON MAN IS BEING CHARGED WITH D-U-I AND DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE REASON WHY GORDON MAYOR MARY ANN WHIPPLE-LUE GOT INTO A CONFRONTATION WITH A GORDON POLICE OFFICER.

WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON HAS THAT PART OF THE STORY.

Story:
AVA'S LAW

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INSURANCE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MANDATING HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS OFFER AUTISM TREATMENT TO CHILDREN.

THOUSANDS OF KIDS IN THE STATE COULD USE THE TREATMENT THAT THEIR PARENTS CAN'T AFFORD .. UNDER AVA'S LAW.

BUT AS MALCOLM JOHNSON REPORTS, OPPONENTS CALL IT TOO BIG A BURDEN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

Story:
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Date Aired:
3/24/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AFTER A YEAR OF DEBATE, H-B-1 ALSO KNOWN AS HALEIGH'S HOPE ACT HAS PASSED THE GEORGIA SENATE 48-6..

THE BILL, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN PEAKE OF MACON, GRANTS IMMUNITY TO PATIENTS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED CANNABIS OIL LEGALLY IN ANOTHER STATE.

NEW TONIGHT, WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS HAS REACTION FROM FAMILIES..

Story:
AVA'S LAW TO PASS

Date Aired:
3/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

LAWMAKERS MAY FINALLY VOTE ON AVA'S LAW, A BILL TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA TO COVER AUTISM THERAPY.

THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

NOW, THE MAN MANY BELIEVE WAS HOLDING THE BILL HOSTAGE, HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD SMITH, HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR CHARLIE BETHEL.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF RICHARD SMITH HUGGING ANNA BULLARD EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON... THE BILL IS NAMED AFTER BULLARD'S DAUGHTER AVA.

THE BILL WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, THEN THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

IF IT PASSES BOTH SENATE PARTIES, IT WILL COME BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR AGREEMENT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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TERRORISM ISSUES

Story:
AL JAZ RETRIAL

Date Aired:
1/2/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

EGYPT'S HIGHEST COURT HAS GRANTED A RETRIAL FOR THREE AL JAZEERA JOURNALISTS JAILED FOR SUPPORTING THE NOW-BANNED MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. PETER GRETE, MOHAMED FAHMY AND BAHER MOHAMED WERE ARRESTED IN 20-13. DEFENSE LAWYERS SAY THEY WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY UNTIL THE NEW TRIAL. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

Story:
BOSTON BOMBER TRIAL

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

DAY ONE OF JURY SELECTION HAS WRAPPED IN THE CASE AGAINST DZHOKAR TSARNAEV. HE FACES 30 FEDERAL CHARGES RELATED TO THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING. THE TRIAL ITSELF IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN JANUARY 26TH. CHRIS WELCH IS IN BOSTON WITH THE LATEST.

Story:
INCREASE IN ISIS ATTACKS

Date Aired:
1/6/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

THE PENTAGON SAYS U-S TROOPS AT AN IRAQI AIR BASE ARE COMING UNDER REGULAR MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE FROM ISIS FIGHTERS. NO U-S TROOPS HAVE BEEN HURT, THE PENTAGON DESCRIBES THE ATTACKS AS COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. BUT ANOTHER DEFENSE OFFICIAL SAYS THE ATTACKS ARE RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER U-S FORCES IN IRAQ CAN BE KEPT SAFE. THE U-S FORCES ARE IN IRAQ TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THEIR IRAQI COUNTERPARTS ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Story:
PARIS NEWSPAPER ATTACK

Date Aired:
1/7/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT IN PARIS... INVESTIGATORS IDENTIFIED THREE SUSPECTS IN A TERROR ATTACK ON THE OFFICES OF CHARLIE HEBDO... A FRENCH SATIRICAL MAGAZINE. THE ATTACK KILLED 12 PEOPLE INCLUDING JOURNALISTS AND POLICE. AT LEAST 11 OTHERS ARE WOUNDED. SUNLEN SERFATY HAS THE LATEST IN THE INVESTIGATION.

Story:
FRANCE TERROR ATTACK

Date Aired:
1/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE HUNT IS ON RIGHT NOW IN FRANCE FOR A WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE AN ACCOMPLICE IN A SECOND TERROR ATTACK IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL. THREE TERRORISTS AND FOUR INNOCENT CIVILIANS WERE KILLED TODAY IN PARIS.

PROSECUTORS SAY SOME FAMILY MEMBERS OF THOSE TERRORISTS HAVE SINCE BEEN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIMES.

DURING ONE OF THE ATTACKS .. A GUNMAN .. AMEDY COULIBALY .. KILLED FOUR PEOPLE AT KOSHER MARKET.

15 HOSTAGES IN THE STORE WERE LATER SET FREE.

IN A SEPARATE ATTACK .. A DIFFERENT GUNMAN WAS SHOT IN THE NECK AND ULTIMATELY KILLED BY POLICE.

A MEMBER OF AL-QAIDA'S BRANCH IN YEMEN SAYS THE GROUP DIRECTED THE ATTACK AGAINST THE FRENCH SATIRICAL MAGAZINE CHARLIE HEBDO IN PARIS "AS REVENGE FOR THE HONOR" OF ISLAM'S PROPHET MUHAMMAD.

Story:
PARIS ATTACKS RESPONSE

Date Aired:
1/12/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS FRENCH AUTHORITIES HUNT FOR ACCOMPLICES TO LAST WEEK'S TERROR SPREE -- THEY ARE ALSO CONCENTRATING ON *PREVENTING* -- MORE ATTACKS.

SENIOR CORRESPONDENT RICK LEVENTHAL IS IN PARIS TONIGHT.

Story:
TERROR THREATS

Date Aired:
1/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE URGENT NEW WARNING..CALLING FOR INCREASED SECURITY AT U-S AIRPORTS..
NEW CONCERNS TONIGHT ABOUT A NEW CALL TO ACTION FROM AL QAEDA.
INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BUILD A *BOMB* SO POWERFUL, SO HIDDEN, THEY CAN SLIP PAST SECURITY..

EVEN SUGGESTING WHERE TO *SIT* ON THE PLANE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

ABC'S CHIEF INVESTIGATIVE CORRESPONDENT BRIAN ROSS NOW.

Story:
BELGIUM TERROR RAID

Date Aired:
1/15/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BELGIAN AUTHORITIES SAY 2 PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND 1 ARRESTED DURING A SHOOTOUT IN AN ANTI-TERRORIST OPERATION IN AN EASTERN CITY.

INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SUSPECTS WERE ON THE VERGE OF COMMITTING A MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACK AND THEY IMMEDIATELY OPENED FIRE ON SECURITY FORCES.

THE ANTI TERROR RAIDS ARE UNDERWAY IN THE BRUSSELS REGION AND VERVIERS.

AUTHORITIES SAY BELGIUM'S TERROR ALERT LEVEL IS RAISED TO ITS SECOND HIGHEST LEVEL.

THE RAID WAS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO EXTREMISTS RETURNING FROM SYRIA.

Story:
WBFF GLOBAL ISIS

Date Aired:
1/16/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A CHALLENGE TONIGHT TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CURRENT STRATEGY AGAINST TERRORISM.

THE CENTER FOR SECURITY POLICY IN WASHINGTON SAYS THINGS COULD GET WORSE.
WGXA'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT KRISTINE FRAZAO HAS MORE.

Story:
WBFF SHARIA IN AMERICA

Date Aired:
1/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ARE FOREIGN LAWS CREEPING INTO THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM?
SEVEN STATES HAVE NOW BANNED THE USE OF "FOREIGN LAWS" INCLUDING SHARIA --THE
LAW OF ISLAM.

AS KRISTINE FRAZAO REPORTS.. SOME PEOPLE ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM.. WHILE
OTHERS SAY IT POSES NO THREAT TO AMERICA.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
STATE OF THE UNION WRAP	1/20/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH TWO YEARS LEFT IN HIS TIME IN OFFICE... PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SPENT
TONIGHT LAYING OUT HIS BROAD VISION FOR THE END OF HIS TERM.

HIS STATE OF THE UNION COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS... FROM FREE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE ... TO THE WAR ON TERROR.

RYAN NOBLES THE DETAILS NIGHT'S BIG MOMENTS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
ISIS JAPAN THREAT	1/21/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

ISIS HAS THREATENED TO KILL TWO JAPANESE CITIZENS UNLESS TOKYO HANDS OVER
200-MILLION DOLLARS WITHIN 72 HOURS.

IN A VIDEO POSTED ONLINE TUESDAY, A MASKED MAN CLAD IN BLACK AND HOLDING A KNIFE
STANDS OVER TWO KNEELING MEN IN ORANGE JUMPSUITS IN A BARREN LANDSCAPE.

THE MASKED MAN LINKS THE THREAT AGAINST THE TWO MEN'S LIVES TO JAPAN'S SUPPORT
FOR THE U.S.-LED COALITION THAT'S FIGHTING ISIS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA.

JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE REACTED IN A NEWS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM.
HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEEDS TO "DEAL WITH TERRORISTS WITHOUT
GIVING INTO THEM"... BUT HE STOPPED SHORT OF EXPLICITLY RULING OUT THE PAYMENT OF
A RANSOM OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CAPTORS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WBFF MISSING SIGNS	1/22/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2001, AL QAEDA WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE PRESIDENT'S
STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

THAT'S THE SAME TERROR ORGANIZATION CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLOODY
ATTACK AT A FRENCH MAGAZINE EARLIER THIS MONTH.

AS KRISTINE FRAZAO REPORTS.. CRITICS SAY ITS ONE MORE SIGN -- AMERICA'S ELECTED
LEADERS JUST DON'T GET IT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
RAFB ECONOMIC IMPACT	1/23/2015	7:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S CALLED THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF CENTRAL GEORGIA... AND TONIGHT THERE'S
PROOF ROBINS PACKS A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PUNCH...

A NEW STUDY SHOWS ROBINS CONTRIBUTED 2 POINT 7 *BILLION* DOLLARS LAST YEAR TO
THE ECONOMY.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT SIZES ROBINS' WORKFORCE AT MORE THAN 22
THOUSAND.... WHICH IS MADE UP OF MORE THAN 13 THOUSAND CIVILIANS... ALMOST 7
THOUSAND MILITARY MEMBERS AND 25 HUNDRED OTHER EMPLOYEES.

THE STATEMENT SAYS ROBINS PAID EMPLOYEES MORE THAN 1 BILLION DOLLARS IN
SALARIES... 900 MILLION OF THAT WENT TO CIVILIANS ON BASE.

IN ADDITION... IN 2014... ROBINS AWARDED 6 POINT 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS ALONE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
JAPAN ISIS HOSTAGE	1/27/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

JAPAN IS TRYING TO DECIDE THE BEST WAY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF A JAPANESE HOSTAGE FROM THE MILITANT GROUP ISIS.
THE MILITANT GROUP WANTS A PRISONER SWAP -- AS WILL RIPLEY EXPLAINS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WBFF COUNTER LIBYA	1/29/2015	5:30 AM

Synopsis:

DID THE U-S ACT TOO SOON WITH MILITARY ACTION IN LIBYA IN 2011?
THAT'S THE QUESTION AFTER NEW REVELATIONS ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON?
THE WASHINGTON TIMES WAS FIRST TO REVEAL BACKDOOR BARGAINING WITH LIBYAN LEADERS WITHOUT STATE DEPARTMENT KNOWLEDGE.
HERE'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT KRISTINE FRAZAO.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
WBFF ISIS THREATENS PRESIDENT	1/30/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ISIS' ONGOING THREAT TO KILL MORE HOSTAGES COMES AS THE TERRORIST GROUP ISSUED A NEW THREAT TO PRESIDENT OBAMA.
NEW TONIGHT.. KRISTINE FRAZAO TAKES A LOOK AT WHETHER THE THREATS ARE MORE RHETORIC OR SOMETHING TO TAKE SERIOUSLY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MARINE AT HOUSTON	2/2/2015	7:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN AMPUTEE AND IRAQ WAR VETERAN FROM WARNER ROBINS IS THE FIRST TO GRADUATE FROM GEORGIA'S SCHOOL FOR STATE TROOPERS.
WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS YOU ABOUT THE JOURNEY OF SARGEANT MARK SMITH...

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
MARINE AT HOUSTON COMMISSION	2/3/2015	7:00 PM

Synopsis:

A FORMER MARINE GOT A SPECIAL HONOR.. AT THE HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.
MARK SMITH SERVED IN THE MARINE CORP.
HE WAS INJURED IN IRAQ AFTER STEPPING ON AN ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE ... CAUSING PART OF HIS LEG TO BE AMPUTATED.
SMITH LEAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TOLD OF HIS EXPERIENCE SERVING AS A MARINE.
HE WAS TOLD HE WAS A HERO AT THE MEETING TODAY, BUT HE SAYS HE DOESN'T SEE HIMSELF THAT WAY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
48 TH BRIGADE	2/4/2015	6:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW LEADERSHIP IS ON THE WAY TO THE GEORGIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN CENTRAL GEORGIA.

MACON'S 48TH BRIGADE IS HOLDING A CHANGE OF COMMAND THIS WEEKEND.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE AT THE SHURLING DRIVE HEADQUARTERS TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUTGOING COMMANDER COLONEL RANDALL SIMMONS.

COLONEL REGINALD DEAL WILL BE TAKING COLONEL SIMMONS' PLACE.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND.

Story:
ISIS CLAIMS

Date Aired:
2/6/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE LATEST CLAIMS FROM ISIS ARE BEING MET WITH HEAVY SKEPTICISM IN THE U-S.

THE TERROR GROUP IS TAKING TO TWITTER SAYING A FEMALE AMERICAN HOSTAGE WAS KILLED IN THE LATEST ROUND OF AIRSTRIKES OVER SYRIA.

POLO SANDOVAL REPORTS THE TERROR GROUP IS NOT BACKING UP THEIR CLAIMS.

Story:
NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Date Aired:
2/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS IT'S NOW PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD IN FACING SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST THREATS.

NEW TONIGHT.. KRISTINE FRAZAO TALKS TO CRITICS WHO SAY.. THE SECURITY STRATEGY IS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE.

Story:
ISIS SEEKS MORE HOSTAGES

Date Aired:
2/10/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

AS U-S OFFICIALS TRY AND FIND AMERICAN KAYLA MUELLER, EXPERTS SAY EVEN MORE WESTERNERS COULD SOON BE IN THE HANDS OF ISIS.
PAMELA BROWN REPORTS.

Story:
OBAMA FORCE AGAINST ISIS

Date Aired:
2/11/2015

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL SOON ASK CONGRESS FOR PERMISSION TO USE MILITARY FORCE AGAINST ISIS.

THE REQUEST WOULD EXPAND THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO FIGHT THE TERROR GROUP FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

SOME LAWMAKERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHETHER THE PLAN WOULD INVOLVE GROUND TROOPS IN THE FUTURE... AND IF IT WOULD RESTRICT THE DECISIONS OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

THE PROPOSAL HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED.

Story:
ASH CARTER FOR DEFENSE SECRETARY

Date Aired:
2/13/2015

Newscast:
5:30 PM

Synopsis:

THE SENATE CONFIRMED ASH CARTER AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS CARTER HAS EXPERIENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TERROR AND LONG-TERM THREATS.

HE REPLACES CHUCK HAGEL AS PENTAGON CHIEF.
HE WILL BE OBAMA'S FOURTH DEFENSE SECRETARY IN SIX YEARS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL ISIS KILLS	2/16/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

KILLED BECAUSE THEY WERE CHRISTIANS.
THE BEHEADING OF 21 COPTIC CHRISTIANS BY ISIS TEORRISTS RAISES NEW OUTRAGE
ABOUT THE GROWING GROUP OF EXTEMISTS.
DOES THE ATTACK ON CHRISTIANS SIGNIFY A CHANGE IN TACTICS FOR ISIS?
OUR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT KRISTINE FRAZAO HAS MORE.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL FAILED DIPLOMACY	2/18/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IS THE U-S BATTLING AN EXPANDING ISIS PRESENCE BECAUSE OF FAILED POLICIES IN
IRAQ AND OTHER NEARBY COUNTRIES?
KRISTINE FRAZAO TACKLES THAT QUESTION TONIGHT.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL CLOSING EMBASSIES	2/19/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR U.S. EMBASSIES ABROAD ARE SOVEREIGN AMERICAN SOIL; SAFE HAVENS FOR
AMERICANS IN *ANY* FOREIGN LAND.
BUT NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF BARND SAYS THEY *ALSO* SERVE AS CENTERS
FOR INTELEGENGE GATHERING ON THE GROUND.
NOW THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN *YEMEN* WAS ABANDONED LAST WEEK, INTEL IS
GETTING *FRIGHTENINGLY* HARD TO COME BY.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL BACKOOR JIHADISTS	2/22/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

COULD THE U-S UNKNOWINGLY ALLOW ISIS TERRORISTS TO ENTER OUR COUNTRY?
THAT'S THE DEBATE TONIGHT ABOUT A REFUGEE PROGRAM THAT MAY WELCOME
THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM SYRIA.
AS KRISTINE FRAZAO SHOWS US.. THE PLAN RAISES RED FLAGS FROM LAWMAKERS AND
MANY OTHERS.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL WORLD WAR	2/23/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

BETWEEN THE EMERGENCE OF TERRORIST GROUPS AND THE INCREASINGLY COMBATIVE
RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, ARE WE HEADED FOR ANOTHER *MAJOR* GLOBAL CONFLICT?
AS NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF BARND REPORTS.... SOME EXPERTS BELIEVE WE
COULD BE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

Story:	Date Aired:	Newscast:
NATIONAL JOBS FOR TERRORISM	2/25/2015	11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IS UNEMPLOYMENT THE ROOT CAUSE OF TERRORISM?

PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED ARE EASY TARGETS FOR
EXTREMIST RECRUITERS AROUND THE WORLD.
HERE'S KRISTINE FRAZAO.

Story:
NATIONAL MOSUL BACK

Date Aired:
2/26/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ISIS OVERTOOK IRAQI FORCES LAST SUMMER TO TAKE IRAQ'S SECOND LARGEST CITY,
MOSUL.

NOW THE U-S LED FORCES WANT IT BACK.

BUT AS NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF BARND REPORTS, *TELLING* THE WORLD YOU
MAY ATTACK A KEY IRAQI CITY... ELIMINATES *ALL* ELEMENTS OF SURPRISE, AND RAISES
CONCERNS ABOUT THE OUTCOME.

Story:
HOMELESS VETERANS

Date Aired:
2/27/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TREATS A GROUP OF FEMALE VETERANS TO LUNCH TODAY
FOR COMPLETING A SPECIAL PROGRAM.

THE GENESIS JOY HOUSE .. WHO IS PARTNERED WITH THE CARL VINSON VETERANS
HOSPITAL .. HAS BEEN AROUND FOR FIVE YEARS.

WGXA'S NOELL SAUNDERS TELLS US HOW THE ORGANIZATION HAS BECOME A RESOURCE
FOR SEVERAL WOMEN.

Story:
W.R. COUNCIL VIETNAM VETERANS

Date Aired:
3/2/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME VIETNAM VETERANS AREN'T HAPPY WITH CITY OFFICIALS IN WARNER ROBINS.
THE CITY HAD BEEN PLANNING ON BUILDING A WELCOME CENTER ON THE VIETNAM
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

AS WGXA'S CHACE AMBROSE REPORTS.. NOW THE LOCATION OF THAT WELCOME CENTER
COULD BE CHANGING.

Story:
NETANYAHU SPEECH

Date Aired:
3/3/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

REACTION TONIGHT CONCERNING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENAMIN NETANYAHU'S
SPEECH TO CONGRESS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF A NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN.

AS FOX'S JAMES ROSEN REPORTS.. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HE HEARD NOTHING NEW --
OR ANY VIABLE ALTERNATIVES.

Story:
BOSTON BOMBING TRIAL

Date Aired:
3/4/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN THE TRIAL FOR BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING SUSPECT DZHOKHAR TSARNAEV...
A WOMAN WHO LOST HER LEG WHEN THE FIRST BOMB WENT OFF TESTIFIED FOR THE
PROSECUTION..

REBEKAH GREGORY SAYS SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO DIE WHEN THE BOMB
THREW HER INTO THE AIR.

TSARNAEV'S LAWYER SAYS HE DID TAKE PART IN THE BOMBING.. BUT IT WAS BECAUSE HIS
OLDER BROTHER INFLUENCED HIM.

Story:
IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS

Date Aired:
3/9/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS -- IF HE CAN'T GET THE DEAL HE WANTS OUT OF IRAN -- HE'LL WALK AWAY.

MANY REPUBLICANS AND SOME DEMOCRATS FEAR -- THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL AGREE TO ANYTHING -- IN ORDER TO CHECK OFF A BOX ON THE LEGACY LIST.

MEANWHILE SENATE REPUBLICANS HAVE A SHARP MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT -- AND IRAN.

IN AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEADER OF IRAN .. THEY WARN ANY DEAL IRAN SIGNED WITH THE U.S. ... COULD BE OVERTURNED BY THE NEXT PRESIDENT UNLESS CONGRESS VOTES ON IT.

THAT SPARKED A FURIOUS RESPONSE FROM DEMOCRATS -- WHO DECLARED THE GOP WILL DERAIL NUCLEAR TALKS LED BY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY -- IN ORDER TO MARCH THE U.S. CLOSER TO WAR WITH IRAN.

THE STANDOFF COMES AS A NEW N-B-C NEWS POLL FOUND 71 PERCENT OF AMERICANS BELIEVE A DEAL WITH IRAN WILL NOT MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PREVENTING THE REGIME FROM OBTAINING NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY.

Story:
PTSD SERVICE DOG

Date Aired:
3/10/2015

Newscast:
6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A SERVICE DOG IS MISSING FROM CENTRAL GEORGIA.

OLIVIA IS A POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING.

ACCORDING TO "VETERANS K-9 SOLUTIONS" ... SHE WAS LAST SEEN ON FOREST HILL DRIVE IN WARNER ROBINS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CALL CHARLTON LANE AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN... 662...01-09 OR ANIMAL CONTROL AT 929...72-90.

Story:
11 DEAD IN MILITARY CRASH

Date Aired:
3/11/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT MILITARY OFFICIALS CONFIRM THEY FOUND HUMAN REMAINS IN THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS OF A MILITARY HELICOPTER CRASH.

IT HAPPENED OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA TUESDAY EVENING.

AS POLO SANDOVAL REPORTS .. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE ALL 11 MARINES AND SOLDIERS ARE DEAD.

Story:
BLESSED DAY BANNED

Date Aired:
3/12/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLICY OVER THE PHRASE "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE.

THE BASE SENT A STATEMENT AROUND 6-15 TONIGHT SAYING STAFF SHOULD SAY "WELCOME TO TEAM ROBINS" BUT THE USE OF "HAVE A BLESSED DAY" DOES -NOT- VIOLATE THEIR STANDARDS AND IS OKAY TO SAY.

ROBINS BANNED THE PHRASE EARLIER TODAY AFTER A COMPLAINT ON "MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DOT ORG".

THE NON-RELIGIOUS EMPLOYEE FELT OFFENDED BY THE GREETING.

EARLIER TODAY MANY OF YOU SPOKE AGAINST THE BAN.

Story:
RAFB RUNWAY

Date Aired:
3/12/2015

Newscast:
7:00 PM

Synopsis:

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE IS LOOKING INTO EXPANDING ITS RUNWAY SERVICES TO CIVILIANS WHICH WOULD MEAN MORE MONEY AND MORE JOBS IN HOUSTON COUNTY. WGXA'S MALCOLM JOHNSON SHOWS YOU WHAT'S BEING DONE TO MOVE THE IDEA FORWARD.

Story:
NATIONAL IRAN

Date Aired:
3/13/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS PUSHING BACK ON CRITICISM THAT THEY'RE INTENTIONALLY UNDERMINING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EFFORTS AT STRIKING A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN.

WHILE PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MOVING FORWARD WITH THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS ARE STANDING ***THEIR*** GROUND.

THE LEADER OF THAT OPPOSITION IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

AS NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT KRISTINE FRAZAO TELLS US, SENATOR TOM COTTON IS NOT BACKING DOWN.

Story:
TUNISIA MUSEUM

Date Aired:
3/18/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A TERROR ATTACK IN TUNISIA TODAY...

KILLING MORE THAN TWENTY - AND WOUNDING DOZENS MORE...

MANY OF WHOM WERE INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS..

A MANHUNT CONTINUES AT THIS HOUR -- FOR SUSPECTS WHO MAY HAVE ESCAPED.

FOX'S GREG PALKOT HAS THE LATEST TONIGHT.

Story:
ISIS TUNISIA ATTACK

Date Aired:
3/19/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ISIS IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS WEEK'S TERRORIST ATTACK IN TUNISIA.

THE GROUP WARNS THE SHOOTING AT THE MUSEUM THAT LEFT AT LEAST 23 PEOPLE DEAD COULD JUST BE THE BEGINNING.

POLO SANDOVAL REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON WHERE INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS ARE PORING OVER THE AUDIO.

Story:
YEMEN BOMBING

Date Aired:
3/20/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT IN THE SUICIDE BOMBINGS TODAY IN YEMEN.

A GROUP CLAIMS TO BE A YEMENI BRANCH IF THE ISLAMIC STATE GROUP SAYS IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING NEARLY 140 PEOPLE AND INJURING 345 OTHERS.

THE U-S AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES SUSPENDED OPERATIONS AT THEIR EMBASSIES IN YEMEN AFTER THE HOUTHIS TAKEOVER.

Story:
ISIS HIT LIST

Date Aired:
3/23/2015

Newscast:
11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A GROUP CLAIMING IT IS LINKED TO ISIS POSTED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ABOUT 100 U-S MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS ONLINE AND CALLED FOR ATTACKS ON THEM IN THEIR HOMES.

THOSE SERVICEMEMBERS ARE NOW BEING WARNED TO SCRUB PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS.

PAMELA BROWN REPORTS.

Story:

WGXA TOWN HALL

Date Aired:

3/24/2015

Newscast:

6:00 PM

Synopsis:

NOW WE WANT TO TAKE THE CONVERSATION ONLINE.

WGXA IS HOSTING A TOWN HALL MEETING TONIGHT NIGHT AT 7 P-M ON OUR WEBSITE...

WGXA DOT T-V.

THE TOPIC IS THE THREAT OF TERRORISM.

SIGN ON... WATCH ON YOUR COMPUTER... AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Story:

NATIONAL CLERIC TIES ISIS

Date Aired:

3/26/2015

Newscast:

11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO KNOW *WHERE* THE MONEY IS COMING FROM TO FINANCE A CONTROVERSIAL MICHIGAN CLERIC.

AHMAD JEBRIL IS ON PROBATION FOR FRAUD, AND RAN INTO TROUBLE WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST.

AS NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF BARND REPORTS, AFTER 9/11 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PAYING *CLOSE* ATTENTION TO CASES LIKE THIS.