

**Quarterly Report
October-December 2006**

THIS IS A LISTING OF MAJOR PROBLEMS AND NEEDS WITHIN THE WAGA-TV SERVICE AREA AND A SAMPLING OF THE NEWS PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THESE ISSUES IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS.

Description of Typical and Illustrative Programs

GOOD DAY ATLANTA: "GDA" is a daily program with local and national news, as well as interviews that address topical issues and the people affected by them.
(7:00-9:00am, Monday-Friday)

FOX5 NEWS: In-depth local and national news.
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Sunday, 6:00-6:30pm; and, Monday-Sunday, 10:00-11:00pm)

Wednesday's Child: The goal of this project is to give difficult-to-adopt children a fighting chance. The Wednesday's Child program is nationally known and nationally successful in placing children in need of homes. FOX5 News is now taking part in that success with a series of stories, benefiting the kids and the community.

Education

10/3 5pm 2:15

An Atlanta-area mother is appealing to the state Board of Education to remove the Harry Potter book series from Gwinnett County school libraries. The woman says the popular children's book series is intended to promote the Wiccan religion among children. Gwinnett County school leaders earlier refused to remove the books from libraries.

10/3 GDA 12:00

We're celebrating automotive career month with McEachern High Student. They are some of the best automotive students in southeast. They show us their stuff live from Metro Atlanta Automobile Dealers Association garage.

10/10 GDA 3:45

"Cancer Vixen," by *New Yorker* and *Glamour* cartoonist Marisa Acocella Marchetto, will make readers laugh... cry, and touch on just about every emotion in-between. A shoe-crazy, lipstick-obsessed, wine swilling city girl, Marisa was three weeks away from marrying the man of her dreams when she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Heading down what most consider the road to despair, Marisa did what she does best: strapped on her five-inch heels and prepared to laugh. "Cancer Vixen" is an education and quirky look at what a breast cancer victim and survivor goes through.

10/11 12pm 2:23

The principal of an Atlanta elementary school has resigned, amid a controversy surrounding her credentials. Some parents claim the principal of Morningside Elementary misled them into believing she had a doctoral degree. The case will now be reviewed by the state's professional standards commission.

10/19 12pm 1:54

Peachtree City emergency workers are taking part in emergency drills to make sure they are prepared to deal with any crisis in the city's schools. The police department SWAT team practiced its response to a hostage takeover at J.C. Booth Middle School. This is the second training exercise of its kind in Peachtree City.

10/20 GDA 3:45

Fonsworth Bentley and Quest founder Nicky Lancaster will join us to talk about Sunday's The Quest's "All That Jazz" at Symphony Hall. The Quest is a non-profit that helps children in Fulton, DeKalb and Atlanta public schools through musical education.

10/24 10pm 1:48

Hundreds of parents gathered in Fayette County to argue against a proposed redistricting of schools there. The school board says the changes are necessary to deal with overcrowding in the county's schools. The board plans to finalize the changes in a vote later this year.

10/25 10pm 1:57

Parents in a new city in north Fulton County are upset over plans for a new high school there. They say the school will be built too close to two busy roads and an already-existing high school. The school is scheduled to open in 2009.

11/10 10pm 2:40

A Hall County teenager has been suspended from school for the rest of the year, after a pocketknife was found in his backpack. The teen says he received the knife as a gift, and didn't know it was there. Hall County school leaders say they have no choice but to suspend the boy because of state law. But the boy's mother says she believes school leaders should be able to exercise some discretion in cases like these.

12/6 10pm 1:59

The PTA president at McNair High School in DeKalb County says there are safety concerns at the newly-renovated school. She says parents have complained for months, but have received no response from school officials. The school system says the contractor needs to complete some minor repairs, but all major problems have been

12/11 6pm 1:50

DeKalb County school leaders plan to close five schools in the county. School leaders say the realignment will help educate students more efficiently. But many parents say they are opposed to closing neighborhood schools. The school system is holding public hearings to review the plans with parents.

12/14 6pm 2:07

The state Board of Education has voted to allow the Harry Potter books to remain in Gwinnett County school libraries. A mother went to the state board, hoping to force the schools to remove the books. Now, that mother says she may appeal the board's decision in court.

12/19 5pm 0:23

The Cobb County school board has agreed to no longer put stickers questioning the theory of evolution in high school science textbooks. The school board ordered the stickers placed in textbooks in 2002. Critics challenged the decision in court, and a federal judge ordered the stickers removed.

Drugs and Alcohol

10/2 6 & 10pm 8:00

An I-Team investigation of a school employee who continued driving school vehicles despite having failed two drug tests.

10/3 6pm 2:29

Norcross police have arrested eight people, including a pregnant 16 year old, who are accused of selling drugs from a home and from businesses in the area. The suspects are believed to be gang members. Police say an undercover drug buy and surveillance led to the arrests.

10/10 10pm 2:13

Georgia leaders are planning new steps to combat the use of methamphetamine in the state. Governor Perdue says he plans to ask lawmakers for a million dollars to fight the meth problem statewide. In Carroll County, a new task force has been organized to crack down on meth use.

10/17 6pm 0:30

Two men convicted of operating a so-called methamphetamine "superlab" in Cobb County have been sentenced to prison. The men were arrested when federal agents confiscated nearly fifty pounds of methamphetamine from their home. The two men who were sentenced, and a third suspect, are all believed to be in the country illegally.

10/24 6pm 2:15

Federal agents have made what they describe as a large drug seizure in the metro Atlanta area. Agents say the cocaine and methamphetamine were shipped here from Mexico, and stored in a Jonesboro home. It was intended for distribution along the east coast of the United States.

10/30 5pm 0:30

A new study suggests that the University of Georgia's alcohol education program has made little difference in the drinking habits of students. The program, called "Prime for Life", includes group activities and meetings with counselors. Students had been required to enter the program if they were arrested or violated the student code of conduct for alcohol.

11/3 6pm 1:58

Federal drug agents have raided two businesses that were selling prescription drugs online. Agents removed boxes filled with evidence from those businesses. A lawyer for the business owner says the owner intends to clear his name and re-open.

11/3 10pm 2:19

Police evacuated an apartment building in Sandy Springs after discovering an apparent methamphetamine lab in one of the apartments. Officers say it will take several hours to decontaminate the area.

11/13 10pm 2:05

Parents in Cobb County are fighting to have marijuana-flavored candy removed from store shelves. The parents say the candy encourages drug use. The group also says if their legal efforts fail, they may organize a boycott of businesses that continue to sell the controversial candy.

11/20 5pm 1:58

A move is underway to change Georgia law to allow the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores and convenience stores on Sundays. Supporters of the change say most states allow some alcohol sales on Sunday. But many critics say they see no need for a change in Georgia law.

11/22 5pm 1:40

Fulton County sheriff's deputies say they made a surprising discovery while serving a warrant on a man wanted for a traffic ticket. Deputies did not find the man they were looking for, but did discover a cache of drugs and guns. In all, deputies seized several pounds of marijuana and cocaine.

11/30 12pm 1:57

Federal and state law enforcement officials are joining forces with Georgia educators to launch a new initiative to crack down on methamphetamine use. Meth is thought to be the fastest-growing drug problem in Georgia.

12/5 10pm 2:06

Carroll County authorities have put four children in protective custody, after officers found the young people in the same room as an active methamphetamine lab. Three relatives of the children, including their mother, are in jail. Meth labs are dangerous, and investigators say the children were all exposed to toxic chemicals.

12/13 GDA 3:30

Robert Cousins (CEO) and Dr. Tamara Payne (Program director) Glenda Grant (Court Representative) from Pathways to Recovery will be here to discuss their program. It's a Residential treatment facility for youth that are substance abuse users. Youth are ages 14-17. Currently the program is in Clayton County but they are working to expand to all counties in the Metro Atlanta area. The program has been up and running for three months

12/29 10pm 2:33

Atlanta police plan to patrol the New Year's Eve festivities at Underground Atlanta, searching for alcohol and weapons. Alcohol is only allowed at the event if it is purchased at nightclubs in Underground. Elsewhere in the city, clubs will face restrictions on alcohol sales because New Year 's Eve falls on a Sunday.

Racial Tension/Prejudice/Discrimination

10/2 GDA 4:00

Atlanta resident Melissa Fay Greene is a critically-acclaimed writer and journalist whose new book, "There is No Me Without You" is about the African AIDS pandemic. Stories are told through the eyes of a middle-aged Ethiopian woman who has taken hundreds of AIDS orphans into her home--all the while mourning the AIDS-related death of her own daughter.

10/7 10pm 2:21

Hispanic activists in metro Atlanta are keeping up their efforts to fight for the rights of immigrants. They say people in the country illegally are often the victims of discrimination. Thousands joined a march to call for federal immigration reform and to protest a state crackdown on illegal immigrants.

10/9 6pm 2:54

Former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young drew criticism for comments he made about ethnic merchants doing business in poor black neighborhoods. Now, Young says his comments were based on his personal experience growing up.

He says he intended to criticize businesspeople who live outside the neighborhoods they serve, taking profits away from the community.

10/15 10pm 1:54

Vandals left racist graffiti outside a Cobb County home. The family that lives in the home found racial slurs painted on their car. Police say they have increased patrols in the area.

11/3 10pm 2:00

Parents in Forest Park say they are angry after a high school principal called a meeting and, they say, singled out Hispanic students, reprimanding them for gang activity. Parents say the principal threatened to contact federal immigration agents. The school superintendent has agreed to meet with parents to address their concerns.

10/17 GDA 3:00

City Council President Lisa M. Border discusses the public hearing being held to gather ideas on how the city of Atlanta should honor the late Civil Rights icon Coretta Scott King.

10/20 GDA 4:00

Tavis Smiley joins us to discuss his new book, "What I Know for Sure: My Story of Growing up in America." Tavis is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling editor and spokesperson of "The Covenant with Black America," a celebrated talk show host, and a known social commentator. As told to biographer David Ritz ("Divided Soul: The Life of Marvin Gaye"), Smiley reveals the influences and forces that shaped his upbringing in an all-white community and the impact it had on his later success.

10/24 GDA 4:24

Interview with Derek Luke and Patrick Chamusso, of "Catch a Fire". The movie is based on Patrick's true story. It's a political thriller that takes place during the turbulent times of the 1980's South Africa and today.

10/25 GDA 5:00

The MLK, Jr. band at DeKalb County High School band is the first and only US band invited to perform in South Africa for what's been billed as the "Journey to South Africa 2006 Tour." The message is to promote the concept of social, cultural and educational exchange through music and ultimately through the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The band journeyed to South Africa for six days last month, performing and raising awareness about solidarity and unity.

11/14 GDA 4:00

Lynn Sherr has been a pioneer in television news for women. She was the first female to anchor a prime-time TV network news series...and was the first female to report on feminist issues. She joins us to talk about her struggles over the years and barriers she had to overcome.

11/30 GDA 3:15

Her first husband married her knowing he was HIV, because he didn't want to die alone. LaJoyce Brookshire, former Arista Records executive tells us the story, which she shares in her book, "Faith under Fire."

12/1 GDA 2:58

Actress Ashley Judd is using her star-studded power to help save the lives of children by helping fight the spread of AIDS across the globe. She makes a plea in light of World Aids Day, to raise awareness and funds for the ongoing effort to reduce the staggering statistics of young people infected with the AIDS virus.

12/5 GDA 3:00

Antavius Weems of the Georgia Alliance of African American Attorneys (GAAAA) talks about the historic renaming of the City Court of Atlanta. On December 8th, the City Court will be officially be known as the Lenwood Jackson Justice Center, becoming the first courthouse in the nation to be named for an African American man. Weems will also let viewers know about the GAAAA's "My Brother's Keeper" mentoring program. The program focuses on young men between the ages of 10 and 16 who have found themselves in the juvenile court system, seeking to offer better decision-making skills and resources.

12/20 5pm 2:04

Plans are moving forward to build a civil rights museum in Atlanta. A new report identifies three sites in the city that could be home to the museum. It projects the cost of the museum to be 100 million dollars. The facility would house the papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognize the contributions Georgians have made to the civil rights movement.

The Economy

10/9 GDA 3:30

She's changed the lives of countless women with her figure-shaping SPANX - now Atlanta based entrepreneur Sara Blakely is going to help change the lives of young girls everywhere with the formation of the Sara Blakely Foundation - the kick off includes a sit down dinner with her influential pal Sir Richard Branson and a party featuring entertainment by Jewel and Collective Soul... the Foundation is the result of her \$750,000 prize for being the runner up on Branson's (& Fox's) "Rebel Billionaire - Quest for the Best" reality show.

10/11 12pm 0:24

The Justice Department has given its approval to a merger of AT&T and Bellsouth. The merger would create a telecommunications company with the largest landline and wireless networks in the United States. The Federal Communications Commission still must sign off on the deal.

10/12 GDA 4:00

Supermodel & super businesswoman Iman talkS about her work with "Dress for Success" program. The organization helps women get back into the workforce with clothing, training and career development. Iman is donating thousands of her "Dress for Success" makeup kits to the group and a portion of the sale of each kit at retail stores will also benefit.

10/19 6pm 0:22

The Dow Jones Industrial Average has closed at a record high. The Dow closed above the 12,000 mark for the first time. This is the eighth record-high close in a two-week span.

10/26 10pm 2:00

The final car is coming off the assembly line at the Ford Motors plant in Hapeville. More than 2,000 workers will be retiring or losing their jobs after the last Ford Taurus is built. The company is closing the plant as part of a restructuring plan.

11/9 6pm 2:15

Delta Air Lines is apparently making progress as the company attempts to restructure in bankruptcy. The company is asking 1,000 furloughed flight attendants to return to work. They will be used to staff a growing number of flights that Atlanta-based Delta is adding to its schedule.

11/10 6pm 5:26

There is a growing trend in metro Atlanta toward the construction of so-called mega-homes. The huge houses are being built in in-town neighborhoods. Many neighbors are upset by the new developments, which they say hurts their property values. Regional leaders are debating whether to re-write zoning ordinances to regulate this infill housing.

11/13 6pm 2:13

Republican leaders in the state legislature say they want to study the possibility of eliminating the state's personal income tax. GOP leaders say tax cuts are among their top legislative priorities as the new session begins.

11/15 12pm 2:00

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has received a buyout offer from U.S. Airways. Delta is restructuring from bankruptcy, and has said it intends to re-organize as an independent company. But U.S. Airways is offering eight billion dollars to buy the airline.

11/16 6pm 1:47

Customers are lining up around the country for the opportunity to buy Sony's new Playstation 3 video gaming system. Retailers hope the new gadget will help get the holiday buying season off to a big start.

11/20 GDA 4:15

Coupon Mom--Stephanie Nelson, professional coupon shopper, will show us how to slash the cost of a cart full of Thanksgiving groceries by about 60%.

11/23 10pm 2:35

Some businesses have opened their doors on Thanksgiving Day, as the holiday shopping season begins. Analysts say they expect sales to increase five percent from last year. Retailers say they will offer discounts to try to get buyers into their stores.

11/27 GDA 3:30

Steve Nygren provided the dining landscape for Atlanta in the 80's with his Peasant chain of restaurant. now he's helping to design the landscape for responsible living in an overdeveloped society with Serenbe Community.

12/4 GDA 3:00

Editor and consultant Jeff Forston says that despite what you might think, the holidays are a great time to buy a new or used car. He gives us his take on how to start the research and not get ripped off.

12/5 GDA 3:30

Believe it or not, the holidays could be the perfect time of year for big home sales. And, now that the market has shifted to put buyers in the driver's seat, there could be more reason than ever to spend your December vacation days packing boxes and moving into your new home. Here with the New Rules for Shopping in a Buyer's Market is Colby Sambrotto, COO of ForSaleByOwner.com.

12/13 12pm 2:15

Delta Air Lines employees rallied to show their opposition to a hostile takeover offer from U.S. Airways. Thousands of Delta workers and their families are taking part in the event. Delta management says it is not interested in the buyout offer, and intends to emerge from bankruptcy as an independent company.

12/13 6pm 1:51

Governor Perdue says he will ask state lawmakers to end the state tax on the retirement income of senior citizens. But critics say the state budget would suffer if that change were made.

12/19 5pm 2:35

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has filed a reorganization plan in bankruptcy court. At the same time, Delta executives held a news conference to continue their public battle against a hostile takeover bid from U.S. Airways.

12/20 12pm 2:00

Ground has been broken on a new Kia Motors plant in Troup County. The plant will cost a billion dollars to build. It is expected to create 5,500 new jobs in Georgia.

12/23 6pm 2:13

The weekend before Christmas is a busy one for area retailers, as last-minute shoppers try to buy gifts in time for the holiday. The holiday sales season is important to the economic success of retail businesses.

12/29 10pm 1:56

The federal government has given final approval to the merger of AT&T and Bellsouth. The 86 billion dollar deal is the biggest telecommunications merger in history. Consumer advocates say customers should not expect any immediate impact on their bills.

Health/ Health Care

10/3 5pm 2:47

Experts say nine million American children have asthma. In many cases, the start of the school year can make asthma problems worse. Doctors say chalk dust, mold, cleaning products, and chemicals used in science classes can trigger asthma attacks.

10/4 5pm 3:35

A new survey shows that close to half of all Americans may choose not to have a flu shot this year. Doctors say the threat of the flu is serious, and that flu shots are the best protection available. No significant shortages of flu vaccine are expected.

10/4 GDA 4:00

Sperling's Best Places, a rating system that ranks U.S. cities in terms of common (and not so common) personal preferences, has just announced that Atlanta has edged out Detroit as America's WORST cities for sleep. This last place position is a 15 spot drop for the ATL, with residents reporting an average of only 20.3 restful days of sleep each month. This was coupled with below-average scores for commute time, unemployment rate and divorce rate. We'll be joined by Dr. Scott Leibowitz, Atlanta School of Sleep Medicine at Northside Hospital to discuss the study, share some consequences and give us some advice for getting some z's.

10/6 5pm 2:49

A woman run over by a truck has recovered from serious injuries, even though doctors gave her only a one in ten chance of walking again. The woman says yoga was an important part of her therapy, and has helped make her physically stronger than ever.

10/9 5pm 4:40

A triathlete from Decatur is battling leukemia. He was diagnosed with the ailment two years ago. He has suffered through fatigue, pain and the fear of death. Now, he plans to compete in a triathlon just a couple of weeks from now.

10/11 GDA 2:36

Housecall Dr. Stan Winokur discusses Boston Red Sox rookie pitcher Jon Lester and his diagnosis of a rare form of lymphoma. The disease is usually detected in childhood.

10/12 GDA 4:45

After 100 days and 16 grueling weeks of strict dieting, and exercise, Atlanta native and hip hop superstar, Bone Crusher set a record on VH1's hit reality show Celebrity Fit Club. It was the most individual weight loss ever at 19 lbs in one week, with a total loss of 51 pounds. Bone Crusher talks about how he lost the weight following the Fat Smash Diet.

10/16 5pm 4:15

A new film helps to explain the struggles of people who suffer from the psychiatric disorder schizophrenia. The film was made by the daughter of a woman with schizophrenia. Experts say three million Americans have the condition, and half of them are unaware of it.

10/17 5pm 1:58

Surgeons are trying a new treatment to provide relief to people suffering from neck pain caused by a bulging disc. Doctors are using an artificial disc to treat patients, hoping to provide a quicker recovery, as well as better movement and function than is possible with traditional fusion surgery.

10/17 GDA 3:30

Delta Airlines is working with Atlanta Falcon Eric Beverly and his wife Danielle, a breast cancer survivor, to promote breast cancer awareness in Atlanta. On Delta Day (Sunday October 22nd, during the Falcons' game with the Steelers), Delta flight attendants will collect donations in exchange for pink ribbons, and a check will be donated in Eric and Danielle's name for breast cancer research.

10/17 GDA 3:05

Dr. Steve Manoukian discusses the new Flu advisory from the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. They are asking Heart doctors to do something they may not normally do - give flu shots to their patients. Dr. Manoukian says however, patients with cardiovascular disease should not get the nasal-spray flu vaccine. Apparently, patients with cardiovascular disease are more likely to die from influenza than patients with any other chronic illnesses, and the flu shot protects them.

10/18 GDA 3:45

Many women who are plagued by hot flashes are now turning to the gym for relief. Air taped segment with Dr. Winokur and Suchita discussing menopause and how researchers have found that exercise may be responsible for lessening the symptoms

10/18 5pm 3:03

Some local doctors say they have no supply of flu vaccine, even though the Centers for Disease Control says there is no delay in production. Still, local doctors say they do not expect to have any vaccine available for weeks.

10/19 5pm 2:43

Health experts plan to compare two new treatments for age-related macular degeneration to see which is more effective. That eye condition affects nearly two million Americans. Two drugs are available for treatment, but one costs about a hundred times more than the other, and doctors say it may be unaffordable for many patients.

10/20 5pm 2:45

Prostate cancer is expected to affect one in ten American men in their lifetimes. Now, doctors may have a new tool to detect the cancer before it becomes a serious health problem. The "target scan" is now available at only a handful of hospitals around the country.

10/20 6pm 2:04

Fayetteville police say patients at a local hospital have become the targets of an identity theft scam. Hospital administrators say a number of patients have received phone calls from people trying to obtain their personal information. Administrators have notified the state hospital board, so they can send a warning about the scam to hospitals around Georgia.

10/24 5pm 2:09

Researchers have new information about the bacteria that cause ear infections. The bacteria appear to be coated in a slick coat called "biofilm" that can protect them from antibiotics. About eight in ten children suffer from ear infections at one time or another.

10/24 GDA 3:30

They have been called one of the biggest medical breakthroughs for heart disease. Dr. Manoukian discusses drug coated stents and the risks. Recently, there have been concerns about blood clots forming in these tiny stainless steel devices. Dr. Manoukian talks about the options patients have.

10/25 5pm 2:06

A new study suggests that C-T scans can be used to detect the early warning signs of lung cancer. Early detection can dramatically improve survival rates. The technology is still being studied, and is considered experimental for now.

10/31 GDA 3:00

Dominique Wilkins - newly inducted into the basketball Hall of Fame - talk about his fight with diabetes. He'll show us some diabetic friendly chocolates for Halloween- from Eat Well Be Well.

11/1 GDA 3:30

Dr. Titus Duncan explores the benefits of flax seed oil. Flax seed oil has the potential to increase our body's omega 3 fatty acids that can help prevent heart disease. Obviously fish has one of the best sources of this good type of fat,

but if you don't like fish then flax seed oil has several health benefits. I.e. improved heart health, improved skin, decreases inflammation, may improve memory and brain function.

11/7 5pm 2:24

A new workout offers people a chance to exercise without the usual stress on their joints. It is called gliding. The creator says it combines aerobic exercise and strength training.

11/7 5pm 2:25

Botox is known primarily as a wrinkle fighter. However, the medication may also have significant benefits for stroke patients. Insurance companies will not cover the cost of botox treatments for cosmetic purposes, but will pay for its use to treat neurological disorders.

11/7 GDA 3:15

A new Harvard University study says millions of people living in certain sections of the US have the same life expectancies of people living in developing countries. It shows that Asian-American women have the highest life expectancy in the U.S., while African-American men in urban areas have the worst, a gap of almost two decades. Dr. Manoukian explain.

11/8 5pm 2:16

An unusual form of amnesia struck a high school coach in Texas, leaving him to wander the streets for more than three weeks. Doctors believe the rare type of amnesia is caused by a temporary loss of blood flow to particular regions of the brain. In most cases, memory returns in a matter of hours or days.

11/8 10pm 6:05

Tissue transplants are commonly used in surgery to relieve chronic neck and back pain. More than a million Americans receive tissue transplants every year. Now, two Georgia men are concerned they may have been exposed to contagious diseases such as HIV as a result of receiving contaminated tissue transplants.

11/9 5pm 2:30

Hospital emergency rooms around the country are working to prepare for the threat of a worldwide health crisis. As part of that effort, state emergency officials and Georgia hospitals have taken part in a disaster drill that simulates a global pandemic. Each hospital will receive feedback to evaluate what it did well, and in what areas improvement is needed.

11/9 5pm 2:25

Hundreds of thousands of American children have their tonsils removed each year. Doctors now have a new technique for removing tonsils that allows children to recover more quickly. A new study shows that children who have their tonsils removed are less likely to develop strep throat.

11/13 5pm 2:45

The approach of the holiday season means that the risk of flu is beginning to increase. Now, the Centers for Disease Control is launching a week-long effort to encourage Americans to get their flu shots. Doctors say it takes about two weeks to develop immunity after receiving a flu shot.

11/14 5pm 2:25

Blood found in a baby's umbilical cord is rich in stem cells. Those cells can be used to cure life-threatening illnesses like leukemia and sickle cell disease. Every year, about two thousand cord blood transplants are performed in the United States.

11/15 5pm 2:15

The annual "Great American Smokeout" is approaching. The event is designed to help Americans quit smoking. One expert says doctors need to do a better job of giving their patients the help they need to quit for good.

11/16 5pm 2:51

Quick treatment is essential to help victims of severe heart attack to survive. Experts are advising hospitals to make an effort to reopen patients' blocked arteries more quickly.

11/17 10pm 2:14

Georgia's largest county, Fulton County, has not received its shipment of flu vaccine. The county's health department normally provides about 13,000 flu shots to its citizens each year. So far this year, it has not been able to offer shots to anyone.

11/20 5pm 3:05

Women have tried a number of treatments to get rid of cellulite. Now, a new treatment is available. Acoustic wave therapy can help smooth the skin, but little information is available yet about its long-term effects and effectiveness.

11/21 5pm 2:17

Arsenic is a dangerous poison. But doctors at one cancer clinic are using it to give patients another chance at life. About fifty patients have taken part in a preliminary clinical trial. The results will be evaluated to determine whether the trials should continue.

11/22 5pm 2:24

The holidays are a time of year when many people gain weight. But it is possible to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner while still leading a healthy lifestyle. Experts say it is best to eat small amounts of high-calorie and high-fat foods, rather than trying and failing to avoid them altogether.

11/22 6pm 5:07

People who smoke say the fear of getting fat makes it more difficult to quit smoking. Now, doctors say a drug is available to help people who are trying to quit avoid an increased appetite and weight gain. The drug can cause side effects such as nausea and headaches.

11/22 10pm 5:16

Firefighters have a dangerous job, but experts say the leading cause of death among firefighters is heart attack. Researchers say they cannot explain why heart disease is such a big problem among firefighters. Now, one local fire department is putting all of its firefighters through a series of medical tests to detect potential heart problems before they become deadly.

11/24 5pm 2:06

Heart disease is not limited to old people. Pregnancy and childbirth can also lead to life-threatening heart problems. Older mothers and mothers of multiples are at increased risk of pregnancy-related heart problems.

11/28 5pm 5:07

Advocates are developing a new program to help survivors of domestic violence deal with the physical and emotional consequences. The program provides counseling and support groups for abuse survivors. The goal is to help victims learn to smile again.

11/29 6pm 5:17

There are a variety of treatments available to women who want to help their skin look younger without surgery. The options include cosmetic fillers, peels and lasers. Some of those treatments remain experimental, but should be available to the general public in a few months.

11/29 10pm 5:21

Back pain can be difficult to live with. Doctors are now offering new surgical treatments to relieve back pain. All surgeries come with risk, however, so traditional therapies such as medication and physical therapy are often tried first.

11/30 5pm 2:19

All women want their pregnancies to be as healthy as possible. Now, more women are trying a concept known as the "organic pregnancy" to help keep themselves and their babies healthy.

12/1 5pm 3:28

Twenty years after the discovery of AIDS, some forty million people worldwide are infected with the virus that causes it. A third of those people are unaware of their infection. Since the discovery, researchers have been working to find a vaccine or treatment for HIV, but have yet to do so.

12/1 5pm 2:39

Baby boomers who experience constant arthritis pain could benefit from a new type of hip replacement. The new procedure was recently approved by the federal government. It is designed for patients with active lifestyles, and is credited with giving recipients increased mobility.

12/4 5pm 2:16

Each person operates on their own individual body clock. Some people are early risers, others are naturally night owls. Experts say it is possible to adjust your body clock. They say it takes about three days to adjust for each hour you move forward or back. The key to success, they say, is to stick to your new schedule.

12/5 5pm 2:03

A fruit used in medicines by the ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians is growing in popularity once again. Studies have shown that pomegranates can have health benefits for the heart.

12/7 5pm 2:46

The new year is a time many people make resolutions to improve their lifestyle. One common resolution is to stop smoking. Now, doctors at one cancer center are doing research to determine why it is so hard for people to quit. Researchers hope to identify the triggers that cause people to smoke, so they can avoid them.

12/7&8 6 & 10pm 18:24

The I-Team investigates the use of laser equipment by non-medical personnel. The state medical board is considering new rules to require supervision by a medical doctor.

12/11 5pm 2:38

Noisy toys are popular among children, but some could be damaging to their hearing. Doctors say hearing loss in children may not show up until much later in life, but once the damage is done, it is permanent.

12/12 5pm 3:57

Holiday parties are a constant source of temptation for people who are trying to eat healthy. Experts say people need to be careful not to get frustrated if their diet isn't perfect. The key, they say, is to enjoy holiday treats without going overboard.

12/13 5pm 2:16

The Food and Drug Administration held a hearing on the effects of anti-depressant medications. The FDA heard emotional testimony from family members who lost loved ones to suicide while on the drugs. The agency is considering whether to expand suicide warning labels on the medications.

12/14 10pm 2:08

The Walker County school system is closing its doors for a day, because of a number of illnesses that have left more than a thousand people sick. The illnesses include the flu, strep throat, and other respiratory problems. Health experts say people need to make sure children wash their hands well and cover their mouths when they cough and sneeze, in order to stop the spread of infection.

12/15 5pm 2:19

Some doctors are using so-called "cold lasers" to treat pain and inflammation. The lasers use low-intensity red light that is run over the skin. The FDA considers the treatment experimental. It is being studied to see whether it can help people heal faster with less pain.

12/17 10pm 2:12

A north Georgia community is coming together to help a young girl who is suffering from a rare form of cancer that could take her eyesight, or even kill her. The girl has beaten the cancer twice, but it has returned for a third time. Fewer than three hundred children are diagnosed with the unusual type of eye cancer each year.

12/18 GDA 4:00

Dr. Winawer will be here to discuss talk about what happened to Senator Tim Johnson from South Dakota, who suffered a stroke secondary to a brain hemorrhage. Right now he is recovering without complications from emergency brain surgery to relieve bleeding in his brain and and treat a congenital malformation of his arteries. The latest is that he has been responsive to both word and touch, and that the brain hemorrhage was caused by something called an AVM (arterio-venous malformation) which is an abnormal collection of blood vessels that can occur anywhere in the body, but mostly in the brain or colon.

12/28 5pm 1:28

Many women complain that their monthly periods cause them discomfort and mood swings. Now, some women are using birth control medications or other hormone treatments to eliminate monthly periods altogether. Doctors say there is no medical reason why women have to go through a monthly menstrual cycle.

Homeless/Hunger

10/20 10pm 2:16

A large Atlanta homeless shelter is closing its doors this year. With winter approaching, the closure could make life more difficult for homeless people in the city. Blood and Fire Ministries ran one of the few shelters willing to take in entire families.

11/7 GDA 4:00

It's cool and hip to knit! Afya Ibomu – the author of "Get Your Crochet - Hip Hats & Cool Caps" shows us how easy it is to join the trend and get to knitting. She will also talk about "Warm Up America" - a program that donates afghans and throws to Atlanta area shelters, hospices, etc.

11/10 GDA 2:30

The Atlanta Falcons are looking for canned goods. They're talking about he upcoming FaLCAN Food Drive that takes place during the Falcons vs. Cleveland game. All proceeds from the food drive benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank's efforts to serve more than 42,000 people in need of food each week. For each dollar donated, the GFB can provide \$10.47 in groceries.

11/22 GDA 4:00

R&B Superstar Usher talk about his Love4Life campaign, the effort to rebuild the homes of Hurricane Katrina victims block by block.

11/23 12pm 2:15

The traditional Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless Thanksgiving dinner was held at Turner Field. This is the 36th year the event has been held on Thanksgiving. Thousands of homeless and needy people are being fed and provided other needed services.

12/25 5pm 1:52

The Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless organization served Christmas dinner to needy recipients at Turner Field. Volunteers also delivered meals to sick and shut-in seniors. This is one of four dinners for the needy the organization sponsors each year.

Weather/Disasters

10/11 10pm 1:32

Severe weather has done damage in parts of metro Atlanta. Several DeKalb County neighborhoods were left without power. In northwest Atlanta, a tree fell and crashed into the home of a family of six. No one was injured.

10/14 10pm 2:22

Members of a Lilburn church are working to ease some of the problems faced by victims of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast. Church volunteers are traveling to the region to help rebuild damaged homes and churches. The church is collecting donations from members of the community who are interested in helping.

10/24 5pm 0:24

The first cold snap of the fall season has arrived in metro Atlanta. People out and about bundled up in an effort to stay warm. Strong wind gusts made it feel even colder.

10/27 12pm 2:33

Heavy rain has soaked metro Atlanta overnight and into the morning. The morning commute was difficult because of water on the roads. More heavy rain is expected later in the day. That is raising concerns about the possibility of flooding.

11/15 5pm 1:40

Rain has fallen for hours across much of north Georgia. Now, the region is bracing for the threat of severe weather, which is moving in from the west. The rain has led to a number of traffic accidents, as well as localized street flooding.

12/7 10pm 2:39

The coldest temperatures of the winter season are expected in the metro Atlanta area. Temperatures are expected to fall into the teens overnight. Emergency workers are preparing for the possibility that the overnight cold could turn life-threatening for the homeless.

12/11 GDA 3:30

With temperatures dropping, it's time to start thinking about heating our homes smarter and more economically. We'll be joined by a certified Earth Craft remodeler / renovator Rocco Sinisgalli giving us some solid cost-saving steps that homeowners can take to save on their heating bills. Donna Laurent, 678-546-1045. (JC)

Government Operation and Organization

10/1 GDA 4:32

Interview with William Sylvester Noonan - author of Forever Young: Growing Up with John F. Kennedy, Jr. The author was best friends with the JFK JR. for 25 years in Hyannis Port through school and into adulthood. His book reveals exclusive information about Kennedy's family, marriage and career, along with his celebrity and his tragic death.

10/2 6pm 0:35

Democratic state lawmakers say Governor Sonny Perdue should refund the state one hundred-thousand dollars he received from a tax break. Democrats say the Governor benefited from a last-minute change in state law in 2005. The Governor's office says the charges are a desperate political attack mounted by the campaign of Mark Taylor, who is running against the Governor in this year's election.

10/3 5pm 2:20

Governor Sonny Perdue is using his record on education as he campaigns for re-election. The Governor is proposing new spending to hire "graduation coaches" to help students in Georgia's middle schools. The proposal is modeled after a similar effort in the state's high schools.

10/4 6pm 2:10

Residents of a new city called Milton in north Fulton County are preparing to elect city officials for the first time. Milton is one of several new cities recently incorporated in north Fulton County.

10/6 GDA 4:00

Former New Jersey Governor James McGreevey talks about his memoir "The Confession". The book details his 2004 resignation from office which began with his statement "I am a gay American".

10/10 5pm 2:44

The U.S. Marshal's Office now has a new training facility in the Atlanta area. The building is home to the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. Officers from more than two dozen local, state and federal law enforcement agencies will go through training in the new building.

10/11 6pm 1:55

Members of the Atlanta City Council are considering a proposal to increase the amount they spend on their own office expenses. But some council members say the increased spending is unnecessary. The City Council President says the proposal needs more discussion before council members take a final vote.

10/12 GDA 5:00

Elizabeth Edwards is "Saving Graces with her autobiography. The wife of 2004 Democratic Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards - Elizabeth provides a moving account of her life as a mother and wife... detailing the death of her eldest son at 16, her life on the campaign trail and her diagnosis of breast cancer on the very day the Kerry-Edwards team conceded the 2004 election.

10/13 GDA 12:00

Firefighters from all around the country compete in the National Firefighter Challenge being held in Clayton County. Brett Martin demonstrates some of the challenges the firefighters will be competing in.

10/16 GDA 4:00

Interview with Former Secretary of State, former Chief of Staff, and head of the presidential campaigns for Reagan, Ford and Bush.... James Baker. He talks about his new book, "Work Hard, Study... And Keep Out of Politics."

10/17 6pm 2:20

The State Election Board has approved a letter it will send to hundreds of thousands of Georgia voters, telling them they do not need to show a photo ID to be allowed to cast a ballot on Election Day. The decision follows a mass mailing that incorrectly told people that photo ID's were required of all voters.

10/18 6pm 2:15

The Floyd County sheriff has fired three deputies. The deputies are accused of lying, in order to get a Doraville police officer in trouble. The GBI is now conducting a criminal investigation into whether the deputies lied under oath.

10/18 10pm 1:52

The Fulton County sheriff has presented county commissioners with a plan to reorganize staffing at the county jail. The sheriff says the jail is understaffed by more than one hundred employees. He says he will ask commissioners for additional money in next year's budget to fill those vacancies.

10/20 10pm 1:50

A Fulton County firefighter may be in legal trouble, after getting into an altercation with a county commissioner. The commissioner has filed for an arrest warrant against the firefighter.

10/20 5pm 2:15

The Atlanta Police Department is mounting a major advertising campaign in an effort to attract more officers to the force. The department is dealing with a significant personnel shortage. Now, the police force is turning to billboards, radio and television to try to bring more recruits onto the force.

10/20 6pm 2:25

A Norcross family says there are big problems with Gwinnett County's 911 system. They say they tried to reach an emergency operator during a frightening situation in a county park, but could not get through. Police say the problem resulted from a high volume of calls coming in to 911 at that time.

10/24 6pm 2:10

Atlanta's mayor is proposing to spend more than thirty million dollars to buy new computers for city government. But some city workers are warning that taxpayers will not get their money's worth if the plan moves forward.

10/24 GDA 3:00

What does it really take to treat injured soldiers in Iraq. We'll talk live with 3rd Medical Command serving soldiers in Iraq. Lt. Col. William Carter, Maj. Donald Jones, and Master Sgt. Robert Greenleaf are all currently stationed in Baghdad, with Atlanta's 3rd MEDCOM. These are medical professionals whose wartime duties are to ensure the best possible medical attention is given to troops on the front line.

10/25 GDA 4:15

We're joined by Rev. Jesse Jackson. He talks about his recent trip to the Middle East and his Creating Opportunity Conference.

10/31 6pm 2:29

Atlanta city council members are asking tough questions about a year-long delay in a major sewer repair project. The man in charge of the city's water system says the delay will not cost city bill-payers any additional money. The sewer overhaul is one of the biggest projects underway during the administration of Mayor Shirley Franklin.

11/1 5pm 2:06

Election Day is less than a week away, and the Fulton County Board of Elections says many voters may be confused about what type of identification they must present at the polls. A controversial state law requiring voters to present photo ID will not be enforced, because of legal challenges.

11/2 10pm 2:00

Some Forsyth County residents are protesting what they describe as outrageous water bills. Some people have received bills in the thousands of dollars following the county's adoption of a new rate system. But others blame new electronic water meters installed by the county.

11/3 12pm 2:18

Gwinnett County has launched a new quality of life program, hoping to clean up neighborhoods that look unseemly. Code enforcement inspectors are targeting illegal parking, junked cars and trash violations. The hope is the enforcement effort will help stop crime before it starts.

11/5 GDA 5:00

We're joined by the authors of "Unsafe at Any Altitude". The book focuses on terrorism, the no-fly list and air safety. It also touches on the Atlanta connection of September 11th regarding Argenbright Security.

11/6 10pm 2:32

Voters who cast ballots in one Cobb County neighborhood will be given the chance to receive a printout showing how their votes have been recorded. It is one of three places in the state where voters will have the option of getting a printed receipt when they use the state's electronic voting machines.

11/8 5pm 2:36

A watchdog group says Georgia election workers need to do a better job of monitoring the state's electronic voting machines. Critics say a number of those machines had to be re-calibrated on Election Day, after voters reported the machines were changing their votes inadvertently.

11/8 10pm 2:10

A 41 year old homeless man is now being cared for at a mental hospital, after he stayed in jail for more than a year, despite a judge's order that he be moved. Gwinnett County authorities say the man remained behind bars by mistake. The mistake was not discovered until the man's family began questioning what happened to him.

11/9 6pm 2:13

The Clayton County sheriff has suspended the operations of the department's choir. The decision follows public criticism of the choir and its performances on county time.

11/13 6pm 2:58

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin is asking the city council to give her office the authority to spend up to one million dollars without seeking council approval. Council members say they are uncomfortable giving the mayor's office that much independent spending authority. The mayor says she is willing to compromise with council members.

11/16 10pm 2:03

Cherokee County leaders are considering a proposal that would make it a crime for landlords to rent to illegal immigrants. County commissioners plan to hold public hearings on the proposal. Critics say the idea is unfair to landlords and Hispanic residents.

11/20 10pm 2:05

Atlanta city leaders are considering a plan to ask retired police officers to return to the force, to help fight crime in some of the city's toughest neighborhoods. The mayor must approve the funding to hire the retired officers, but the police chief says he is confident he will get that approval.

11/27&28, 12/11 6 & 10pm 33:52

The I-Team investigates the controversy surrounding a full-time magistrate judge who also practices law and spends considerable time coaching three different sports teams. The county commission is asking the Judicial Qualifications Commission to investigate.

11/29 6pm 2:18

Some Atlanta city leaders are criticizing a proposal to give a pay raise to Police Chief Richard Pennington. One city council member says it is inappropriate to consider a pay raise for the chief, while federal authorities investigate the shooting death of a 92 year old woman in a shootout with narcotics officers serving a search warrant at her home.

12/1 10pm 2:04

Henry County leaders are upgrading the county's 911 system, adding the ability to trace the location of emergency calls made from cell phones. The change comes after a case in which officers had to search frantically for a crash victim after she called 911 using her cell phone.

12/5 6pm 2:28

An internal audit has found problems in the use of city of Atlanta credit cards by staff members in the mayor's office. According to the report, senior staff members used city credit cards for personal expenses. Now, the city attorney is investigating the possibility of fraud.

12/7 6pm 2:19

Georgia leaders are examining the potential cost increases the state could face to pay for health insurance for retirees. Now, state lawmakers may consider cutting benefits for retired state employees.

12/18 6pm 2:15

Fulton County is facing a lawsuit from a human rights organization over living conditions at the county jail. The man in charge of the facility says he has made changes, and is willing to fire jail staffers who are unwilling to go along with those improvements.

12/19 6pm 1:57

State leaders say Georgia faces a seven billion dollar shortfall in the money to pay for needed transportation projects. Now, lawmakers may consider new options to raise the money needed to pay for construction plans.

12/19 6pm 3:50

DeKalb County has a new police chief. County CEO Vernon Jones has hired former Dallas, Texas police Chief Terrell Bolton for the job. The appointment is a controversial one. Bolton's tenure in Dallas was a controversial one. But Jones says he believes Bolton was the victim of political attacks there.

Crime/Violence

10/2 5pm 1:47

Bank robbers roughed up a customer and an employee during a robbery in East Atlanta. The robbers got away with money and left in a stolen vehicle. No one was seriously injured.

10/3 5pm 2:15

Jurors are hearing testimony in the trial of a Warren County woman whose children wandered away from their home and drowned in a drainage pond. Witnesses testified that the woman was more concerned about the possibility of being arrested than the welfare of her children, while searchers looked for them.

10/3 10pm 2:27

A candlelight vigil was held to remember a father of three who died in a carjacking near Turner Field. Friends say the victim was an important part of the community, because of the work he did with children.

10/5 6pm 1:52

The Gilmer County sheriff's department is searching for a man deputies describe as armed and dangerous. The manhunt is underway in the woods in and around Ellijay. SWAT officers and negotiators from Cherokee County are assisting with the search.

10/6 12pm 2:03

An Atlanta woman has been arrested and charged in the shooting death of her husband, while the couple's two children were in the next room. Investigators say the shooting may have resulted from a long history of domestic violence.

10/9 5pm 4:44

Police say an armed robbery at a Western Union office led to a chase, two crashes and a carjacking. Two people have been arrested, but police are searching for two others who they believe were involved.

10/10 GDA 3:45

Falcon Alge Crumpler and Caran Smith from Verizon will be here to talk about National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On October 22nd, Falcons fans are encouraged to bring their old cell phones which will be refurbished and donated to HOPELINE. HOPELINE provides phones and services to women's shelters around the country.

10/11 12pm 1:55

Police are investigating the shooting of a taxi cab driver in Clayton County. Police say it happened in the early morning hours, on Thomas Drive off Old Dixie Road.

10/12 6pm 2:08

The GBI is investigating the death of a woman shot and killed by sheriff's deputies. Investigators say the deputies were responding to a report of a dog attack. When they arrived, the woman pointed a shotgun at them, and refused to put the weapon down when ordered to do so.

10/13 5pm 2:30

Three bank robbers took a family hostage in Hall County. Police say the robbers targeted the family of a bank employee, then drove to the bank where the victim worked and took money.

10/15 10pm 2:28

The family of a murder victim from Riverdale is pleading for help to find her killers. The victim was killed during a home invasion a month ago. Police have made one arrest, but her relatives believe at least one more accomplice remains on the loose.

10/16 5pm 2:19

The father of a murder victim is unhappy with the judge presiding over the case against the accused killed. The victim is one of two women who were killed inside a Powder Springs real estate office nearly three years ago.

10/17 5pm 2:15

Bond has been denied for a Kentucky man charged in the murder-for-hire death of his son's wife. The victim was found strangled and stabbed in her Union City apartment. She had a husband and a seven month old daughter.

10/18 12pm 2:01

Police in DeKalb County say they may have captured a young career criminal after an early-morning robbery and shooting. A milk delivery man was shot in the chest, but survived. He is now helping police with their investigation.

10/19 5pm 2:15

Police are looking for two people who exchanged gunfire with a couple of armored car couriers. It happened outside a busy DeKalb County bank, then spilled over into a nearby shopping center.

10/20 10pm 1:26

A man killed himself during a standoff with SWAT officers in DeKalb County. The standoff began after officers were called to an apartment complex where some robbery suspects were thought to be hiding.

10/22 10pm 1:35

Cobb County police are investigating a string of burglaries in a Vinings neighborhood. In one burglary, valuable information was taken, and now the FBI is involved in the case. Investigators hope surveillance video from a McDonald's restaurant will help solve the burglaries.

10/23 5pm 1:55

A man wanted for shooting at a Cobb County police officer was shot and killed in a confrontation with sheriff's deputies who cornered him inside a barn. Officers had used SWAT teams and helicopters to track the man in the two days since the shots were fired.

10/23 10pm 2:18

An armored truck guard was shot and wounded outside a Henry County bank. Police say the gunman then killed himself as officers closed in on him.

10/26 5pm 1:24

Gwinnett County police say they have captured a teenage suspect who is connected to a series of violent robberies and carjackings. The 18 year old suspect is now being held in jail without bond.

10/28 6pm 2:07

The GBI is investigation a police shooting in Newnan. Officers say the man who was shot had robbed a convenience store a short time before police opened fire on him.

10/30 5pm 2:25

A man is on trial for a 1996 murder of a businessman in Buckhead. The ex-wife of the defendant testified that he was jealous of the victim, because of her relationship with him.

10/30 10pm 2:15

Police in Douglasville are investigating the suspicious death of a 71 year old woman. She was found dead in her own home. Neighbors say the victim was loved by everyone who knew her.

10/31 6pm 2:21

Cobb County police are looking for the attacker who targeted a 16 year old girl. Police say the teen was attacked as she jogged along a Marietta street. She managed to escape from her would-be kidnapper.

11/2 5pm 1:42

Police in Gwinnett County say someone has attacked woman in four separate incidents in Lucky Shoals Park. Officers are increasing patrols in the park in an effort to catch the attacker.

11/2 5pm 2:05

Local and federal law officers say they have arrested more than five hundred fugitives in the metro Atlanta area in a week-long manhunt. The operation is part of a nationwide effort that resulted in the capture of thousands of fugitives.

11/3 5pm 2:26

A grand jury has indicted a suspect in the death of an eight year old Carroll County girl. The case is a complicated one, because a juvenile originally charged in the killing was released after another teenager came forward and confessed to the killing. That older suspect later recanted his confession.

11/3 5pm 1:55

The Paulding County District Attorney says he will ask for the death penalty in the case of a man accused of murdering a woman along the Silver Comet Trail. The victim was killed as she rode her bicycle this past summer.

11/3 6pm 2:58

An emergency room doctor has been charged with arranging a sexual encounter with a 15 year old boy. The doctor has admitted he is HIV positive. Investigators say the suspect arranged the rendezvous with the intended victim over the Internet.

11/4 10pm 2:26

A man was shot in the chest outside a Sandy Springs strip club. Police say he tried to drive to get help, but soon crashed his car.

11/5 10pm 1:51

Investigators in Cherokee County say a five year old girl died after she was accidentally shot by her younger brother. No charges are expected to be filed in the case.

11/7 5pm 1:55

A man was shot and killed in front of a 24 hour barbershop in Atlanta. Investigators say the shooting resulted from a gun battle between the victim and his killer. Police have not made any arrests.

11/8 10pm 2:00

Atlanta police say a three year old boy died in what appears to have been an accidental shooting. It happened at an apartment on Campbell Street.

11/9 12pm 2:01

A Marietta man is in jail, charged with the murder of a three year old girl. The suspect has made his first appearance in court to answer the charges.

11/15 6pm 2:47

Authorities say they may have a serial rapist in custody, thanks to an off-duty DeKalb County police officer. The suspect was captured after police say he posed as a customer, and tried to rape a cab driver.

11/17 5pm 2:28

Atlanta police are trying to identify a man responsible for shooting four victims around midday. One of the victims later died. Police are questioning a man they describe as a person of interest in the case.

11/17 10pm 1:20

Police in Acworth are looking for a man they describe as a dangerous attacker. They say the man assaulted a woman in the early morning hours. They are concerned that he might assault someone else.

11/18 10pm 2:27

A man tried to evade a police checkpoint in Atlanta, leading to a chase that ended in a crash. The driver was killed in the crash, and a passenger was thrown from the vehicle.

11/19 10pm 2:00

Police officers and SWAT officers surrounded a home in Snellville, searching for a fugitive they believed was holding a woman hostage. The standoff lasted for several hours, before the man surrendered. In the end, officers determined that the woman was staying in the house with the man voluntarily.

11/19 10pm 1:57

Police are investigating the shooting death of a teenager in Duluth. Neighbors say the 17 year old victim had a three month old child.

11/20 10pm 2:25

Atlanta police say an attempted robbery at a convenience store led to a gun battle that left an innocent bystander injured. The would-be robber traded shots with the store owner. A passing motorist was hurt when a bullet struck her car.

11/20 10pm 2:13

Fairburn police are searching for thieves who have taken thousands of dollars worth of cigarettes. Police say three people are involved in the burglaries at two different locations. Officers say there is a big demand for cigarettes on the black market.

11/21 5pm 2:03

Police are searching for two armed men, after a robbery at a cell phone store led to a shootout. A woman was injured in the exchange of gunfire between a store employee and the gunmen.

11/21 10pm 10:30

Atlanta police officers shot and killed a 92 year old woman, after she opened fire on narcotics officers who were serving a warrant at her home. Police say the woman pulled out a gun and shot at three officers who broke down her door while serving the warrant.

11/22 10pm 2:36

Police in four jurisdictions are searching for a man suspected of stealing air conditioning equipment from area churches, then turning them into scrap. One suspect in the burglaries has been arrested.

11/25 10pm 0:28

Investigators say a security guard found a man shot to death in a Midtown Atlanta parking garage. The victim was found at a high-rise condominium complex. Detectives say they hope security camera video will help them track down his killer.

11/26 10pm 2:21

Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington has answered questions for the first time about the shooting death of 92 year old Kathryn Johnston. The woman was shot and killed by police officers serving a narcotics warrant at her home. Police say she shot at officers after they broke down her door.

11/27 5pm 3:45

A police informant claims he was asked to lie by police officers involved in the shooting death of a 92 year old Atlanta woman. Kathryn Johnston was shot and killed, after police say she shot at officers who broke down the door of her home while serving a search warrant. Federal authorities are now investigating the shooting.

11/28 5pm 2:15

One person was killed and another injured in a police chase that led to a crash. The chase began when a state trooper spotted a stolen vehicle in Marietta. The injured victim is now in the hospital.

11/28 10pm 2:00

Police in Clayton County are trying to find two young men involved in the sexual assault of a teenager. Investigators say the 18 year old victim was attacked after the men entered the home she was in on Channing Drive in Jonesboro.

12/1 5pm 2:25

A three year old child is hospitalized after being shot while riding in a car in DeKalb County. Police say his father was driving when the gunfire began. Pedestrians ran for cover, and others driving in the area crashed their cars after the shots were fired.

12/2 6pm 2:14

A man and his girlfriend are both in the hospital after police say the woman poured gasoline on him, then set him on fire. The man suffered burns over more than half his body.

12/2 10pm 2:20

Two brothers were shot at their home in Clayton County. One of them, a teenager, was killed. The other victim is hospitalized in critical condition. Police say it happened during an argument over drugs with two other men.

12/7 5pm 1:51

Police say thieves demolished the front of a drug store in Gwinnett County, so they could steal an ATM from inside. A surveillance camera aimed at the front of the store could provide key evidence in the investigation.

12/8 10pm 2:19

Doraville police shot and killed a suspect in a gun battle on a busy road during the evening rush hour. Police say the suspect jumped from a car after an attempted traffic stop, then opened fire on officers before being gunned down.

12/9 6pm 2:09

Clayton County police say a suspect is under arrest, a week after a double murder that happened during an argument. The suspect was arrested in Alabama. Detectives say he has confessed to his role in the shootings.

12/10 10pm 1:45

Henry County investigators are trying to identify a murder victim whose body was found outside a Norfolk Southern training center. Police say the woman's body showed clear signs of physical injury.

12/12 5pm 2:10

Police say the death of a Cobb County woman is suspicious. Her body was found outside her home on Allgood Road.

12/14 5pm 2:16

Police have a suspect in custody after a manhunt that followed the robbery of a Waffle House restaurant in Conyers in the early morning hours. Officers say the man is a possible suspect in a series of robberies at restaurants along Interstate 20.

12/15 5pm 4:22

Two federal agents are recovering after being shot while serving a search warrant. It happened early in the morning at an apartment complex in Lithonia. The agents' injuries are not life-threatening.

12/19 6pm 1:55

Police say they have few clues after the discovery of a woman's body in a parking lot in Snellville. The body was found near a hospital. Detectives say surveillance video may show them what happened in the area where the body was found.

12/20 6pm 1:52

Police say the killer of a convenience store clerk is on the run, after an armed robbery in Northwest Atlanta. Two other suspects in the robbery have been arrested.

12/21 5pm 2:45

Clayton County police say someone shot and killed a convenience store clerk, but then left the store without taking money from the cash register. Police are looking for the killer, and trying to determine the motive for the attack.

12/22 6pm 2:29

An 80 year old woman has been released from the hospital after she was shot in both legs in an apparent case of road rage. Police are asking anyone who was in the area where the shooting happened to come forward with information.

12/22 10pm 2:32

Police say they have captured the man who killed a popular minister, more than a year after his death. The Dallas, Georgia victim was shot and killed in his own driveway. Sheriff's deputies say the suspect is a man with a long criminal history.

12/23 10pm 2:18

Atlanta police are investigating the murder of a long-time business owner. The 72 year old victim was known for selling candy and snacks from his truck in the neighborhoods near his Southwest Atlanta home.

12/4 GDA 3:21

It's rare to get inside the mind of a terrorist, but Maryanne Vollers does just that in her new book, "Lone Wolf: Eric Rudolph: Murder, Myth, and the Pursuit of an American Outlaw." "Lone Wolf" tells the story of Eric Rudolph, a deadly bomber who evaded the largest manhunt in FBI history. Letters from Rudolph unlock the mystery surrounding his mindset and run from the law.

12/27 5pm 2:18

Police in Villa Rica are investigating a series of armed robberies at auto parts stores in the past couple of weeks. Officers say they hope two men seen in surveillance video from a nearby business can shed some light on the robberies.

12/28 10pm 2:22

A man and woman are in the Henry County jail, charged in the stabbing death of someone they knew. The victim's body was found earlier in the month, outside a Norfolk Southern training center. In all, three people have been charged in the case.

12/29 12pm 1:47

Atlanta police are investigating a deadly drive-by shooting. It happened in the early morning hours along the Buford Highway Connector near Monroe Drive. Police hope witnesses will come forward to provide information about the case.

12/31 10pm 1:51

DeKalb County police have two people in custody in connection with the murder of a cab driver. The two are considered persons of interest in the case. A co-worker of the victim says the driver picked up two men outside a nightclub, after other cabbies refused to give the men a ride.

Family/Youth/Student

10/1 6pm 2:40

Students at a Fulton County middle school said goodbye to a fellow student who had been battling cancer for nearly three years. Just days before, classmates gathered to show support for the young cancer patient.

10/5 6pm 2:13

The grandmother of two children who prosecutors say were poisoned with tainted soup by their own father says the children are not getting justice. She is angry about an expected plea agreement the father has reached with federal prosecutors.

10/6 6pm 2:45

Parents in north Fulton County are concerned about reports that someone is approaching children in the area and trying to lure them with candy. Police say similar incidents have happened in at least two subdivisions.

10/6 10pm 2:05

The state is changing procedures to make sure that parents are notified when teenage drivers are given tickets on state highways. From now on, the state will send letters to parents of young drivers who receive citations.

10/8 10pm 2:18

An hours-long search for a missing three year old has ended. Police found the child safe, after she was kidnapped from a playground at her apartment complex.

10/11 GDA 5:00

Tired of your child or teen's table manners - or lack thereof? Send them to etiquette school - and where better to learn than the Ritz Carlton. The Buckhead hotel is hosting two different classes that will cover the basics of proper dining - as well as topical concerns such as healthy eating choices, social interaction and cell phone etiquette at the table.

10/12 10pm 1:50

More than two hundred Georgia teenagers are studying and learning discipline, as part of a National Guard program at Fort Stewart. Georgia is one of a handful of states that has two "Youth Challenge" programs.

10/13 6pm 0:32

Nearly three dozen parents went to court in DeKalb County to face truancy charges. They are accused of neglect for not making their children attend school. County leaders say since they began a crackdown on truancy, burglary rates in the county have fallen.

10/16 GDA 3:30

Bobby Woo - the 200,000,000th American joins us as the country gets ready to welcome the 300-millionth person. The Tucker native was featured in LIFE Magazine after being born on November 20th, 1967 at Crawford Long Hospital.

10/16 GDA 6:00

Marc Castelo is a pediatric physical therapist who has just opened Atlanta's first Baby Spa! What at first sounds like a frivolous luxury is actually a developmental necessity. Dr. Castelo will join us, along with some parents and toddlers, to show us the positive effects of therapeutic play, movement, and brain development.

10/17 6pm 2:25

An outbreak of a gastro-intestinal illness known as shigella has affected a number of students at one Coweta County elementary school. Doctors say the spread of the disease can be stopped by basic hygiene, including proper hand-washing, and avoiding contact with others who are sick.

10/18 GDA 3:30

"The Nest Newlywed Handbook: An Owner's Manual to Modern Married Life" was born from the online parent organization: TheKnot.com. TheKnot.com was flooded with questions regarding not just the getting married process--but what do do once you're into your new "we" lifestyle. Things like, how to manage your mother-in-law, merging finances and whose career comes first. In response to this onslaught of questions, "The Nest..." was developed and we'll be joined by editor-in-chief Carley Roney who will give us some keys to help get Project Marriage off to its best start.

10/23 5pm 2:17

Jury selection is underway in the case of an Ethiopian father accused of circumcising his two year old daughter. Human rights groups say the procedure is unnecessary and painful.

10/23 10pm 2:23

An eleven year old boy was choking on a piece of candy while riding his school bus, when several other students performed the Heimlich maneuver to save him. The three rescuers had never done the procedure before; each had learned about it in school.

10/27 12pm 2:05

Two current and one former student from North Gwinnett High School have been killed in a car crash. Police say their vehicle was run into by a large truck. Grief counselors were at the school to help fellow students cope with the sad news.

10/30 GDA 12:00

"Atlanta Kick" will provide tips on having a Happy Halloween and keeping your kids safe including: How to deal with stranger danger, what to do if you get lost or separated from your friends, How to handle name calling and teasing and how to NOT start a fight.

10/30 GDA 4:10

Mitch Albom, the best selling author of Tuesdays with Morrie is back with a new book "The Five People You Meet in Heaven". His new book explores the question - what would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one?

11/8 6pm 1:49

A Loganville teenager lived a life-long dream, when he had the opportunity to meet his favorite sports team. The teen has never before attended a University of Georgia football game.

11/12 10pm 2:19

Gwinnett County police say a teenage driver was killed when his speeding car ran off a road and slammed into a tree. Five other teenagers in the car were injured, but survived.

11/12 10pm 1:59

A Buford company is selling a device that allows parents to keep tabs on teenage drivers. The system tracks drivers electronically. The company says its research shows that teens drive more slowly and carefully if they know the device is in their car.

11/13 6pm 2:27

Two daycare workers have been suspended, after a four year old boy wandered away and crossed a busy road. The boy's mother says her son walked home just after she dropped him off, and no one at the daycare center noticed he was gone.

11/14 5pm 1:48

A neighbor is being credited with saving the life of a toddler who was trapped in a burning Atlanta home. A thirteen year old babysitter was caring for two children inside the home when the fire started, but was only able to get one of the children out. No one was hurt.

11/15 GDA 3:00

There are 114,000 American kids in foster care, looking for a permanent and loving family. Judge Sanford Jones is here to tell us about National Adoption day which is November 18th. We're also joined by Rhonda & Travis Bell who have opened up their hearts and home to 5 wonderful kids.

11/17 6pm 2:18

A teenager from Marietta was killed in a freak accident at the University of Texas. Investigators say the 18 year old died after falling from a balcony in the early morning hours.

11/17 10pm 5:51

Atlanta is known as a hub for child prostitution. Officials believe at least half of the prostitutes on the city's streets are underage teens. Now, city leaders have launched a program aimed at cracking down on the people who pay those young girls for sex.

11/18 10pm 2:24

A five year old boy saved the life of his mother after a car accident. Rescuers say the young boy managed to climb out of the wrecked car, then go get help for his badly-injured mother.

11/20 GDA 3:15

Chest injuries in young athletes can many times cause cardiac arrest. Since 1995, over 180 kids have died by freak accidents in which they sustain a blow to the chest during a baseball game, soccer, etc. Dr. Neil Winawer talks about why this occurs, what protection you should have and what to do if it happens.

11/23 12pm 2:18

The GBI has issued a Levi's Call for a fifteen year old mother and her eight month old baby boy. Investigators believe the mother and child were kidnapped at gunpoint.

11/29 5pm 2:13

A middle school student was subdued with a taser by a school resource officer in Clayton County.

12/6 6pm 2:20

An Atlanta woman is accused in the beating death of her two year old daughter. Now, a relative of the suspect says the state child welfare agency shares blame for the death of the young girl.

12/9 6pm 2:20

Hundreds of teenagers and their parents are taking part in a program designed to encourage safe driving. The program aims to help teenagers learn highway safety, as well as make parents better teachers. Organizers also hope to train hundreds of new instructors to teach drivers' education courses in Georgia.

12/10 10pm 2:08

An eighth grade basketball player collapsed and died during a game at a DeKalb County middle school. Doctors say they do not know what led to the young athlete's death. Grief counselors will be at the boy's school to help classmates deal with his loss.

12/15 5pm 2:32

A daycare program at one of Atlanta's largest churches is searching for a new place to call home. Peachtree Presbyterian Church is ending the program at its current location. Parents are upset, because they say the news comes too late for them to find an alternative daycare for the coming year.

12/16 6pm 2:08

A Winder teenager was killed in a crash after losing control of his car while on the way home. The GBI is planning tests on the body, in an effort to determine what may have led to the crash.

12/20 5pm 2:30

A Clayton County teacher will be disciplined after she tied several students together with a jump rope while on a field trip. The incident came to light weeks after it happened, when one of the students told his mother about it.

12/20 5pm 3:26

A young girl from Rome, Georgia lost her battle against a mysterious illness two years after getting sick. Doctors were never able to determine what made her ill. Her parents say her body was worn out from the long struggle.

12/21 6pm 2:00

Two Gwinnett County teenagers riding a bicycle were struck by a hit and run driver. One of the boys was killed, and the other is recovering in the hospital.

12/22 6pm 3:40

An Atlanta teenager has organized a program to help students who are struggling to succeed in elementary school. The program uses high school students to tutor and mentor younger children.

12/25 5pm 2:09

A Roswell family is mourning the death of their teenage daughter. She was killed when she was thrown from the vehicle in which she was riding, then struck by a hit and run driver.

12/28 6pm 2:08

Police have arrested a daycare worker, after two children in her care in Fayette County went home with broken bones. Police say they are now investigating the daycare itself, and trying to determine whether there are any more victims.

12/29 10pm 2:10

A teenage father is involved in a custody battle over his young child. He claims the mother gave the baby up for adoption without his permission. Now, the adoptive parents have returned the child to the mother.

Wednesday's Child

10/1 10pm 2:46

Repeat: Golf featuring Clinton.

10/4 6pm 2:35

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption. FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Olivia (11), Linval (9.5), Joseph (9), and Ebony (4.5) for a showdown at Stone Mountain Park's Treehouse Challenge.

10/8 10pm 2:35

Repeat: Treehouse Challenge featuring Olivia, Linval, Joseph, and Ebony.

10/11 6pm 3:00

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption. FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Casey (14) and Jody (7) at Plaster Palace to create their own plaster masterpieces.

10/15 10pm 3:00

Repeat: Plaster Palace featuring Jody and Casey.

10/18 6pm 2:10

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption. Jacob (13) takes to the treetops with the help of a tree climbing expert.

10/22 10pm 2:10

Repeat: Tree climbing featuring Jacob.

10/25 6pm 3:05

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption. FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Justin (10) and Dillon (9) in the center ring to meet the stars of the Ringling Bros. Circus.

10/29 10pm 3:05

Repeat: Ringling Bros. Circus featuring Justin and Dillon.

11/1 6pm 3:30

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption. FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Jonqurias (11) at Canine Assistants, to meet adorable puppies training to help people with special needs, like him.

11/5 10pm 3:30

Repeat: Canine Assistants with Jonqurias.

11/8 6pm 2:05

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Tequia (12) for some girly fun when they get manicures.

11/12 10pm 2:05

Repeat: Manicures featuring Tequia.

11/15 6pm 3:07

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis spends time with Austin (15), whom we first featured three years ago. He is still waiting for a loving home.

11/19 10pm 3:07

Repeat: Checking in with Austin.

11/22 6pm 2:30

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Deion (13) for a basketball lesson from former pro Terry Cummings.

11/26 10pm 2:30

Repeat: Basketball with Terry Cummings featuring Deion.

11/29 6pm 2:15

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Zach (11) for a woodworking lesson with a master craftsman.

12/3 10pm 2:15

Repeat: Woodworking featuring Zach.

12/6 6pm 2:25

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
Ryan (7) makes a big splash when he hits the pool for a swimming lesson.

12/10 10pm 2:25

Repeat: Swimming featuring Ryan.

12/13 6pm 2:10

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
Melanee (11) makes a savory seasonal meal of pumpkin soup and pumpkin muffins during her first cooking lesson.

12/17 10pm 2:10

Repeat: Cooking featuring Melanee.

12/20 6pm 4:00

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis is joined by China (8) and Deante'a (5) for a very special Christmas celebration.

12/24 10pm 4:00

Repeat: Christmas celebration featuring China and Deante'a.

12/27 6pm 2:42

Wednesday's Child: Featuring children available for adoption.
Dixie (11) designs her own t-shirt and handbag.

12/31 10pm 2:42

T-shirt decorating featuring Dixie.

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OCTOBER

March of Dimes – Ride to Save Babies:

The March of Dimes is a voluntary health organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

More than 1,000 bikers from all over the State turned out for the Ride to Save Babies and annual fundraiser for March of Dimes of Georgia. The Ride celebrated the 15th Anniversary.

FOX5, as the exclusive television sponsor, produced and scheduled a series of Public Service Announcements to promote the event, scheduled an appearance on the Good Day Atlanta. News reporter/anchor, Lisa Crane served as an Honorary Rider.

The Ride coupled with other related events raised \$200,000.

NOVEMBER

American Heart Association – Heart Walk

As the American Heart Association's signature fundraising event, the Heart Walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in a fun, family environment.

FOX5 has been the exclusive television sponsor of Heart Walk for over 25 years and over the previous three years increased its resources to help raise walker participation and funds. The station increased its participation by involving more on-air talent, increased exposure via on-air PSA scheduling, greater website presence, billboard presence featuring FOX5 on-air talent throughout inner-city locations and including article in the organization's magazine.

Supported by other major companies such as Piedmont Hospital, McKesson, Emory University Healthcare, Georgia Natural Gas, various radio stations and others, this year's walk raised more than money than previous years.

The Walk raised almost \$2 million and involved over walkers.

United States Marines – Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marines national annual Toys for Tots program provides toys for needy and homeless children in Metro Atlanta. The toy campaign is a collaborative effort of companies such as FedEx, Publix Super Markets, United Way, and others.

This year's campaign began with a kick-off at the State Capitol with a program headed by the US Marines with several speakers including a representative from the Governor's office. FOX5 conducted a live weather remote during the ceremony.

FOX5 produce and aired an extensive PSA schedule, provided on-site live remotes during the 5 and 6pm newscasts, Noon News, and during Good Day Atlanta morning show to help generate donors. Guest during the live remotes included various local choirs, high school choirs and bands, major league baseball and football players, and others.

This year's efforts resulted in the collection of approximately 575,000 toys which were distributed to 218,000 children. The campaign represented the largest and most successful toys collection in the region, ever.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Celebrity Gingerbread Decorating Contest (Festival of Trees)

The Festival of Trees is an annual fundraising event to support programs for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The 9-day event features numerous activities that draws thousands with a goal of raising \$500,000 (exact accounting of \$'s raised not available as of this report).

The Celebrity Gingerbread Decorating Contest features on-air talent from various radio and television stations in a friendly competition to decorate gingerbread houses for auction as part of the overall fundraising event.

FOX5 provided a team of 4 on-air talents as participants. FOX5 team was one of several winners in the contest. This year's event drew over 100,000 people.