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Quarterly Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

QUARTERLY REPORT

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Program Key

The following is a list of regularly-scheduled programs that respond to the issues confronting the communities WCNC serves. Also provided is a description of the programs and the times & days when they are normally broadcast.

DAY & TIME
M-F; 4:30a – 7a
M-F; 1130a – 12:30p
M-F; 4 – 5:00p
M-F; 5 – 5:30p
M-F; 5:30 – 6p
M-F; 6 – 6:30p
M-Sun; 11 – 11:30p, M-F 130a-2a
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Sat & Sun; 9 – 10a
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Early Today	M-F; 4 - 4:30a
Today Show	M-F; 7 – 11a
NBC Nightly News	M-F; 6 – 6:30p
Saturday Today	Sat; 7 – 9a
NBC Nightly News Saturday	Sat; 6 – 6:30p
Meet The Press	Sun; 10 – 11a
Sunday Today	Sun; 8 – 9a
NBC Nightly News Sunday	Sun; 6 – 6:30p
Dateline NBC	Various

2021 4th QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

December 26, 2021 - Nikole Hannah-Jones, Joshua Johnson and Keith Mayes | <u>Transcript</u>

December 19, 2021 - Director of the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci, Gov. Jared Polis (D-Colo.), Former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.), Amna Nawaz, John Podhoretz and Philip Rucker | Transcript

December 12, 2021 - NBC News Senior National Correspondent Kate Snow, Gov. Andy Beshear (D-Ky.), Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Kimberly Atkins Stohr, Brendan Buck, John Heilemann and Marianna Sotomayor | <u>Transcript</u>

December 5, 2021 - Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Sen. Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Director of NIH Dr. Francis Collins, Eugene Daniels, Errin Haines, Stephen Hayes and Ashley Parker | <u>Transcript</u>

November 28, 2021 - Director of the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci, Gov. Tate Reeves (R-Miss.), Former Personal Attorney to Pres. Trump Michael Cohen, Hallie Jackson, Danielle Pletka, Eugene Robinson and Jake Sherman | Transcript

November 21, 2021 - Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Kristen Soltis Anderson, David Henderson, Kelly O'Donnell and Rev. Al Sharpton | <u>Transcript</u>

November 14, 2021 - Gov. Chris Sununu (R-N.H.), NEC Director Brian Deese, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Leigh Ann Caldwell, Matthew Continetti, Claire McCaskill and Eugene Scott | <u>Transcript</u>

November 7, 2021 - White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain, Gov. Phil Murphy (D-N.J.), Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.), New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Peter Baker, Donna Edwards, Sara Fagen and Amna Nawaz | Transcript

October 31, 2021 - Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm, Fmr. Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D-Va.), Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, Cornell Belcher, Anna Palmer, Brad Todd and Kristen Welker | <u>Transcript</u>

October 24, 2021 - Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Brendan Buck, Eugene Daniels, María Teresa Kumar and Ayesha Rascoe | <u>Transcript</u>

October 17, 2021 - Sec. of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), Garrett Haake, John Podhoretz, Kimberly Atkins Stohr and Amy Walter | <u>Transcript</u>

October 10, 2021 - Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Stephanie Grisham, Nick Clegg, Yamiche Alcindor, Donna Edwards and David French | <u>Transcript</u>

October 3, 2021 - Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Cedric Richmond, Jeff Horwitz, Kara Swisher, Jeh Johnson, Peggy Noonan, Susan Page and Jake Sherman | <u>Transcript</u>

Flashpoint - Q4 2021

10/2-10/3 – Panelists - Stephanie Sneed, David Kennedy - Closing the CMS Achievement Gap because of the pandemic. How we can close the gap and what we can do in Charlotte. Earlier this year we were once in a generation real estate market. Where do we stand now and what it will look like in the future. In the Fall it is a better time to buy a home. There is a seasonal aspect to the market to help buyers from the bidding wars. Philanthropy in the Black community, giving money and time in the black community.

10/10 – Panelists – Tariq Bakhari, Larken Egleston – Vaccine mandates in Charlotte and how we should move forward. Any new hires need to be vaccinated. Crashes with deaths rising and how we can stop this, red light cameras are having some state laws in NC to prevent it. City council members how can you help stop a problem like this. Police enforcement as well as road changes.

10/16-10/17 – Panelist – Karen Parker, Rose Planer, Sherill Carrington - Special Edition focused on Domestic Violence since October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Talking to local partners on what to look for with domestic violence. What it is and what you should know about it. Learn how to spot signs of it and to speak up when you see it happening to others. Whether it's a couple, children and have a to go bag and how to you can leave. Turning point in Monroe and talking about the experience some of them have been through.

10/23-10/24 Panelists – Chuck Todd, Michael Bitzer - Mid-Term elections next year and one county is going to be highlighted in NC – Anson County. Looking at the Rural African American voters. In the middle of a shifting political change. Need to look at it county by county. NBC will be there once a month or more often. What is happening locally that may come up, whether we go to school board meetings or government issues. Demographics are very unique for registered voters and what patterns are shown in Anson county, they are pretty split.

10/30-10/31 Panelists – Julie Eislet, Dan Barry - Election day just days away and Mayors, state councilmen will be on the ballet. Transformational phasing plan for around the city, Bus and Rail plans for the next few decades. Expansion of bus plan first then on to rail is 2033 and longer. Transportation in Charlotte and how things can be fixed in the next year, not decades down the line like we have to wait. A lot can change in the City of Charlotte in how we commute and work. What happened at the council retreat and how their approach is planned. Anson county and what it looks like in the next few years political wise.

11/6-11/7 – Panelists – Larry Shaheen, Billy Maddalon - What the national mood is after the recent election. Suburban Republicans may have more of a voice now. Economy, Education and what parent have a say in what is happening. Talking transit again this week and what we need to do in the future for Charlotte transportation for Buses and Rails. The small delegation that went to Raleigh to get more buy in. This past week the election and what happened during that time. Can't afford to live in Charlotte anymore, with rent being too high. Affordable housing dilemma. Will it happen soon that everyone who works in Charlotte have to commute and not live in the city.

11/14 – Panelists – Kelly O'Brien, Kendrick Cunningham - For the 3rd straight week we are talking transit that will affect everyone in our region. Bus and Rail trail that will be here and the bike trail.

We know this is a big plan for the next decade, what is the alliances role in the plan. The largest economic initiative in the history of North Carolina. Really transform our region and in every corner of Mecklenburg County. We get to be the voice of business and making sure the region is competitive and to attract/retain businesses. How to change how city council is making decisions and running in general.

11/20-11/21 – Sarah French talks Mental Health – Panelists Jaren Doby, Christy Baker, Dr Robert Matlack - shines a light on the mental health struggles that many in our community are facing. We speak with local doctors and organizations who are helping those in need.

11/27-11/28 – Panelists – Helping feed those in need in the Charlotte and surrounding counties. York County Path Inc raising money to feed families for Thanksgiving. Turning Point and talking to domestic violence survivors. Highlights on winning over the past year on the Hyundai Hometown Hero, from a veteran who won, as well as a volunteer and more highlights on this throughout the year.

12/4-12/5 – Panelist – Kyle Luebke, Dr. Michael Bitzer - VP Harris and Secretary Buttigieg was in Charlotte to talk about the infrastructure plan. Charlotte has a lot of economic success so that is one reason they stopped in the Queen City. Charlotte needs to update it's transit system as it grows more. Talks about the build back better bill. Comments that came out of the Church of Winston Salem and the Lieutenant Governor. That he represents the republican party and he represents everyone. Party Lines that were drawn by the general assembly and what can be done to re-draw the maps for the general election.

12/11-12/12 Panelists – Dr Michael Bitzer, Julie Eiselt, Ed Driggs – The new voting maps and do they need to be re-drawn because of the way they look currently. The city election will be delayed again. Is the system broken because it's the 2nd time it's been delayed or what is the issue. The re-districting issue they are going and the process for it. Transit talks, after VP visit last week with the infrastructure plan. Council members in Charlotte were fighting for time to talk with the VP last week and Sectary Buttigieg. Shows that the government is aware of what Charlotte is doing and our transit plans. Trying to keep CMS teachers in school and not leaving. Passing bonusses to keep teachers here, but where is the money coming from for this bonus.

12/18-12/19 – Panelist Dr. Raynard Washington, Brad Overcash – The spread of the omicron variant and the upcoming holiday season are we looking at a new wave of cases. New health director in the new year. Keeping up with the new strains and the new ones, Delta and the new omicron variant. Masking up and should we continue to wear masks or how should it look. Voting issues and if we need voter ID's and return power to the people. CMS parents and teachers voice concerns about the gun and violence crisis in schools. Everyone is accountable to keep our students safe and keeping guns out of children's hands and out of schools.

12/25-12/26 – Panelists – Look back at the year that was in Charlotte and across the country. An economy that is surging for some and not for others. Pandemic continues and we are still here, vaccines and still wearing masks. Seems like every few months we get a new variant. How long will we deal with this, last year in the Year in Review we dedicated time to it and here we are doing it again. Guns in schools, how we can keep them out and what needs to be done to keep kids safe. Charlotte city council passes 2040 plan. Long road to get it passed. Looking back at the issues with tent city. Trump's 2nd impeachment.

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EDUCATION

10/1 SC Online School Growing - South Carolina education leaders believe virtual learning is here to stay. AS more and more students decide to learn online. In the 2019 to 2020 school year, the state's largest online charter school was teaching about 55 hundred students. This year, they capped enrollment at 65 hundred students to anticipate an increase. but about 13 thousand students applied for those spots.

10/2 CLT Med School - IT'S BEING CALLED THE LARGEST PROJECT IN CHARLOTTE SINCE THE EXPANSION OF CHARLOTTE'S AIRPORT. THIS INNOVATIVE DISTRICT IS SET TO OPEN IN 2024... BUT HOSPITAL OFFICIALS ARE HOPING TAXPAYERS WILL FIT THE BILL FOR 75-MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP BUILD THE INFRUSTRUCTURE FOR IT. THIS IS WHAT CHARLOTTE'S FIRST MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL ONE DAY LOOK LIKE -- THE HEART OF WHAT DEVELOPERS ARE CALLING THE INNOVATION DISTRICT. ((We are the largest city in the country without a medical school.)) Mayor Vi Lyles says it's sure to bring more than a state of the art education hub. ((It's truly something that will move us forward in our business sectors.))

Mecklenburg County Commissioner Leigh Altman agrees. ((it will bring thousands of jobs to our area -- and good paying job to our residents.)) But Atrium Health's CEO says they're likely to ask for roughly 75-million dollars from the county and city together... to build roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure for the project. The Mayor -- endorsing the idea -- hoping city council will too. ((I don't think I have to urge. Of course I believe in it. But I want to be sure that they believe in it. and whatever we can do to provide them the information, address the questions they have -- will be what we will do.)) A long-awaited project hoping to get an expensive clean bill of health from local government. In Charlotte, HS WCNCC. >

10/3 Meck Co Covid Spending Public Hearing - MECKLENBURG COUNTY RESIDENTS -- LISTEN UP. this Tuesday - OCTOBER 5TH -- county leaders are HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6-30 TO try to DECIDE HOW TO SPEND 215-MILLION DOLLARS they got from the federal government. IT'S PART OF THE COVID RELIEF FUNDS THAT WAS HANDED OUT. THE COUNTY COULD SPEND IT ON ALL SORTS OF THINGS... AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION -- YOU NAME IT. BUT AGAIN THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW *YOU THINK* IT SHOULD BE SPENT. YOU DO NEED TO SIGN UP NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING.. YOU CAN DO THAT ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE COUNTY CLERK AT 980-314-2912.

10/4 NC Critical Race Theory - In one north Carolina school district- teachers can now be *punished for teaching about systemic racism. The Johnston County Board of Education just passed the rule-saying teachers cannot "undermine" foundational American documents. It comes after pressure from county commissioners- who threatened to

withhold school funding until the board addressed "critical race theory." Now any teacher who discusses it can be disciplined- or even fired.

10/6 CMS Renaming - C-M-S IS HOLDING A RENAMING CEREMONY.
THE BARRINGER ACADEMIC CENTER WILL NOW BE CALLED THE "CHARLES H.
PARKER" CENTER. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED APRIL 13TH TO RENAME THE
CENTER. "PARKER" WAS a local activist who helped build the West Boulevard
community. HE was a visionary leader in the African-American community AND DIED IN
1939. HIS CHILDREN HAVE HELPED build affordable housing on his old property.

10/8 NC Childcare Funding - Millions of dollars are coming to pre-schools and early childcare programs in north Carolina. the 805-million dollars in grants is coming from the American rescue plan. It's meant to support working families with access to high-quality, affordable child care. Applications for the grants will open next week.

10/9 Across the Carolinas - The South Carolina Department of education will receive 56 million dollars in additional funding. It's from the American rescue plan. Leaders say the money will help students with disabilities and those who are homeless. a north Carolina native making history. 'Gentry Smith' is the new the 'assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security'. he is the first black special agent to hold the position. smith is from Weldon -- near the Virginia border. UNC chapel hill gets a big boost for breast cancer research. the university received a one million dollar donation. It will be used to study the differences between black and white women with breast cancer. and that's what's happening across the Carolinas.

10/11 Companies paying college tuition - RETAILERS ARE OFFERING A POTENTIAL SOLUTION...FOR WORKERS LOOKING TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION WHILE EARNING A PAYCHECK. MORE ON THE PERKS THEY'RE NOW PROVIDING IN HOPES OF ATTRACTING MORE EMPLOYEES.

10/12 Rock hill Personal Finance Class - Rock Hill Schools could be adding a personal finance class for high schoolers. it would teach students the basics on budgeting, credit and lending, and even making investments. Right now district leaders are working with the state department of education to see if the course can be counted as a math credit for students. If approved, the class would start next school year.** And that's it for your morning rush.

10/13 NASCAR Tech girls - great event at the NASCAR technical institute in Mooresville today -- 100 local high school girls from lake Norman.. Kannapolis... maiden and more... got to learn about educational and career opportunities in skilled trades. the event geared towards NASCAR of course where the girls participated in pit crew... engine teardown and met successful examples of women in motorsports and transportation. they'll all have a chance to apply for a school tuition grant too.

10/18 Charlotte Government Bldg. Reopening - THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG GOVERNMENT CENTER WILL PARTIALLY RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY. THE BUILDING WAS PREVIOUSLY CLOSED AFTER THE LATEST SURGE IN COVID CASES. THAT MEANS EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND C-M-S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS IN PERSON. THEN ... STARTING NOVEMBER FIRST.. THE BUILDING WILL RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR *REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

10/19 CMS Resignations - EDUCATION DURING A PANDEMIC JUST GOT HARDER... MORE THAN 500 C-M-S TEACHER RESIGNED OR RETIRED SINCE THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTED... WHAT THE SCHOOL BOARD SAYS THEY'RE DOING TO MAKE UP THE GAPS.

10/20 Rock Hill Schools Unity - <Students and staff at Rawlinson road middle school walked onto campus into a sea of orange. we are wearing orange in support of unity day" Principal Heather Andrus says Unity day represents kindness and acceptance.. in a world that can sometimes seem cruel and rejecting.. because of bullying "it is very pervasive in our society these days.. social media has made it a lot easier to do that" According to the national center for education statistics... middle schoolers seem to have it worse.. with 6th 7th and 8th graders reporting higher rates of bullying than students in high school. With October being national bullying prevention month.. Andrus says they've tried to educate students on what bullying is because in many cases, she's found some kids may not have intended to "they a lot of time mistake joking around picking on each other and they think that everybody can handle that" But not everyone can.. According CDC research.. Youth who report both being bullied and bullying others have the highest rates of negative mental health outcomes, including depression, anxiety, and thinking about suicide.

10/21 Child Care - right now we have jobs that we need to fill and part of the issue is that a number of parents do not have quality childcare but on top of that the science is overwhelming that quality early childcare and education makes children more successful in school. ALL PRIVATE, LICENSED, EARLY CARE AND LEARNING PROGRAMS can APPLY FOR THE GRANTS... that Includes FOR-PROFIT AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT PROGRAMS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND FAITH-BASED CENTERS. APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW AND CLOSE AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

10/22 CLT West Trade School - A NEW TRADE SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN WEST CHARLOTTE. THE MULLER ACADEMY HOPES TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TRADE AND CRAFT. IT OFFERS CONSTRUCTION... EDUCATION AND TRAINING... FOR TASKS LIKE TILE AND FLOORING INSTALLATION.

The school also offers apprentice-ships BASED ON A RENOWNED *GERMAN LEARNING MODEL*.

10/26 CMS Meeting - The board of education to consider allowing for an extra teacher workday on the Monday after Halloween. The district says making November first a teacher's work day would allow them the much needed time to prepare instruction for students... and complete what it says is a hefty load of state-mandated professional development criteria. The district also acknowledges that the Monday after Halloween could be a high absentee day anyway. Another key part of the meeting - discussing what's needed in order for CMS to drop the mask mandate. CMS follows the county recommendations - which advise that masks be worn inside public places until the covid positivity rate drops below five percent. Or if at least 50 percent of children 11-17 years old become fully vaccinated... and several other things happen.>

10/27 SC Supt Reelection - SOUTH CAROLINA'S SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SAYS SHE *WILL NOT* RUN FOR RE-ELECTION NEXT YEAR. MOLLY SPEARMAN TOOK OFFICE BACK IN 2015 AND HAS SERVED 2 TERMS. IN A STATEMENT SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO FOCUS ON HER FAMILY. "SPEARMAN" SAYS SHE'LL WORK THROUGH THE END OF HER TERM IN JANUARY 2023 TO "HELP SOUTH CAROLINA RISE OUT OF THE PANDEMIC STRONGER THAN BEFORE."

10/28 SC Education Superintendent no reelection - south Carolina's superintendent of education says, she's *not* running for re-election next year. molly spearman took office back in 2015 -- and has served two terms. in a statement -- she says, she wants to focus on her family. spearman says, she'll work through the end of her term in January 2023 to --quote-- "help south Carolina rise out of the pandemic stronger than before.

11/1 Atrium Vaccine deadline -ATRIUM HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE NOT SHARING SPECIFIC NUMBERS – BUT SAY BY THE NEW DEADLINE TO BE FULLY VACCINATED – WHICH IS NOVEMBER 30 - THEY EXPECT LESS THAN 1% OF ITS STAFF TO NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE. NEARLY A YEAR AGO – WHEN VACCINES FIRST ARRIVED IN THE STATE. HEALTHCARE HEROES WHO HAD BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY ON THE FRONTLINES WERE UP FIRST. BUT WHEN ATRIUM AND NOVANT HEALTH ANNOUNCED MANDATES FOR STAFF – SOME PROTESTED.

11/2 Principal Surprise - It was a surprise he never saw coming.... Principal Gordon Palmer of Alexander Central High School did not expect what colleague Donna Reid had up her sleeve... Normal fire, we go outside most of us, you know, most of time we go to the stadium. So I saw a band out practicing on the field. So I really didn't think anything of it. I guess they were just practicing. And so I go out to the fire drill and I see you know, everybody there the bands, they're the cheerleaders there and our band director, Mr. Watkins calls me to 50 yard line. I'm like if he's going to have me dance or do something. No clue had no idea what was about to happen. So they kind of they recognize me, which is, you know, I'm used to recognizing everybody else and celebrating everybody else. So it was it was different. I was speechless, or for everyone to, you know, show me that support, appreciation. And then to turn around and see my wife and kids they're

running up to me was, was really special. So Donna and this whole staff that the students, the community, they're awesome. She's the rock star. We've got an incredible school and I was blown away. Donna is the Business & Marketing Teacher at Alexander Central High, and she knew this was a much needed surprise! Well, last week, he and I had a conversation. And obviously, you know it with education, and teachers and principals and everybody, everyone. It's just a struggle right now. But I think that we forget that our main leaders are struggling as well. And he is really good about hiding his feelings and hiding what's going on with him. But yesterday or last week, I stopped him and I said Are you okay? And he kind of what I knew there was a little bit of struggle there that he would never, ever, ever let anybody know about.

And with that.. the surprise grew from an idea to give Principal Palmer and his family a gift card to Great Wolf Lodge.. the culmination... a pretend fire drill turned pep rally with the band, cheerleaders and the school Mascot. So we started, um, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning started kind of putting this together. And it was started out kind of small. And it just grew from there. It started out with just we're going to get him a gift card. And we were going to get together last Friday evening. And we were going to give it to him with a football game and everything was going to be great. And then we decided, well, we needed to include the students and the staff and everybody else because Mr. Color is that trust to be at every single thing that we do in the school, whether it be a sporting event, music, even whatever. He's a supporter of all the students of the whole faculty. So we decided it was just time to recognize him. Instead of him recognizing us all the time.

11/3 Stanley Co BOE Follow - A MESSAGE MADE LOUD AND CLEAR DURING TONIGHT'S PUBLIC COMMENT AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ONE AFTER ANOTHER CAME TO SPEAK BEFORE THE STANLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"We're not willing to lay down and just be walked all over anymore. We want to be acknowledged." THEY'RE CALLING FOR A STARTING PAY INCREASE FROM 13 TO 16 DOLLARS AN HOUR IN ADDITION TO EVEN MORE COMPENSATION FOR THOSE BUS DRIVERS WHO HAVE PUT IN THE MOST WORK. "Those people that have been here 20 years.. how do you compensate someone for loyalty. They need a pay increase there needs to be a pay increase across the board." FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS PAUSED THEIR ROUTES TO PROTEST IN HOPES OF MAKING THEIR DEMANDS KNOWN. BUT IT CAME AT THE COST OF SOME PARENTS AND STUDENTS SCRAMBLING TO FIND A PLAN B TO AND FROM SCHOOL. "The welfare of the drivers is a very important issue and needs to be addressed but the kids of Stanley County is always to come first." SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED A CHANGE OF MORE PAY AND MORE APPRECIATION IS NEEDED. "They're working and they are trying to figure out how we can help all the employees including the bus drivers because at the end of the day like you said you are the front line."

11/4 Latinas to College - The program is called circle de luz- they take girls in middle school- many times college wasn't even on their radar- and show them how to make it happen. Growing up, Angelica Cabrera Paulino was often responsible for her younger

siblings and knew after high school she was expected to work. my first idea was to get a job and help support my family because family always comes first did anyone talk about college before circle de luz came into your life? No, nobody It wasn't until she was hand-picked to be a part of Circle De Luz-that college crossed her mind. Circle de luz, in English, means "circle of light." It is a Charlotte non -profit focused on sending Latina girls to college – they're usually the first in their family to do so. One in five Latinas does not graduate high school and only 21 percent graduate college. The non-profit teams girls with mentors throughout middle and high school, shows them around the community beyond what they typically know, and they walk them through the college application process - everything from taking the ACT's and SAT's to financial aid. (college)226i think it's a pathway to open up what's possible and for our community that's not always an option

The program is working- since starting 14 years ago – 100 percent of the girls in circle de luz have graduated high school and 75 percent have completed secondary education... We know that access to education directly correlates with upward mobility in marginalized communities and has a profound impact on economic development. Angelica is now a sophomore at UNCG before Circle de Luz I didn't have real support-the women behind the program really pushed me into the college world. It's incredible to look at these young women- to see who they've become who they're still becoming. Circle de luz also provides college scholarships to the girls and stays in touch with them even during and after college.

11/8 BOE Meetings Today - today - two local school boards tackling issues impacting your kids. In Anson County -- the board of education is holding a special meeting -- to discuss a teacher shortage impacting the district. That starts at 4. In Catawba county -- district leaders will discuss their mask policy. right now -- they are required.

11/9 Masks in Class - Masks can come off in Cleveland County schools. After the board of education voted to make them optional at last night's meeting. And tonight -- Lincoln county schools will be debating masks again. Right now -- masks are optional for students and staff there. A North Carolina law requires school districts to vote on masks - once a month. Tonight's meeting starts at 6:30.

11/10 CMS BOE - A busy night for CMS leaders as they addressed a number of issues about the safety of students ... including LEADERSHIP changes following reports of sexual assaults. The district now says they are suspending the principal and assistant principals at Hawthorne Academy. It comes following allegations that a student was suspended after reporting a sexual assault. It's a similar situation a former student at Myers Park recalled during last night's BOARD OF EDUCATION meeting.

11/11 Leandro Lawsuit Ruling - North Carolina will now transfer 1-point-7 billion dollars in unused funds to public schools. A judge issuing the order as the last step in the long-running case. The lawsuit started in 19-94- when families from five low-income counties

sued the state. They claimed North Carolina was not providing their kids the same educational opportunities as students in higher-income districts.

11/12 Across the Carolinas - A pre-filed bill in the South Carolina House of Representatives could make the popular "Carolina Squat" illegal in the state.

It was filed earlier this week by two representatives. It states that pickup trucks on state highways would no longer be allowed to have more than five inches of separation between the back and front of the vehicle. Critics say it's dangerous because the angle can obstruct the driver's view of the road. Location: South Carolina 2nd Line: Fort Jackson Mental health services Fort Jackson launched a program to help provide better mental health for service members. The program allows the military base to access doctors and health care specialists. Fort Jackson is also providing mental support to soldiers through its "take the hat off" sessions. It allows soldiers to relax and talk to their drill sergeant about life.

11/14 Gaston Red Raiders Protest - HAYLEY BREZEALE / RETIRE THE RED RAIDER COALITION the way that they portray the actual mascot is very demeaning, it's stereotypical and a lot of the activities that they actually participate in like the tomahawk chop does not accurately represent indigenous people it's honestly a very white washed version. THE GROUPS PLAN TO RALLY OUTSIDE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT 4-30. THE BOARD MEETING STARTS AT 5-30.

11/15 Gaston Co Mascot Protest - Gaston County leaders will have a busy night ahead of the district's board of education meeting. Community members looking to remove a controversial mascot from Belmont's South Point High school -- will be protesting ahead of the board meeting tonight. The group -- Retire the Red Raider coalition -- says the mascot is "demeaning" of indigenous people. Protesters will meet at 4:30 -- the board meeting is set to start at 5:30.

11/16 Home Depot Safety -IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN. TIME TO GET THE DECORATIONS OUT... AND dress UP THE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. BUT AS THE holiday HYPE INCREASES... SO DOES THE CHANCE FOR FIRE DANGER AROUND THE HOME. WCNC CHARLOTTE chatted with the folks at THE HOME DEPOT about PREPARING YOUR HOUSE FOR THE HAZARDS... they say -- it SHOULD BE AS MUCH OF A TRADITION AS DECORATING. so making sure that your kitchen is appropriately protected with smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, especially in your sources of gas as well as keeping a fire extinguisher well within reach can prevent a lot of serious tragedies. Also making sure that as we're plugging in more lights, more electronics, we have people staying over, that you're protecting those outlets and not overloading and so making sure that you have smoke detectors properly placed throughout your home as well as fire extinguishers on each floor is really critical

HOME DEPOT REPRESENTATIVES SAY THEY WANT TO ENSURE CUSTOMERS NOT ONLY GET THE RIGHT PRODUCTS TO STAY SAFE... BUT THE PROPER EDUCATION

WITH THESE ITEMS. THEY SAY TAKE THE TIME TO TALK TO THE EXPERTS AT THE STORE ABOUT PLACEMENT... UPKEEP... AND MAINTENANCE *BEFORE YOU CHECKOUT.

11/17 CMS Dept EDU Investigation - a lawyer representing former Myers Park and Hawthorne Academy high students -- is asking the U-S department of Education to open a new investigation into C-M-S. the former students have all reported being raped or sexually assaulted. The department of education's office of civil rights -- made an agreement with the district in 2017 -- identifying concerns after a review of title nine policies. C-M-S made changes -- but the attorney representing the students -- told the department of education not enough has been done to comply. We reached out to C-M-S for comment -- but have not heard back yet. ** And that's it for your morning rush

11/19 Esports Education - TONIGHT -- THE FUTURE OF FINTECH -- or financial technology -- TOOK CENTER STAGE. A DOZEN INTERNS AT CAROLINA FINTECH HUB MADE THEIR PITCH TO SOME PRETTY BIG COMPANIES. ALLY BANK AND MOVEMENT MORTGAGE EACH GAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A CHALLENGE TO SOLVE FOR THEIR COMPANY. FOR WEEKS -- THE STUDENTS WORKED TOGETHER ON A SOLUTION USING SKILLS LEARNED FROM GAMING, CODING AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY. TONIGHT -- THEY MADE THEIR PITCH TO THE TWO COMPANIES TO GET EXPERIENCE AND LEARN HOW THINGS ARE DONE IN THE CORPORATE WORLD... PREPARING THEM FOR CAREERS IN THE FIELD. BUT IT ALSO GAVE PARENTS A LESSON OR TWO, AS WELL

11/20 CMS Protest - Wombwell, Student Protesters: "I think that there has to be better education for students. There has to be better non-retaliation policy for students who protest and for students who report. There has to be amnesty polices so that no matter the circumstances of an assault the person who was assaulted cannot be held accountable and not be disciplined.

11/22 Fed Workers Vax Deadline - TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR FEDERAL WORKERS TO BE VACCINATED. THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SAYS AT LEAST 95 PERCENT OF FEDERAL WORKERS WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF GETTING AT LEAST ONE COVID VACCINE DOSE... OR REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION. PRESIDENT BIDEN INITIALLY GAVE FEDERAL WORKERS THE OPTION OF VACCINATION OR REGULAR TESTING THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER... BUT THEN SAID THE TESTING OPT-OUT WOULD NO LONGER BE AN OPTION. THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED WILL GO THROUGH AN EDUCATION AND COUNSELING PROCESS, FOLLOWED BY ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT STEPS OVER TIME IF NEEDED.

11/23 Defenders Lyft Dog - In response to our questions, a Lyft spokesperson told us the company takes this kind of allegation "very seriously,"...and reaffirmed there is no place for any form of discrimination on its platform. "Your choice." In a world Jamie Crowell can't see... (Crowell 2:55:27) "Hasn't been a problem for me." It's those with vision...

(Crowell 2:55:31) "I have problems with other people, sighted people." who hold her back... (Crowell 2:58:15) "To me it's social injustice." often blind themselves to the discrimination she and others face... (Crowell 3:11:12) "They hear about it, but they don't see it." Born without sight.. (Crowell 2:54:13) "She's always with me." ..the 41-year old relies on her guide dog... (Crowell 2:54:44) "We're a team." ..who acts as her eyes...so, when Crowell needs a Lyft to get groceries, go to the store or visit the vet... (Nats) "Your choice." Carol leads the way...but Crowell says more times than she can count... (Crowell 3:01:49) "I walked out one day to go to the store and this guy starts yelling at me, 'No dogs, no dogs." ...others can't see the service animal is her legal right. (Crowell 2:59:54) "Oh, I was mad." Her most recent negative Lyft encounter, she says, took place outside a Charlotte PetSmart. (Crowell 2:59:13) "This lady pulls up and she says, 'I don't do animals,' and in my head I'm like, well, 'You did come to PetSmart, what did you expect?" Crowell says the Lyft driver told her she's allergic to dogs... (Crowell 2:59:44) "Well, that's not an excuse." She's right... (Video 00:09) "It's Lyft's policy and the law." This company video reminds drivers of its strict policy to always say yes. (Video 2:11) "A driver's refusal to accept a service animal will result in permanent deactivation from the platform." but Crowell's experience suggests that message isn't reaching every driver. (Crowell 3:05:23) "I've gotten it so bad recently, I'm done. I'm done. You deny a ride from me one more time and you're going to wish you hadn't." The problem isn't new. Both Lyft and Uber entered into settlement agreements with the National Federation of the Blind more than five years ago...promising to improve training and terminate drivers who knowingly or repeatedly deny rides...but the most recent data show discrimination persists with Lyft drivers denying 25% of test rides.

11/30 Across the Carolinas - A south Carolina sheriff is warning about a new scam. Police say someone will call you -- and tell you that you have jury duty. and in order to learn if there's a warrant for not appearing -- they ask for your social security number. do *not* give it out! instead -- call law enforcement or the jury commission directly to verify. State Controller wants order halted North Carolina's state controller Linda Combs wants an education spending order halted. Earlier this month a trial judge ordered state officials to allocate 1-point-7 billion dollars in unused funds to public schools. It's part of the longstanding school funding lawsuit called "Leandro." An attorney for Combs says complying with the order would violate the state constitution and other laws. North Carolina is seeing a surge in armadillo sightings. so far -- there have been 79 armadillos officially reported in north Carolina. most have been spotted in the western part of the state. That's what's happening across the Carolinas.

12/1 CMS Fred Conversation - when I talk to people that I see as people that I want to be like that have great character traits of honesty, integrity, hard work, of faith, all those kinds of things. And if I ask them truthfully, where did you learn that? Where did that come from? And nine times out of 10 It came from either their dad or their dad like person that was involved in their lives. And so I know from my history and experience that it does work, because that's how people are being influenced. And I like to tell people that we have to be that person.

12/2 Push to keep historic school - A fundraiser to save the Siloam School in North Charlotte is almost to its goal of a million dollars. It's one of thousands of schools built in the South to provide education to children facing discrimination after slavery ended. Organizers say it's an opportunity to restore Black history in Charlotte and serve as permanent resource for community education.

12/5 Vaccine Clinic Alma Adams - Convenience can be a big motivator to get people vaccinated against COVID-19. 10-year old Laila Butler and her mom LaDonna stopped into this vaccine clinic at Winterfield Elementary School in Charlotte after Laila's grandmother told her mom about it. "Don't be nervous." Laila's other siblings are already vaccinated. "I'm going to clean the arm, that's our fist process." She's not the biggest fan of needles. "You got this girl. Umm." She tensed up a bit, but... "Look away, look at me, take a deep breath in, for me. Let it out. Blow as hard as you can for me.." With a little help. "And we are done. See. Oh!" The thought of the vaccine if often scarier that the shot for kids. That's why Novant Health tries to make the kid vaccines as welcoming as possible. "It's extremely important that we promote education, we have to educate the community, we have to educate our leaders and partner so that we bring not just education but needed services to all areas of our city." U-S Congresswoman Alma Adams hosted this clinic. She said kids could lead the conversation on vaccines in their homes. Access is key. "Certainly not only helps what the organization is doing what the healthcare is doing but also helps the parents know oh I can just go down the street to the school and we can go head and get this done." As kids get their first and second dose of the vaccine parents made their way into a mobile vaccine clinic "To get a booster or their first and second dose." Beth Whitaker is already fully vaccinated. And now her son Colby is almost there. "My parents have been fully vaccinated since they could get vaccinated. They've been boosted but we wanted to make sure before they come in a few weeks, it will be the day after he's fully vaccinated that we can get the whole both households together and not taking any risk." Because the best way to protect people of all ages start with a shot.

12/7 Union County Covid Protocols - The Union County Board of Education will take up a resolution -- calling for the *end of some covid safety measures for schools. Leaders are asking the state health department to remove contact tracing and quarantine requirements for public schools by January 19th. the Union County board of commissioners passed the resolution last night... saying it's something they should have done since the beginning. as the pandemic has evolved in such a way that we have additional tools at our disposal now to keep down infection rates and it has also revealed itself to be a significant source of problems within the school environment, within families and within employers. This is just the latest pushback from Union County over these covid safety measures. Leaders previously tried to end them in September- but eventually reached an agreement with the state health department. school board members will vote tonight at their meeting starting at 7.

12/8 DJ Moore Man of the year nomination - PANTHERS RECEIVER DJ MOORE IS THE TEAM'S WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE. THROUGH HIS MOORE 2 LIFE FOUNDATION -- DJ SUPPORTS AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH RESOURCES, EDUCATION AND MENTORING. IN FACT JUST TONIGHT HE SPENT TIME WITH SOME OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S YOUTH TO TAKE THEM ON A SHOPPING SPREE AT ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS.

THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THIS YEAR'S SUPER BOWL WEEKEND IN L-A.

12/9 Union Teacher Bonuses - If you look on Union County Public Schools' website there are school vacancies ranging from music teachers to middle school math teachers. Like other districts around the state they're waiting for qualified teachers to click apply. In a board meeting this week board members voted unanimously to approve 2 thousand and 1 thousand dollars bonuses to retain the teachers currently on staff. This is really intended for retention to bring us back to first semester. We will down the road look at something for next school year to bring them back again." The U.S. Department of Education says North Carolina has a shortage of qualified teachers in all grades for of math and, special education and all core subjects in al for elementary schools. Grades Drew Polly is a professor in the Elementary Education program at UNC Charlotte and she says students' interest in teaching careers isn't steady. "We have had some ebbs and flows in terms of what teacher culture and what teacher morale looks like in terms of what people are pursuing in education degrees. Despite this, the college enrolls more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students annually But supply and demand in the education workforce is tricky. "There are a lot of students and a lot of children in the area and because of that there is a need for a lot of teachers. But every year teachers retire, relocate or resign. The pipeline, which sometime its referred to of teachers from traditional undergraduate programs or graduate programs doesn't always supply enough teachers. The future depends on teachers." Since 2019 North Carolina has tried more aggressively to recruit teachers in the state with its Teach NC. Creating a centralized how to page for teachers to start their careers in a North Carolina school. Polly says he continues to teach the next generation of teachers... but whether they stay in the profession? That's a personal decision. I think with the pandemic we have definitely seen some data that suggest more teachers are leaving and more teachers are deciding to do other work. And that's why districts continue to find ways to convince teachers not to leave the classroom.

12/10 Digital Divide -Andrew Smith says COVID-19 forced him to pull his 4-year-old daughter out of preschool. But homeschooling has been a problem because of an unreliable internet connection at his home. "Especially with the pandemic, I mean when it comes to your kid's education or eating, most people are going to choose their kid's education. I think that there needs to be another way." Data shows 14 percent of households in Mecklenburg County don't have access to the internet. Bruce Clark, the executive director of Digital Charlotte, says the number one reason is because they can't afford it. "People need the internet to find jobs, to communicate with their children, to

healthcare, to everything today requires it. So if you can't afford it, that means you can't fully participate in our society." Clark has been researching the digital divide for years. He says the pandemic forced leaders to start paying attention. Last month, Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles announced a Racial Equity Initiative plan which allocates 58 million dollars from public and private sources to bridge the digital gap. In addition – the federal infrastructure law includes 65 billion dollars for improving internet access – but it will require Charlotte to be proactive. "Most of those are grants that we have to apply for so unless we're coming together, unless we have shovel ready projects, we'll be at the back of the list."

12/13 Reasons to Smile - A CHARLOTTE GIRL IS TAKING HER SINGING ASPIRATIONS TO NEW HEIGHTS... WITH WORLD-CLASS VIRTUAL COACHING FROM MORE THAN 600 MILES AWAY. the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming... 13 YEAR OLD STUDENT KENDALL ELLIS CONNECTED WITH GRAMMY WINNING SONGWRITER, ARTIST, PRODUCER AND NOW VOCAL COACH GORDON CHAMBERS THROUGH ONLINE EDUCATION MARKETPLACE "OUTSCHOOL"... A SITE WHERE STUDENTS AS YOUNG AS THREE CAN FIND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CLASSES TO SUIT *THEIR PASSIONS AND INTERESTS.

12/15 Olympic High Resilient Prize - A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR IT'S INNOVATION... AND PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR WHAT'S TO COME. OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL WAS ONE OUT OF SEVEN SCHOOOLS TO BE HONORED WITH A GRANT FROM A NON-PROFIT CALLED "FUTURE OF SCHOOL." THE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES UNIQUE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT WORK TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING WHILE ALSO PREPARING THEM FOR THE WORKFORCE. THE NON PROFIT SAYS HAVING THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS IN PLACE HELPS OFFERS STUDENTS A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

12/17 Tik Tok in schools - Brooke Hostelter needed a good night's sleep before ultimately deciding to send her daughter to school today. "I've been nervous all day; haven't been able to work. I could've kept her home but it is a national threat and I can't keep her home every time there's a threat" Those threats of school violence from that viral tiktok challenge convinced other parents to make a different choice. Iredell Statesville Schools Superintendent Doctor Jeff James says 25 percent or about 5-THOUSAND of his district's students were absent today. "at that point, the rest of the day is not going to be about education. we'll go through the motions but you know as a teacher, if half of your class is out, you're going to go back and re-teach what you taught" He says they already disciplined two students who made threats this morning...which were later determined to be not credible. "my gosh we keep competing with tiktok, Facebook, twitter, omicron, covid, variants; I mean at some point, it gets a little taxing and our teachers are already stressed" UNC Charlotte professor Anita Blanchard studies psychology and organization science...she's also the mother of three CMS students. "being able to choose, perceived control is very important for mental health and they were aware if at any point they did

not want to go to school or they wanted me to pick them up, I would because that's the healthiest thing for them to do" Which is what Hostetler allowed her daughter to do...TO MAKE HER OWN CHOICE...as she eagerly waits for the school dismissal bell "tight hugs and we're going to do a lot of things this weekend, a lot of Christmas stuff, a lot of holiday stuff so it'll be good when I get here and the day's over" asked CMS numbers but nothing back. bg WCNC clt."

12/20 Chester E learning - The South Carolina Department of Education told me an abundance of caution isn't reason enough to move to e-learning and if Chester County goes virtual for a few days, it may have to add more in-person days later in the school year. We have to reevaluate what we do at the end of the year, that's not going to affect any events that we already have in place." Chris Christoff with Chester County Schools says the district just received guidance that if students learn remote for three days after winter break, those days will have to be made up in person later in the school year. State guidelines call for 180 days of in-person learning. Christoff says the district still plans to keep the remote days from January 5th through the 7th in hopes it'll help keep COVID-19 out of schools after the holiday break. CHRIS CHRISTOFF – CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOLS "If they're going to get sick, I'll have extra time to really see if they exhibit any symptoms or any signs of COVID before coming back into the classroom." The South Carolina Department of Education says, "districts cannot choose to move to virtual instruction out of an 'abundance of caution'... moves must be substantiated by actual COVID-19 isolation or quarantine figures."

12/21 Rowan College and Pfeiffer transfers - Students at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College now have an easier path to further education. As long as students have a 2 point 5 grade point average -- they can transfer directly to *Pfeiffer University. Students can start applying in the spring.

12/22 Biden Administration student loans - The Biden administration is considering extending the federal student loan payment pause once again. A spokesperson for the U-S department of education told C-N-B-C they will be announcing its decision later this week. The current student loan pause is scheduled to expire at the end of the month. And that's it for your morning rush.

12/24 CMS Teachers - It's been less than 72 hours (taking out in case they run this in the AM) since this petition calling for higher retention bonuses for CMS Staff has garnered more than 700 signatures in just a few days. Teachers Rae LeGrone and Justin Parmenter say it started off as way to gauge if other people, like them, thought the 25 hundred retention bonuses for full time staff wasn't enough. my daughter goes to my school, and after winter break, she doesn't have a science teacher anymore. Her teacher took a job in the private sector and moved to Texas, just because she's got a small child, and she can't afford to stay in the classroom. It's as simple as it's a simple economic

decision." They're asking for CMS leadership to increase retention bonuses to \$5000 for all full-time and \$2500 for part-time staff to sustain our current workforce.

LeGrone works at Olympic High School. A school that has seen the highest number of staff resignations this year. "We do believe that everyone, everyone staffing buildings and buses, needs to be recognized at this time. And the Exodus. I know we talk a lot about teachers leaving the field, but everyone's leaving the field. So bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, secretaries, front office, people, everybody's leaving."

The current CMS bonuses are coming out of emergency COVID relief funds for schools. The district was awarded than 33 million on top of 7 million in CARES act money. Just this week, the US Secretary of Education said that the federal money that they're sending to localities, they would like to see that being used to keep people in the field." If they don't the teachers fear more resignation and retirements will follow.

12/26 Rowan College and Pfeiffer Transfers - Students at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College now have an easier path to further education. As long as students have a 2 point 5 grade point average.. they can transfer directly to Pfeiffer University. Students can start applying in the spring.

12/30 Teacher Quarantines on Plane - I CAN'T BELIEVE I SPENT FOUR HOURS IN THAT BATHROOM. LIKE FOUR HOURS. Fotieo says her throat started to hurt about halfway through her Dec. 20 Icelandair flight. She had brought some rapid test kits with her in case she needed them while traveling, JUST TO CALM MY ANXIETY BECAUSE I HAD SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND ME, I WENT AND TOOK A TEST AND ENDED UP WITHIN TWO SECONDS IT WAS POSITIVE. I LIKE FREAKED OUT. I RAN OUT OF THE BATHROOM, I RAN INTO THE FIRST PERSON I SAW IT WAS ROCKY, THIS AMAZING FLIGHT ATTENDANT, at attendants name was Rocky, who then asked Marisa to wait in the bathroom while she figured out what to do. SO I SAID YOU KNOW WHAT JUST KEEP ME IN HERE CAN I HAVE SOME WATER AND SOME SNACKS. SHE SAID YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT, THIS IS YOUR SPACE, FOR THE REST OF THE FOUR HOUR FLIGHT I WAS IN THAT BATHROOM. captured her journey in the plane's tiny bathroom in a TikTok video that has now been viewed almost 4 million times. Marisa Foteio grew up in East Grand Rapids, but now lives in Chicago where she teaches early childhood education. This all happened on a trip to Switzerland with her dad and brother. Their first flight was to a layover in Iceland. YOU'VE GOT TO DO WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO. I REALLY THINK THAT THIS IS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NEW WORLD THAT WE'RE IN, JUST EVERYBODY NEEDS TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

COMMUNITY

10/1 CMS Student Dies - Ahead on wake up charlotte at five ... A CHILD GONE TOO SOON. A C-M-S elementary school community losing a student to COVID. We'll share just how common COVID pediatric deaths are.

10/2 Newton Death investigation -WE BEGIN WITH THE LATEST ON A DEATH INVESTIGATION. A COUPLE REPORTED MISSING IN CATAWBA COUNTY WAS FOUND DEAD WITH GUN SHOT WOUNDS *inside* a newspaper business. OFFICERS SAY THE VICTIMS ARE 55 YEAR OLD CINDY HULL AND 58 YEAR OLD LARRY BRIGHAM. after following up on leads, they found the couple's car in the parking lot of the "observer news enterprise." "hull and Brigham" were dating prior to the incident. the newton police chief says it's a "tragic situation" and that there's no threat to the community. we'll bring you any updates to this story on air and online at WCNC dot com.

10/3 CLT Trans leader dies - THE CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY REACTS TO ONE OF THE MOST WELL-KNOWN TRANS RIGHTS ACTIVISTS WHO DIED THIS WEEKEND AFTER A LONGTIME ILLNESS. JANICE COVINGTON ALLISON SPENT DECADES WORKING FOR TRANSGENDER RIGHTS AND WAS ARGUABLY THE MOST PROMINENT TRANS RIGHTS ADVOCATE IN CHARLOTTE DATING BACK TO THE EARLY 1980S. COVINGTON ALSO APPEARED ON THE NATIONAL STAGE IN 2012, BECOMING THE FIRST OPENLY TRANSGENDER WOMAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO SERVE AS A DELEGATE AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHARLOTTE.

10/4 Newton People Dead - A missing couple from Catawba county were found dead inside a newspaper office. Officers say the victims are 55 year old Cindy Hull and 58 year old Larry Brigham. They say both had apparent gunshot wounds- and were found at the "observer news enterprise" in newton. The investigation is ongoing- but the police chief says there is no current threat to the community.

10/5 Latino vaccination rate - health leaders working to vaccinate more people in Mecklenburg county's communities of color. they're trying new ways to make sure these groups are getting the information they need -- in a language they understand -- and in a setting where they feel comfortable... WCNC charlotte's Chloe leshner is live at the 'Latin American coalition' in east charlotte. Chloe -- health leaders are depending on community partners for this.

10/6 CMS Renaming - C-M-S IS HOLDING A RENAMING CEREMONY. THE BARRINGER ACADEMIC CENTER WILL NOW BE CALLED THE "CHARLES H. PARKER" CENTER. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED APRIL 13TH TO RENAME THE CENTER. "PARKER" WAS a local activist who helped build the West Boulevard community. HE was a visionary leader in the African-American community AND DIED IN 1939. HIS CHILDREN HAVE HELPED build affordable housing on his old property

10/7 COVID Holiday Safety - covid cases are still spreading within our schools and community. and it comes as people are making plans for the holidays. experts say *now* is the time to start deciding what's safe for your family

10/8 Martin Truex Groundbreaking - AND AHEAD OF THIS BIG WEEKEND... THE RACING COMMUNITY IS COMING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR LITTLEST NEIGHBORS IN NEED. THE MARTIN TRUEX JUNIOR FOUNDATION... NOVANT HEALTH... AND OTHERS FROM THE RACING COMMUNITY GATHERED TO HELP BREAK GROUND ON A NEW EMERGENCY HEALTH CENTER JUST FOR KIDS.

IT'S GOING TO BE INSIDE NOVANT HEALTH'S HUNTERSVILLE MEDICAL CENTER.... WHICH SEES ABOUT 5 THOUSAND KIDS A YEAR IN ITS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. TRUEX... AND PARTNER -- SHERRY POLLEX SAY THEY HOPE THIS CENTER FILLS A NEED IN THAT GROWING AREA

10/9 COVID Boosters -ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN THE QUEEN CITY COME AS COVID METRICS ARE SLOWLY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

CASES, THE PERCENT POSITIVITY RATE AND HOSPITALIZATIONS ALL WENT DOWN THIS WEEK...BUT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN THERE'S STILL A LOT OF VIRUS IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY SAY OUTDOOR EVENTS ARE BEST -

AND MASKING AND TRY THE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GATHERING TOGETHER ARE KEY. BUT THE BIGGEST THING AS WE APPROACH FLU SEASON IS TO STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK

10/10 Batch House Opening - A POPULAR CHARLOTTE BAKERY GOT A VERY WARM WELCOME TODAY IN ITS NEW HOME -- FINALLY RE OPENING AFTER ITS OLD LOCATION WAS DESTROYED IN A STORM. THE OWNER OF THE "BATCH HOUSE" WAS FORCED TO RELOCATE FROM HER FORMER WEST CHARLOTTE BAKERY IN 20-20. THE DEVASTING FLOOD CAME JUST MONTHS AFTER CHARLOTTE MAGAZINE NAMED IT "CHARLOTTE'S BEST BAKERY" AND SAID THEY HAVE THE "BEST COOKIE" THE BAKERY ISN'T JUST KNOWN FOR IT'S DELICIOUS TREATS - BUT AS A WELCOMING PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

10/11 Officer Covid Deaths - A SULLEN DAY ACROSS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY... THE CHARLOTTE AREA IS MOURNING *THREE* LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID IN THE LAST WEEK. THE MOST RECENT - MASTER DEPUTY 'BILLY MARSH' WITH THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. IREDELL COUNTY SERGEANT GARY MAYHORN AND C-M-P-D OFFICER JULIO HERRERA WERE LAID TO REST TODAY.

10/12 CA Plane Crash - It's pretty terrifying... and this happens pretty frequently with Gillipsee field being right here. the community now trying to cope with unexpected loss.

10/13 Marsh Funeral - THIS COMES AS THE COMMUNITY IN ROWAN COUNTY IS REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MASTER DEPUTY BILLY MARSH. HE PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY AFTER A BATTLE WITH COVID-19. TONIGHT WE'VE LEARNED THE details about SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS TO HONOR HIM. MARSH'S FAMILY WILL

GREET FRIENDS and relatives TOMORROW AT THE POWLAS STATON FUNERAL HOME THAT'S IN ROCKWELL, NORTH CAROLINA. THEN ON THURSDAY.. A SERVICE is scheduled AT THE CHAPEL ON CATAWBA COLLEGE'S CAMPUS. THAT WILL BE AT 2 P-M.

10/14 Meck Homeless Report - Mecklenburg county releasing ITS annual 'homelessness' report. it shows the *dramatic impact covid-19 has had on the community -- and the continued issues over affordable housing. as of June, more than 3-thousand people were homeless. that's up *55-percent* from June 20-20. the report found that black and Hispanic households were *most impacted.

10/15 Pandemic Nurse - NURSES AND DOCTORS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SLOW DOWN FOR THE LAST 19 MONTHS. THEY'RE LEARNING SO MUCH MORE ABOUT COVID BUT THEY'RE STILL EXPERIENCING SO MUCH LOSS. "it's something you're just not equipped to deal with." THE DEATH AND DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE COVID PANDEMIC HAS OVERWHELMED NURSES AND DOCTORS WORKING THE FRONTLINES. CORINNE CHAUSSE/Nurse "when your life is geared to saving people and then you have the whole picture where you know this is a mom or a dad or a son or a brother you know, and that just intensifies the tragedy." CORINNE CHAUSSE HAS WATCHED THE TRAGEDY UNFOLD HUNDREDS OF TIMES IN THE LAST 19 MONTHS. SHE WORKED IN FIELD HOSPITALS IN NEW YORK CITY AND LENOIR. SHE NEVER EXPECTED IT WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT SHE'D SEE IT PLAY OUT IN HER UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL.

10/16 Beatties Ford Donation - A JOB TRAINING CENTER IN WEST CHARLOTTE IS GETTING AN MAJOR INVESTMENT. CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCING A 50-MILLION DOLLLAR DONATION TO THE BEATTIES FORD VOCATIONAL TRADE CENTER TODAY. THE COMPANY IS DONATING THE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE CENTER'S GOAL TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED TO GET A JOB. TODAY--VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES PITCHED IN WITH A MAKEOVER AT THE CENTER BY PAINTING AND REDOING CLASSROOMS ON SITE.

10/17 Roof above Homelessness - although the signs of homelessness in charlotte may not be as visible as they were during the height of the pandemic.. city leaders say - the problem is actually getting worse "it's been steadily increasing over these past months" Liz clasen-kelly the CEO of roof above says organizations like hers try to get in front of it...

"the reality is that once folks fall into homelessness it's much harder to get out" the problem is.. as the number of people moving to Charlotte goes up.. the affordable housing options keep going down "we've got a supply demand issue, and then older apartments that were naturally affordable are being flipped into luxury apartments or torn down" but now help is on the way.. thanks to a \$2 million dollar donation from the state employees credit union foundation that's helping roof above turn this hotel on Clanton

road into permanent supportive housing "tenants will be people who are chronically homeless in our community, so folks who've been homeless a year or longer clasen-kelly says it'll serve 88 people.. and charge them 30% of their income for rent "so if someone has 0 income we'll work with them to get income and their rent will be 0 but if someone has for example a disability check they'll pay a 3rd of that for rent" clasen-kelly says the complex will also have support services on site, like case managers, a nurse, and mental health specialists to help keep them housed "it's really an investment in humanity, it's an investment in opportunity and it's an investment in dignity the project is expected to be completed in early 2022.. and clasen-kelly believes it's a step in the right direction "it truly takes a community to commit to this issue... we believe there can be a time in our community when no one has to be homeless"

10/18 Charlotte Knights Golf Classic - today -- the charlotte knights gave back to the community in a big way. they hosted their annual golf classic for Levine children's hospital, they hadn't had it since 2019 because of the pandemic, the fundraiser is for Levine's rehabilitation room so that's where we've been putting our support, most of our fundraising goes towards that effort, it's where the kids are rehabilitating before they're getting back out of the hospital so it's a very special project that we're involved in and it helps folks so we're appreciative of everyone who has come out to support this event.

10/19 Hidden Valley Redistricting - Charlotte is one of the fastest growing cities in the country" (SHORTEN THIS TO TAKE OUT THE INFO ABOUT 100K ALREADY IN ANCHOR LEAD) City councilman Malcolm graham says SOME PARTS OF CHARLOTTE AREMORE HEAVILY POPULATED THAN OTHERS. "every district has to have an equal number of voters, that number is 125,000 voters" Right now, districts 2 3 and 4 have too many voters.. while districts 15 and 6 have too few "we have to move 30,000 voters out of 23 and 4 into 15 and 6" four redistricting map options are now under consideration (TOOK OUT LETTER TITELS OF MAPS) "Map A is the least changed map, it only changes 3 precincts throughout the whole city" Graham says TWO OTHER MAPS would move about 15 precincts "That's probably the maps that've gotten the most consensus in reference to council members" But it hasn't gotten consensus with people in the hidden valley neighborhood.. "map a is the only map that protects and preserves hidden valley "we have over 170 petition signs in just one day of people who share the same interests with us" Hidden valley is a majority black neighborhood made up of seniors and settled families currently in zone 4.. SEVERAL PROPOSED MAPS move them into zone 1.. a district that includes the younger and business areas of uptown and noda.. (TOOK OUT THE "OPPONENTS" REFERENCE) "you should've come and asked us before you decided to make a move in our community" Graham says the council is still weighing the options "there's no gerrymandering going on, what we're trying to do is balance the growth

10/20 Pediatrician Kids Vaccines - ACROSS THE COUNTRY VACCINE PROVIDERS ARE PREPARING TO START ADMINISTERING THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE TO CHILDREN... AGES FIVE TO 11 THIS AGE GROUP COULD GET AUTHORIZATION FOR

THE VACCINE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. TODAY-- THE WHITE HOUSE DETAILED ITS PLAN TO ROLLOUT THE VACCINE FOR YOUNGER KIDS. THIS INCLUDES MAKING THE VACCINE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH DOCTORS' OFFICES, HOSPITALS, PHARMACIES, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, AND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BASED SITES. WCNC CHARLOTTE'S KENDALL MORRIS JOINS US LIVE. KENDALL-- THE PLANS ARE STARTING TO COME TOGETHER... WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING LIKE LOCALLY?

10/21 Halloween COVID Safety - lots of families planning what their trick or treating will look like this year. many of those kids can't get the vaccine yet. but experts say there are plenty of ways to keep your family safe from covid, and still enjoy the night. our sources for this story are Dr Raynard Washington - the Deputy Public health Director for Mecklenburg county and Dr Joseph Khabbaza - a pulmonologist with the Cleveland clinic. first -- get outside! both doctors agree that *outdoor activities are the way to go.SOT, clip - encoder - Meck BOCC 10-19 WCNC-BCMP02 4, Dr Washington, 20:13:51-20:13:55 "obviously we prefer those things to occur outside, it's safer than indoor activities. "research has shown covid is less likely to spread outside. but if you are going to an indoor trick or treating event...make sure you mask-up. The mask mandate is still in effect here in Mecklenburg County. Dr Khabbaza also recommends looking into what your covid numbers look like locally. He says if they're high, you may want to make alternate plans. SOT: Dr. Joseph Khabbaza/Cleveland Clinic, "Maybe do a smaller type of gathering for the kids with either friends or family members in the community or neighborhood that you know vaccine status and how they view and take the pandemic from a precaution standpoint. Those become very safe when you're doing that and the anxiety and risk associated with doing that any of those activities is going to be very, very low." No matter what you do -- if you don't feel well -- stay home-- even if you think it's allergies. you could be putting your own family or neighbors at risk. clip - encoder - Meck BOCC 10-19 WCNC-BCMP02_4, Dr Washington, 20:14:05- 20:14:20 "if you have sinus infection or allergies, don't discount that it might not be COVID. It could be COVID. So stay home and get a test. it's simply not worth the risk to those that you care about or those that are celebrating with you." for WCNC charlotte, I'm Sarah French

10/22 Camino Check - WCNC CHARLOTTE IS ALWAYS LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE... AND THIS MONTH... we've been asking for your HELP... WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT CAMINO HEALTH CENTER IN UNIVERSITY CITY... AND HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR donations to help fight food insecurity in the queen city. and today we WERE proud to present a check OF OUR OWN AS WELL. CAMINO'S executive director stopped by WCNC charlotte. and our Sarah French handed over a 2 thousand dollar check FROM WCNC CHARLOTTE AND THE TEGNA FOUNDATION - matching your generous donations. Camino HELPS FAMILIES WITH weekly groceries at no cost. AND it's a safe place for Hispanic community members who may not have many resources available to them

10/23 Runway 5K -HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HEADED TO CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS AIRPORT THIS MORNING.... NOT TO FLY, BUT TO RUN. 1500 PEOPLE REGISTERED FOR CLT'S 14TH ANNUAL RUNWAY 5K.. THEY RAN A COURSE ON A RUNWAY AND TAXIWAYS AT THE AIRPORT. FOR THE THIRD TIME, THE PROCEEDS WILL HELP FUND AN AIRPORT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WITH CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THAT SCHOLARSHIP PROMOTES CAREERS IN AVIATION, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN CHARLOTTE. PARTICIPANTS SAY IT WAS FUN BEING OUT ON THE RUNWAY!

10/24 Hindu Protest - PEOPLE IN THE QUEEN CITY ARE SHOWING SUPPORT TO THE BANGLADESHI HINDU COMMUNITY. A PEACEFUL VIGIL WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SOME OF THE CRIMES HAPPENING TO HINDUS IN BANGLADESH. OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS THERE -- MULTIPLE REPORTS OF MOB ATTACKS AGAINST THE MINORITY GROUP IN THAT COUNTRY. ORGANIZERS IN CHARLOTTE SAY THEY ARE PLEADING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT AN END TO THE JIHADIST EXTEREMISM HAPPENING OVERSEES.

10/25 CLT Meck Library Zoom Interview - IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HELP GETTING A JOB IN THE MARKET... BUT YOU'RE NOT REALLY SURE WHERE TO START... TRY THE LIBRARY...THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY IS TRYING TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY--BY GETTING PEOPLE BETTER EQUIPPED IN THE EVER CHANGING JOB MARKET. ALL 20 BRANCHES OFFER ACCESS TO JOBS AND RESOURCES AND STAFF IS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP THOSE WHO MAY NEED HELP POLISHING UP THIER SKILLS AND OR RESUMES.

10/26 CLT City Council retreat today - charlotte city council's annual retreat continues today. during today's meeting -- they voted to approve how they will spend 60-million dollars of American rescue plan act money. the money will go towards housing, employment, and community vitality -- which consists of things like public safety, arts and culture, and food insecurity. coming up at six -- we'll hear from the one councilmember who voted *against* this plan.

10/27 Fundraiser for Rowan Co Deputy - THE ROWAN COUNTY COMMUNITY IS RAISING MONEY TO HELP THE FAMILY OF A FALLEN DEPUTY. MASTER DEPUTY WILLIAM (BILLY) MARSH DIED FROM COVID-19 COMPLICATIONS. TODAY'S FUNDRAISER WAS HELD ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE COURTHOUSE ON NORTH MAIN STREET. ORGANIZERS SOLD SAUSAGE SANDWICHES AND HOTDOGS in hopes of raising MONEY TO GIVE TO MARSH'S FAMILY.

10/28 Gaston EMS Vaccines for homeless - Gaston County e-m-s and the county public health department -- are working together to get covid vaccines and boosters to the homeless, and anyone who is struggling to get a ride to a vaccine appointment. To

schedule a vaccine or booster appointment -- people just need to call The Gaston County e-m-s community outreach at 704 - 862 - 6287. That number is also on your screen. ** And that's if your morning rush.

10/29 Meck Covid - right now At 4:30 -- MASKS in Mecklenburg. The warning county health officials have for the community even as COVID cases decline. ALSO what a new North Carolina based study is telling us about the transmission of COVID through H-VAC systems.

10/30 Julius Chambers unveiling - THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IS RECOGNIZING A CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WHO MADE A MAJOR IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY. TODAY--A STATUE WAS UNVEILED IN DEDICATION TO JULIUS CHAMBERS. THE UNVEILING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ALONG LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY AS PART OF THE 'TRAIL OF HISTORY'. IT'S A COLLECTION OF FUNDED SCULPTURES MEMORIALIZING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SHAPED AND DEFINED THE RICH HISTORY OF THE QUEEN CITY. CHAMBERS LAUNCHED THE SOUTH'S FIRST INTERRACIAL LAW FIRM – PUSHING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS...BY WINNING MULITPLE LANDMARK SUPREME COURT RULINGS.

10/31 Gastonia Joshua Rohrer Arrest Update- In GASTONIA -- POLICE ARE NOW RESPONDING TWO WEEKS AFTER A HOMELESS VETERAN WAS ARRESTED FOR PANHANDLING ...AND HIS DOG LATER KILLED . JOSHUA (ROAR) ROHRER -- AND SOME WITNESSES WHO SAW THE INCIDENT -- CLAIM THAT POLICE WERE OVERLY AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS HIM AND HIS DOG, "SUNSHINE", DURING AN ARREST EARLIER THIS MONTH. While Rohrer (ROAR) was in jail -- his dog "sunshine" was staying with a V-A advocate -- when she got loose and was hit by a car. SINCE his arrest -- THOSE WITNESSES AND A FEW DIFFERENT VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS HAVE BEEN PROTESTING THE ARREST... AND DEMANDING THE GASTONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RELEASE THE BODY CAMERA VIDEO.

IN A STATEMENT --GASTONIA POLICE SAID IN PART -- QUOTE--"The Department fully understands the emotional impact that this case has had on the local community and on the United States military community. The Department continues to review all the facts surrounding this incident and continues to review the actions of all officers involved in Mr. (ROAR'S) Rohrer's arrest.

11/1 At home COVID Tests - STARTING TODAY ... FOUR MECKLENBURG COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL OFFER FREE AT-HOME COVID TEST KITS. YOU CAN SEE A MAP OF LOCATIONS ON YOUR SCREEN. THE KITS ARE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. THEIR PRIORITIZED FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING TESTING AND EITHER HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS ... OR THINK THEY WERE EXPOSED. THE LIBRARY ASKS YOU STAY OUTSIDE AND FOLLOW SIGNS WHEN PICKING UP TEST.

11/2 Goodwill goes bagless - we're excited to do our part to eliminate waste in our community. and we know that so many goodwill shoppers are all about repurposing,

recycling. it's at the core of what we do. so we're excited to extend that to our shoppers. So if you're shopping there - remember to bring a reusable bag or you can buy one of theirs for 99-cents.

11/3 Path Fundraiser - WCNC charlotte is highlighting a York county non-profit that's making a difference in the community. It's called PATH - positive affirmation through healing.. and it helps our neighbors in times of crisis... offering things like groceries, rental assistance and clothing. RIGHT NOW THEY NEED HELP FEEDING THOSE IN NEED, THANKSGIVING DINNERS. If you'd like to donate - go to WCNC dot com slash make a difference. WCNC Charlotte and the TEGNA Foundation will match first \$2,000 donated.

11/4 Mint Hill first black commissioner - a local politician making history. 'twanna Henderson' just became the first black female commissioner in mint hill. we got the chance to talk with her today about what this new title means to her. twanna Henderson - commissioner elect "I really have ambivalent feelings because I'm excited about it because it speaks to the fact that her community is open to something new and different. at the same time I'm kind of saddened by it because we're still in 2021 talking about a first and so it's sort of a mixed feeling she says she is excited to give back to the community.

11/5 Kids Vax - CHILDREN 5 TO 11 NOW ELIGIBLE AS VACCINE PROVIDERS IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA GEAR UP FOR A BIG WEEKEND OF COMMUNITY CLINICS. PARENTS EAGER TO GET THEIR KIDS PROTECTED AMONG THE PEOPLE RUSHING OUT TO GET THEIR KIDS VACCINATED IN THESE FIRST FEW DAYS — AS HEALTH LEADERS HOPE TO EDUCATE THOSE WHO STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT IF THIS IS THE RIGHT MOVE FOR THEIR FAMILY. WCNC charlottes Chloe Leshner is at star med's vaccine clinic in northwest charlotte - with a look at demand.

11/6 Corvette Sal Army Event - HUNDREDS OF CORVETTE OWNERS ARE RACING TO HELP FAMILIES OUT AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. TODAY A "CORVETTE ANGELS" DRIVE WAS HELD AT CAROLINA PLACE MALL IN PINEVILLE TO COLLECT TOYS FOR KIDS TO GIVE TO THE SALVATION ARMY OF GREATER CHARLOTTE'S "ANGEL TREE" CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. CORVETTE ANGELS IS AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY CHARLOTTE'S ROAD RUNNER VETTES CORVETTE CLUB. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WANTED TO HELP FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN NEED.

11/7 CLT Announcement - IT WAS AN EVENT WITH A WHO'S WHO LIST OF ATTENDEES...
FROM CEOS AND LEADERS OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES... TO LOCAL POLITICIANS...
AND DONORS... ALL OF THEM COMING TOGETHER TO HELP MAKE OUR CITY MORE
EQUITABLE FOR EVERYONE... IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.

IN AN EMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT -- MAYOR VI LYLES SAYS THE CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IS SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO FIGHT INEQUITIES. A 250-MILLION GOAL TO HELP GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS. SO FAR -- 196-MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN RAISED... FROM CITY MONEY -- TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DONATIONS BY CORPORATIONS AND DONORS... THE

MAYOR EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANT REASON WHY. what we are trying to do is make that opportunity for everyone to be a part of this place that we choose to have as home. 80-million dollars will go to Johnson C Smith university... funding scholarships and other programs to make it a top 10 HBCU. 109 million dollars will go to the Corridors of opportunity. That money -- improving employment & upward mobility, job centers, and housing services. 58-million dollars will also go towards bridging the digital divide -- giving internet and computer access to some 55-thousand homes that don't have it in the city of Charlotte.

11/8 Hidden Valley Protest - Why some local community members say Charlotte's plan to change districts around the city -- will only hurt them in the future.

11/9 Breakfast Forum - A CHARLOTTE DEVELOPER JOINED THE WEEKLY CHARLOTTE BREAKFAST FORUM. "CHRISTOPHER DENNIS" IS THE OWNER OF "E-FIX DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION." HE TALKED ABOUT COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THE BEATTIES FORD CORRIDOR. this past week a chase bank opened at a former McDonald's. BLACK OWNED bakery "b-w sweets" has plans to open A NEW LOCATION NEXT YEAR.

11/10 Piedmont Goodwill Mission - NEW TONIGHT.... A LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS HARD FOR THE COMMUNITY.. NOW UPDATING ITS MISSION.
TODAY GOODWILL OF SOUTHERN PIEDMIONT ANNOUNCED its NEW MISSION STATEMENT... AND ORGANIZATION GOALS. AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS IN THE AREA... LEADERS SAY THEY WANT TO REINFORCE THE ROLE GOODWILL PLAYS IN THE AREA... GOING BEYOND JUST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES... BUT SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY TO DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL... AND GO AFTER IT. Really, folks want and need more. They're thinking about the dreams they have and aspirations they have for themselves and their families. And they the challenges that get in the way. And they're looking for somebody to partner with them to you know, find that employment that's going to offer a career that allows them to, you know, support themselves and their families and achieve those dreams. IF YOU'D LIKE TO CHECK OUT THE OPPORTUNITIES GOODWILL HAS... THERE'S SEVERAL RETAIL STORES... AN OPPORTUNITY CAMPUS... A SKILLS TRAINING CENTER... AND MUCH MORE. YOU CAN ALSO LOG ON TO GOODWILL S-P DOT COM.

11/11 New outreach Thanksgiving Drive - A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY FOR THE NEW OUTREACH CHRISTIAN CENTER. THEY'RE ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 20TH. THE CENTER IS ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with this drive and it's *Christmas toy drive*. this is the first year of events without pastor Brenda Stevenson who passed away in august. the center says it's keeping her legacy alive by serving the community.

11/12 Cam Charity Work - Cam Newton is known not just for his efforts on the field-

but also in the community. He's had an impact on thousands of families in the Queen City. You may remember his 15-thousand dollar donation to the former Bethlehem center. It helped students in the afterschool program get laptops which helped them with classwork throughout the pandemic. His impact was felt much longer than anybody could've imagined. Cam also served thousands of underprivileged families every year during his Thanksgiving Jam event.

11/13 Supply Shortage Local Impact - FOR WEEKS -- THE NATION'S SUPPLY CHAINS HAVE CRIPPLED SHIPPING PORTS AND DISTRIBUTION TRUCKS. AND NOW -- THE SUPPLY CHAIN CHAOS IS CAUSING PROBLEMS RIGHT HERE IN CHARLOTTE... SOME ARE NOW ASKING FOR THE COMMUNITY'S HELP, WHILE OTHERS ASK FOR PATIENCE. WCNC CHARLOTTE'S HUNTER SAENZ SPOKE WITH A BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION THAT SAY RELIEF CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH.

11/14 Herndon Monument - TODAY... MOUNT HOLLY POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY GATHERED TO REMEMBER THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FALLEN OFFICER TYLER HERNDON. A MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION SERVICE WAS HELD AT THE MONUMENT THAT NOW STANDS IN HIS HONOR. HERE'S A LOOK AT THAT SERVICE THIS MORNING. HERNDON WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. HE WAS ONLY 25-YEARS-OLD.

11/15 Red Raider Protest - four different native American tribes coming together in Gaston county this afternoon - to protest against a high school mascot. The groups say it's time to retire South Point High School's "Red Raider" mascot. students, parents, and community members joined citizens of the Lumbee, Catawba, Coharie, and Saponi nations to advocate for the change... calling the mascot "stereotypical and demeaning."

11/16 Humane Society singing -SOME YOUNG MUSICIANS IN OUR COMMUNITY... PUTTING ON A CONCERT INFRONT OF SOME CUTE PETS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED. THIS HAPPENED AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CHARLOTTE EARLIER THIS EVENING... WITH KIDS FROM THE ARTS PLUS PROGRAM.

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11/17 Hopewell Town Hall - Parents and community members will gather in Huntersville at the Lake Forest church -- to seek solutions about recent violence at Hopewell High School. So far this month -- 6 Hopewell High school students have been charged -- after guns were found -- following a fight. It's just one of several recent incidents around C-M-S -- of guns being found on school grounds. AS W-C-N-C Charlotte's Kendall Morris REPORTS ... the district hopes tonight's meeting will give parents a place to have their concerns heard.

11/18 CLT Doctor Passes Away - THE CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOCAL ICON. DR. OPHELIA GARMON-BROWN... A TRAILBLAZER FOR WOMEN OF

COLOR IN THE MEDICAL FIELD... HAS PASSED AWAY AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. NOVANT-HEALTH ANNOUNCED THE NEWS EARLIER THIS EVENING. GARMON-BROWN HAS cared for TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS OVER THE YEARS... MANY OF THEM FOR FREE AT THE CHARLOTTE CLINIC SHE CO-FOUNDED. AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN WHO HAS MADE A MARK ON OUR COMMUNITY... AND BEYOND. 11/19 CLT Knights Mascot Turkeys - This will for sure put a smile on your face this Friday morning. Charlotte Knights mascot "Homer the Dragon" spent his day -- delivering turkeys to non-profits around the queen city. the charlotte knights are partnering with 2 catering services to help feed community members in need this thanksgiving. In total -- Homer delivered to 8 different places

11/20 Veteran Wreaths - AT THE "FOREST LAWN WEST CEMETERY" IN NORTHWEST CHARLOTTE... STACEY KRESPAN TAKES TIME TO HONOR THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF LOCAL HEROES. RIGHT NOW -- AMERICAN FLAGS ARE THE TOKENS OF GRATITUDE. BUT IN ABOUT A MONTH... A WREATH FOR EVERY HEADSTONE WILL BE THE MISSION. it's just really important that we remember what they've given up for us. Remember what they've sacrificed, remember what they what their families have sacrificed and never forget all that they've gone through. AS THE DAUGHTER OF A VIETNAM VETERAN... KRESPAN KNOWS FIRSTHAND. THAT'S WHY HER ROLE WITH THE ORGANIZATION "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" IS SO NEAR TO HER HEART. our mission is to remember, honor and teach and we have a goal of, at one point, honoring every veteran that is served and passed across the country. THE GROUP COORDINATES WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES ON VETERAN'S GRAVES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER LOCATIONS ACROSS THE U-S... INCLUDING HERE IN THE CAROLINAS. SHOWING SIGN WITH WREATH-LAYING DATE BUT JUST LIKE ANY OPERATION... IT TAKES RESOURCES... AND BOOTS ON THE GROUND. SO WHETHER IT'S BY DONATING MONEY TO FUND A WREATH... OR VOLUNTEERING TO PLACE THEM, KRESPAN HOPES THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT IS AS STRONG AS THE COURAGE AND LOVE OF COUNTRY THESE HEROES SHOWED. the thing that we ask for people to do is to stop and remember the person, we ask everybody to say the veterans name, just give a minute just to respect them and just take a little bit of time to honor their service.

11/21 Mooresville Student Suicide -THERE WASN'T AN EMPTY SEAT AT MOORESVILLE HIGH JOE POPP STADIUM SUNDAY. THERE WAS A LINE TO GET IN AND HONOR THE LIFE OF MARIO NATHAN LOPEZ. HIS FRIENDS TOOK THE STOOD CENTER STAGE, SHARING THEIR LOVE FOR NATHAN. "All through our childhood years you showed me what it's like to laugh as hard as I could and love everybody around me." HIS MOM-ASHLEY LOPEZ—WAS SURRONDED BY HAPPYINESS MEMORIES. "We had people fly in from Mexico. We have people that have driven in from Texas. Here's one right here. Leah, she grew up with him drove straight. Madison she drove from Georgia." THAT IS THE IMPACT OF NATHAN HAD A BID IMPACT ON PEOPLE AROUND HIM SAID ONE OF HIS CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

"He was always somebody who you could talk to, and he cared about everybody else maybe more than he did about himself. HUNTER JONES SAYS HIS BEST FRIEND STRUGGLED SOMETIMES. "He had really bad social anxiety and then through meeting me and my friends, and some of his old friends, we all got together and made a friend group and everything." THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE TALKED OPENLY ABOUT INCLUDED DISCUSSION ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARNESS AND ASKING FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT. "That was my whole goal to at least save one. He was ready to go but we might be able to save one more." SAVE ONE MORE MOM, UNCLE, FRIEND FROM FEELING THE HURT HERE TODAY. "Like I told her you're being held up by the community. And that's what I have and that's what I need. That's why I'm standing here today. " SHE KNOWS HER SON IS STANDING NOT FAR BEHIND HER. (are you writing to video here? If not use the re-write) SUPPORT MUCH NEEDED WITH ANOTHER LIFE LOST TOO SOON TO SUICIDE. ALWAYS IIN HER HEART. IN MOORESVILLE SHAMARRIA MORRISON WCNC CHARLOTTE

11/22 Chainsaw Art at Twin Oaks - TWO ARTIST ARE CARVING OUT A UNIQUE PIECE IN THE DILWORTH COMMUNITY.. SCOTT DOW AND JOE STEBBING STARTED WORKING ON WHAT'S CALLED "CHAINSAW ART" TODAY . THE PAIR IS MAKING A MASTERPIECE OUT OF THE OAK TREE IN FRONT OF THE TWIN OAKS SHOPPING CENTER FACING EAST BOULEVARD. YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PHOTOS WHERE THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED THE WORK. THE PROJECT IS NOT QUITE DONE. IT'S EXPECTED TO CONTINUE INTO THE WEEK

11/23 Magical Toy Drive - Many families in our community are still recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic this holiday season, And thousands are turning to The Salvation Army for help. WCNC Charlotte and the Salvation Army have teamed up for the annual Magical Toy Drive. Make a Difference for a family in need by donating a new unwrapped toy at any Charlotte area Belk store. Or you can go online to wcnc.com/toys to donate money. WCNC Charlotte will match up to the first \$10,000 donated.

11/24 FMR CPI Security Manager Lawsuit - SECURITY COMPANY C-P-I FACING SCRUTINY TONIGHT AFTER A FORMER EMPLOYEE FILES A LAWSUIT ALLEGING OF RACIST PRACTICES. IT CLAIMS THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS FIRED IN RETALIATION FOR OBJECTING TO PROCEDURES BY C-P-I AS WELL AS COMMENTS BY C-E-O KENNETH GILL. LAST YEAR GILL CAME UNDER FIRE AFTER MAKING CONTROVERSIAL REMARKS FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD. IN AN EMAIL GILL WROTE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOULD SPEND THEIR TIME IN A MORE PRODUCTIVE WAY AND BETTER USE OF TIME WOULD BE TO FOCUS ON BLACK ON BLACK CRIME. THAT INCIDENT LED TO MANY CORPORATE CUSTOMERS LIKE THE PANTHERS AND BOJANGLES DROPPING C-P-I. GILL WOULD LATER APOLOGIZE FOR THE EMAIL

11/25 CLT Rescue Mission Today - Charlotte Rescue Mission is giving back to the community- providing meals to those in need. They're hosting breakfast and lunch at the

'Community Matters Cafe' - just outside of uptown. Breakfast is from 7-30 to 8-30 this morning. Lunch will be served from 11-30 to 1.

11/26 New Variant Detected - A NEW CORONAVIRUS VARIANT IS GAINING MORE ATTENTION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY....HEALTH OFFICIALS RAISING THE ALARM IN SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT THIS VARIANT... WHICH HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF MUTATIONS AND IS SPREADING QUICKLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. THE VARIANT HAS ALSO BEEN DETECTED IN BOTSWANA AND HONG KONG. IN TRAVELERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA. THE W-H-O WILL ASSESS THE NEW VARIANT TOMORROW.

11/27 CLT Couple Passes - NEW TONIGHT... FRIENDS, FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY ARE REMEMBERING A BELOVED CHARLOTTE COUPLE LOST IN A CAR CRASH. LUKE AND RESTIN DRAWDY DIED EARLIER THIS WEEK... AFTER A CRASH ON NORTH TRYON STREET. POLICE SAY THE OTHER DRIVER INVOLVED HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING... AND RECKLESS DRIVING. THE DRAWDYS WERE WELL-KNOWN AND ACTIVE IN CHARLOTTE'S L-G-B-T-Q COMMUNITY. THEY WERE ONLY 32... AND 35 YEARS OLD.

11/28 Small Biz Saturday - SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE MAKING A COMEBACK AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. CAMDEN STREET IN SOUTH END CHARLOTTE WAS PACKED SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY. look at that.. you love to see it. THE COMMUNITY CAME OUT TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES LIKE DIVINE TASTE COOKING. THEY ALSO FOUND NEW PLACES TO SHOP AND A NEW FAMILY TO SUPPORT LIKE LILBELLE. THIS YEAR --PEOPLE ARE ALSO ASKED TO NOT FORGET ABOUT SMALL BUSINESSES THAT OPERATE SOLELY ONLINE.. LIKE ONE LUXURY PICNIC SERVICE IN CHARLOTTE

11/29 CLT FC Pitches for Progress - Charlotte's new professional soccer team -Charlotte F-C - is giving back to the community in a big way. The team and its corporate sponsor, Centene, unveiled a brand new soccer field in the Hunters Pointe community in East Charlotte. it's part of the Pitches for Progress program. The idea is to give kids *and adults in the community a safe space to play the game.

11/30 Reason to smile- it's time for a reason to smile this morning. Charlotte's new professional soccer team - Charlotte F-C - is giving back to the community in a big way. The team and its corporate sponsor, Centene, unveiled a brand new soccer field in the Hunters Pointe community in East Charlotte. it's part of the Pitches for Progress program. The idea is to give kids *and adults in the community a safe space to play the game.

12/1 Chambers High Incident - This is video that's been circulating of the fight here at chambers today.. the school was put on a modified lockdown because of it.. again cmpd is now investigating.. and so far hasn't said if any weapons were found on campus.. [TAKE:VO2]

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-we do know there was a weapon found at Harding high school just yesterday .. a gun was found after a fight that put students there on lockdown. That was the 16th gun found in a CMS school this year. Community leaders like Corine Mack with the naacp says clear book bags and metal detectors and other measures that have been suggested won't solve this city's youth violence problem.. she believes parents and concerned community members have to take action so no other child falls victim.

12/2 Infrastructure - WE ALL KNOW THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT OUR ROADS -- BRIDGES IN BAD SHAPE -- AND TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY. BUT SOON -- NORTH CAROLINA WILL GET BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HELP FIX THOSE PROBLEMS. IT'S ALL LAID OUT IN THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL -- RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW. TODAY -- VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS AND TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG PAID A VISIT TO CHARLOTTE -- sharing how they think THE PLAN COULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. WCNC CHARLOTTE'S HUNTER SAENZ SPOKE ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE Transportation SECRETARY... AND explains THE PROJECTS WE COULD SEE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

12/3 Dr Garmon Brown Funeral - A FUNERAL IS UNDERWAY FOR A BELOVED CHARLOTTE DOCTOR."OPHELIA GARMON BROWN" WAS A TRAILBLAZER FOR WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. SHE PASSED away last month AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. "Garmon-Brown" cared for tens of thousands of patients over the years, many of them for free at the Charlotte clinic she co-founded. saint Luke missionary church in charlotte is posting this live stream of the services. if you want to give back in "garmon-brown's" honor - you can donate to an endowment in her name at north Carolina central university. you can also donate to the Ophelia garmon-brown community center here in charlotte

12/4 Move for Jenn Foundation - FOLKS ACROSS THE QUEEN CITY GOT UP BRIGHT AND EARLY FOR A RUN TODAY--AND THE GOOD NEWS -- THEY GOT TO KEEP THEIR PAJAMAS ON. IT WAS FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL PAJAMAS ALL-DAY 5K AND 10K RUN RACE -- FOR THE 'MOVE FOR JENN FOUNDATION.' THE EVENT WAS TO RAISE MONEY TO FUND PROSTHETICS FOR PEOPLE WHO LOST A LIMB TO CANCER. ORGANIZERS SAY THIS EVENT IS MEANINGFUL TO SO MANY.

12/5 Youth Violence - THE RACE IS ON TO MAKE C-M-S SCHOOLS SAFER. IT COMES AFTER A WEEK FULL OF GUNS FOUND ON CAMPUSES -- AND FIGHTS THAT ENDED IN LOCKDOWNS FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS. CHAMBERS HIGH, GARINGER AND HARDING UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL WERE ALL PLACED ON LOCKDOWN THIS WEEK. HARDING WAS PLACED ON LOCKDOWN TWICE--ONCE ON TUESDAY AFTER A FIGHT BROKE OUT AND GUN WAS FOUND ON A STUDENT -- AND ONCE AGAIN YESTERDAY AFTER ANOTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING PEPPER SPRAY. LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS IN CHARLOTTE SAY YOUTH VIOLENCE IS GETTTING OUT OF

HAND. SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED AND THEY UNDERSTAND MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE

12/6 West Charlotte Haircuts - LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CHARLOTTE ARE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IN STYLE. FREE HAIRCUTS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE 8TH ANNUAL 'DAY OF GIVING BACK' AT WEST CHARLOTTE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON SUNDAY. IT'S PART OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MILLION YOUTH MARCH OF CHARLOTTE AND SALISBURY. ORGANIZERS AT TODAY'S EVENT SAY IT'S MORE THAN JUST A HAIRCUT.

12/7 Van Gogh Balloon Today - If you're in Ballantyne today you'll want to see this. A giant Vincent Van Gogh hot air balloon is taking off for a tethered flight this afternoon around 4. It will be hovering above Ballantyne's Backyard in Community House Road. this was supposed to happen this morning at 7am but was pushed back due to wind. The first 100 people to show up for a closer look will get a FREE pair of tickets to immersive Van Gogh Charlotte exhibit at Camp North End. the show has been extended three times... but it's closing early next month. we have a great show including where you can enjoy wine all winter

12/8 Union County COVID Protocol -This is a huge step in the right direction and I AM so proud of Union County for being leaders in challenging the quarantine rules that have burden us all." All that does is put all of these kids and their families in danger. Now they're not even going to know when they've been exposed. They'll take it home to their grandparents, aunts and uncles. It's going to spread through the community. It's a terrible idea. Union County schools say IT hopes other schools districts JOIN THEM IN HELPING INFLUENCE STATE LEADERS.

12/9 NC Highway patrol luncheon - trooper Chris Wooten - the north Carolina state trooper paralyzed in the line of duty in 2019 - thanking the community for their support. Wooten spoke at a north Carolina highway patrol luncheon today. he recently returned home to Gaston county after spending more than two years in a rehab facility in Georgia.

12/10 CMS School Violence - -- C-M-S Schools seeking solutions to violence -- after more guns were found at schools. The superintendent's message to everyone in the community.

12/11 – Magical Toy Drive - As we head to break -- we want to remind you...WCNC is partnering with the salvation army for the annual magical toy drive. you can make a difference for a family in need in *your* community. JUST donate a new unwrapped toy at any Charlotte area Belk store. Or go online to WCNC DOT com SLASH toys to donate money. WCNC Charlotte will match up to the first 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS donated. Today we're hosting a contactless donation - at Carolina Place Mall - in Pineville. that's at eleven - zero - nine - Carolina place parkway. stop by and see us. we'll be there from 8-30 this morning to 3 this afternoon - in the Belk Parking Lot.

12/12 Tyler Herndon Mount Holly Dedication - ONE YEAR SINCE BEING KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY-- THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO HONOR AND PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO OFFICER TYLER HERNDON. EARLIER TODAY-- THERE WAS A DEDICATION EVENT AT THE MOUNT HOLLY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL PLAZA. IT WAS TO HONOR HERNDON, HIS FAMILY, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. HERNDON WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. HE WAS 25-YEARS-OLD.

12/13 Lowe's Tornado Relief - LOWE'S IS DONATING A MILLION DOLLARS TO TORANDO RELIEF. THE MONEY WILL GO TO THE RED CROSS AND other partners. Lowe's emergency response team - made up of store associates are out in the community. on Saturday, they helped board up the Mayfield police department and city hall. in bowling green, volunteers donated emergency supplies and battery-powered lanterns to light a senior living home that was left without power.

12/14 Adams CTE Results - TODAY- WE'RE EXPECTING NEW INFORMATION - THAT MAY ANSWER SOME LINGERING QUESTIONS ABOUT A MASS SHOOTING TRAGEDY THAT LEFT THE ROCK HILL COMMUNITY DEVASTATED. SIX PEOPLE - INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY - WERE SHOT AND KILLED AT A ROCK HILL HOME BACK IN APRIL. AMONG THE DEAD: A BELOVED DOCTOR - ROBERT LESSLIE, HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO GRANDCHILDREN... ALONG WTH TWO H-VAC WORKERS WHO WERE WORKING AT THE HOME THAT DAY. THE SHOOTER - PHILLIP ADAMS TOOK HIS OWN LIFE. EIGHT MONTHS AFTER THE SHOOTINGS - A DOCTOR FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND THE YORK COUNTY CORONER WILL SHARE THE RESULTS OF A C-T-E STUDY DONE ON ADAMS' BRAIN TISSUE. ADAMS PLAYED IN THE NFL FOR SIX YEARS, MOST RECENTLY WITH THE ATLANTA FALCONS, UNTIL THE 2015 SEASON. HE HAD SEVERAL DOCUMENTED INJURIES IN HIS CAREER. THE YORK COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE THOSE RESULTS AT 10 THIS MORNING.

12/15 Kidnapping Presser - HERE IT IS. YOU CAN SEE A PERSON RUNNING UP TO A FRONT PORCH... BANGING ON THE DOOR TRYING TO GET HELP WITH ANOTHER MAN RIGHT BEHIND THE VICTIM. THEN THE KIDNAPPER -- GRABBING THE VICTIM -- SLAMMING them TO THE GROUND -- THEN WAILING PUNCHES. THEN HE SEEMS TO DRAG THE VICTIM OFF BY THE BAG they're WEARING. CMPD SAYS THE HOMEOWNERS AT THIS HOUSE WOKE UP AND SAW THIS VIDEO ON THEIR DOORBELL CAMERA.. AND QUICKLY CALLED POLICE. OFFICERS SAYS THERE IS NO CONNECTION TO THE VICTIM AND THIS HOUSE... BUT THEY ARE TREATING THIS AS A VIOLENT KIDNAPPING

AND ARE DESPERATE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S HELP.

12/16 VA Clinic Care Package - "We have a huge passion for our veterans and our veteran community and so just to be able to spread a little holiday cheer this time of year is just incredible for us." THERE ARE MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE CHARLOTTE-AREA. AND MORE THAN 800-THOUSAND ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA.

12/17 Shuping Memorial -THE COMMUNITY OF CONCORD GATHERED TO DEDICATE A NEW FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL TONIGHT. IT COMES EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER OFFICER JASON SHUPING'S FELL IN THE LINE OF DUTY. shuping died last year when POLICE SAY a carjacking suspect SHOT AND KILLED HIM near concord mills mall. ONE OFFICER ON THE FORCE NOW--SHARES WHY HE CAME OUT OF RETIREMENT AFTER SHUPING WAS KILLED

12/18 MCSO Shop with a Cop event - MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES -- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. TODAY -- THEY GAVE 50 KIDS FROM THOMASBORO ACADEMY THE ROYAL TREATMENT DURING THEIR 'SHOP WITH A SHERIFF' EVENT. THIS MORNING -- THE GROUP WAS PICKED UP FROM THE ACADEMY AND TAKEN TO TARGET TO SHOP. MANY OF THE CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO BUY THINGS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILES FOR CHRISTMAS. A DEPARTMENT TRULY SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

12/19 Local Restaurant donates to KY victims - THIS MORNING PEOPLE who live in Mayfield, Kentucky are cleaning up AND CONTINUING TO SALVAGE WHAT THEY CAN - AFTER A DEADLY TORNADO TORE THROUGH THEIR TOWN. THE DEVASTATING WEATHER ravaged that community... but people all over the country are stepping up to help... INCLUDING two local restaurant owners here in charlotte. wake up charlotte's hunter Saenz has details.

12/20 Camino Christmas Event - A LOCAL NON-PROFIT IS SPEADING A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE 12TH ANNUAL 'CHRISTMAS AT CAMINO' took place Sunday. IT WAS AT THE CAMINO CENTER --A BILINGUAL NONPROFIT IN northeast CHARLOTTE. the center gave out TOYS TO FAMILIES IN NEED. there was also a celebration with FOOD, GAMES AND MUSIC. All together the center gave out MORE THAN 1-THOUSAND toys

12/21 Rowan College and Pfeiffer Transfers - Students at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College now have an easier path to further education. As long as students have a 2 point 5 grade point average.. they can transfer directly to Pfeiffer University. Students can start applying in the spring.

12/22 Officer Killed - it's not lost on anyone that this tragic incident happened 3 days before Christmas. And this was a young family.. officer Goodwin had JUST come back to

work from maternity leave a few days AGO. she and her husband, a charlotte firefighter have a 4month old baby.. a one year old. And a 3 year old. According to chief johnny Jennings. Officer Goodwin had just got to the scene before she was fatally hit.. Goodwin was among a group who went to relieve other officers who'd been on scene of an overturned tractor trailer that spilled thousands of pounds of corn feed in the road.. while officers were blocking traffic... two other tractor trailers collided.. and then barreled towards the officers.. Goodwin was killed and 3 other officers were hurt and taken to the hospital. Community members we talked to say as parents.. this is the unthinkable.

12/23 CMPD Officer Goodwin Death - Here's what we know about the accident so far. Goodwin and 3 other officers were helping state troopers close a part of I-85 southbound yesterday morning due to an accident. Around 1 a-m -- one lane was reopened. Just a few hours later -- 2 trucks heading south collided -- hitting the c-m-p-d officers. Goodwin was pronounced dead at the scene. The 3 other officers were sent to the hospital and were later released. The Charlotte community -- still trying to process the horrible accident.

12/24 Memorial and Funds growing for Goodwin Family - ALSO THIS MORNING - MORE IMAGES OF THE growing MEMORIAL outside c-m-p-d's university city division where Goodwin worked. The community already raising more than 200 thousand dollars to help her family.

12/25 COVID Testing - So right now, the testing capabilities is decent for us as a hospital system. But I think where the US has fallen short, is having that lose rapid tests out in the community available to people to do on their own. That's where we're falling short right now. the star-med tucks gee location is open TODAY. you can get tested and antibody therapy for coronavirus from 11 a-m to 3 p-m. all other locations will be closed.

12/26 Martha Earnhardt Death - Martha Earnhardt and her husband Ralph raised their children here. Even after Ralph died in 1973 - Martha stayed in this community. She insisted on living in the modest home she and her husband built even after her son and grandson's NASCAR fame and fortune. She was also a woman of strong faith who had her share of heartache. She was preceded in death by three of her sons, including Dale Senior, who died in 2001 when his racecar crashed at the Daytona 500. After his death she would connect with fans and even invited them into her home here in Kannapolis. Today, the community says her death is a loss not just for the family but for this town

12/27 Goodwin Funeral Details - WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHEN THE COMMUNITY WILL SAY ITS FINAL GOODBYE TO FALLEN CMPD OFFICER MIA GOODWIN. SHE WILL BE LAID TO REST WEDNESDAY. GOODWIN DIED AFTER A CRASH ON I-85... SHE WAS ASSISTING WITH AN OVERTURNED TRACTOR TRAILER.

SHE LEAVES BEHIND 3 YOUNG CHILDREN AND HER HUSBAND - WHO'S A CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTER.

12/28 Church offering Vaccines - If you're looking for a covid vaccine... there are some options for you tomorrow in Pineville. some churches are partnering with the Mecklenburg County Health Department for a vaccination event. it's tomorrow from 3 until 6 at the sanctuary charlotte church on Culp road. ORGANIZERS CREDIT THE COUNTY FOR STEPPING UP TO HELP A COMMUNITY IN NEED.

12/29 Officer Goodwin Funeral Today - AFTER TWO TRUCKS TRAVELING SOUTH BOUND COLLIDED--- IT INJURED THREE OFFICERS AND CLAIMED THE LIFE OF 33 YEAR OLD OFFICER MIA GOODWIN. THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK -- 50-YEAR-OLD DANIEL MORGAN – NOW FACING CHARGES INCLUDING INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER. AFTER THE CRASH, FIRST RESPONDERS SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT – LINING THE ROAD AS OFFICER GOODWIN'S BODY WENT FROM THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE TO THE ALEXANDER FUNERAL HOME JUST OUTSIDE OF UPTOWN. A MEMORIAL WAS STARTED OUTSIDE THE CMPD UNIVERSITY CITY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WHERE GOODWIN WORKED... AND SO FAR THE COMMUNITY HAS RAISED MORE THAN 350 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR GOODWINS FAMILY THROUGH TWO GO FUND ME ACCOUNTS AND A FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE FUNDRAISER.

12/30 Hospital and Meck Co Presser - WE'RE ABOUT TO RING IN A NEW YEAR, BUT THE SAME OLD WILL STAY WHEN IT COMES TO COVID. COVID CASE COUNTS IN THE COUNTY HAVE INCREASED ALMOST THREE-FOLD SINCE CHRISTMAS.

TESTING SITES ARE OVERWHELMED, WAIT TIMES NOW HOURS LONG. We have a huge availability of testing, it's just this is unprecedented demand. We're going to do what we can to try and alleviate some of that demand and provide some more supply but the reality is there's very tight resources at this time. THE HOSPITALS ARE ALSO FEELING THE STRAIN. ADMISSIONS HAVE GONE UP RAPIDLY AND STAFFING SHORTAGES CONTINUE TO BE A CHALLENGE. DR. JIM HUNTER/Atrium Health "we are more ready than ever before. What we're asking for is for the community, for everyone here to do your part. Get vaccinated, wear your mask, stay home if you're ill, be smart and cautious of different gatherings.

12/31 WWII Vet Funeral - LOVED ones and the community said a final goodbye TODAY to a DECORATED world war 2 veteran. tom fare brother" passed away last month at 97-years-old.

his memorial service was today at all saints church in concord. in 1943 he left high school and volunteered to serve in world war 2. after 3 years of active service he returned home a decorated navy veteran with a purple heart medal and 3 bronze stars. "fare brother" dedicated his life to service - he was a leader in his church and the scouts and was a member of the v-f-w. you can learn more about his life on our web story at WCNC dot com.

CRIME

10/1 Gastonia Jewelry Store Theft - GASTONIA POLICE ARE WORKING TO TRACK DOWN A MAN WHO TRIED TO ROB A JEWELRY STORE. TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THESE SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS. THEY SAY THE MAN TRIED TO FORCIBLY TAKE A BRACELET FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S WRIST AT A STORE ON TUESDAY.

THE BRACELET WAS VALUED AT 36 HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE SAME SUSPECT WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA ROBBING A STORE AT CAROLINA PLACE MALL IN PINEVILLE BACK IN JULY. IF YOU RECOGNIZED THIS MAN CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CRIME STOPPERS.

10/2 Clydestale Terrance Shooting -A CRIME ALERT TONIGHT... WE'RE FOLLOWING TWO DEADLY SHOOTINGS IN THE QUEEN CITY... THAT HAPPENED JUST HOURS APART. FIRST... IN WEST CHARLOTTE...CMPD INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE ON CLYDESDALE TERRACE... THAT'S NEAR TUCKASEGEE ROAD.

POLICE TELL US THE VICTIM... WAS AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER... A WOMAN SHOWING OFF HER CAR WHO GOT CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE. WE HAVE AN HONEST TO GOODNESS TEXTBOOK INNOCENT VICTIM WHO WAS JUST HERE SHOWING OFF HER CAR TO A FRIEND OF THERE. WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE EXERCISING NO REGARD FOR ANYONE IN THIS CITY." AS OF RIGHT NOW... NO WORD YET ON ANY SUSPECTS. JUST A FEW HOURS EARLIER IN SOUTH CHARLOTTE... POLICE WERE CALLED TO A HOMICIDE ON WATERFORD GLEN LOOP. THAT'S NEAR PINEVILLE-MATTHEWS ROAD. POLICE HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE VICTIM... BUT THEY *DO SAY THEY HAVE A PERSON OF INTEREST THAT THEY'RE TALKING TO. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE CASES... CALL CRIMESTOPPERS.

10/6 Farmington Ridge Homicide -cmpd investigating a deadly shooting on 'Farmington ridge parkway' in northeast charlotte. officers say they found a person dead there. according to police data -- this is the 74th homicide in charlotte this year. right now, there is no information about a suspect. anyone with information should call crime stoppers.

10/7 Drive by Child Shot - a drive-by shooting, that left a 3-year old child dead. Asiah Figueroa was killed exactly one month ago - when 150 shots were fired at his family's home on Richard Rozzelle Drive. we've learned - this case is expected to go to a grand jury. also today - one of the men accused of murder in the case remains behind bars following a bond hearing. Kaleb Lawrence faces a first degree murder charge and over a dozen other charges related to the shooting. Two other men also face charges in Figueroa's death.

10/8 Lincoln Co Child Exploitation - A LINCOLN COUNTY MAN IS FACING CHARGES AFTER BEING CAUGHT WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. OFFICERS RECEIVED CYBER

TIPS ABOUT DOWNLOADS BY 39-YEAR-OLD "BRIAN SMITH". HE ADMITTED TO POLICE THAT HE DOWNLOADED THE REPORTED MATERIAL. HE'S CHARGED WITH SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR. THE "INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE PROGRAM" WAS CREDITED WITH HELPING MAKE THE ARREST.

10/11 Flat River Drive Homicide -ALSO BREAKING OVERNIGHT-- C-M-P-D INVESTIGATING the second deadly shooting in two days. the latest - happening overnight on 'flat river drive' in north charlotte. cmpd says they found a man dead there when they arrived.

10/13 Fairwood Ave Shooting - a teenager is fighting for his life after an overnight shooting. cmpd says it happened around midnight on "Fairwood avenue" in west charlotte, there is no information about a suspect right now, anyone with information should call crime stoppers.

10/15 Blue Ridge PKW Body ID - Police have ruled the death of a man found along blue ridged parkway as a homicide. Authorities identified the victim as 33-year-old "Joshua Calderon" of Providence, Rhode Island. A park visitor found his body on Saturday below the Yadkin valley overlook -- near Boone .If you have any information about this crime ... Call Watauga police

10/17 Concord Hotshots Homicide - in concord - police are investigating an overnight shooting that left one person dead and another hurt it happened just after 1 a-m Saturday at 'hot shots sports bar and grill' on gateway lane. that's where police say they found a person shot dead in the parking lot. the second victim was taken to the hospital. according to investigators - bullets began flying after a fight broke out inside the sports bar and ended in the parking lot. this case is still under investigation

10/19 Psychology behind true crime - STREAMING SERVICES ARE CONSISTENTLY RELEASING DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT REAL-LIFE CRIMES. THERE'S EVEN A YOUTUBE CHANNEL WHERE YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO APPLY WINGED EYELINER AND ABOUT THE CRIMES OF AMERICA'S MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS SIMULTANEOUSLY. DR. MARISSA HARRISON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AT PENN STATE HARRISBURG, THINKS THAT THE INTEREST IN TRUE CRIME IS EVOLUTIONARY.

"I FEEL PEOPLE ARE PRE-PROGRAMMED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE THINGS THAT COULD HURT US. INTEREST IN CRIME, AND THAT WHICH IS DANGEROUS, IS BASICALLY NATURAL BECAUSE IF WE ATTEND TO THESE THINGS, WE CAN ENSURE OUR SURVIVAL." THIS INTEREST IN TRUE CRIME IS NOTHING NEW.

DR. PAUL MATTIUZZI IS A CLINICAL AND CRIMINAL FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST WHO SAYS THAT TRUE CRIME STORIES STARTED IN THE BIBLE. "THIS GOES RIGHT BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE, WITH THE STORY OF CAIN AND ABEL, WHICH IS OUR FIRST, THE BIBLE'S FIRST CRIME. THE FIRST CRIME MYSTERY AND IT PROVIDES A TEMPLATE AND AN ARCHETYPE FOR THE SOCIOPATH, CAIN WAS THE FIRST SOCIOPATH.

10/20 Psychology - ARE YOU OBSESSED WITH TRUE CRIME SHOWS ... PODCASTS ... MOVIES? WELL THERE IS ACTUALLY PSYCHOLOGY DRIVING THIS. WE'LL EXPLAIN AHEAD

10/21 Spring St Homicide - right now... authorities are on the hunt for a murder suspect on the run. it comes after an investigation turned swat standoff earlier this afternoon. it happened just north of uptown. cmpd was called to spring street near Greenhaven apartments... where they found a woman who was shot... she died later at the scene. officers say based on information from witnesses.... they had a reason to believe the suspect was still there... and brought in the swat team. detectives later found that the suspect had left the area. if you have any information about this case... call crime stoppers.

10/22 South end Homicide - BREAKING OVERNIGHT ... CMPD IS INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE IN SOUTH END. IT HAPPENED IN A BUSY ARE OF TOWN ... ON SOUTH CALDWELL STREET NEAR THE "Y-M-C-A" AND SOUTH BOULEVARD.

JUST AFTER 10 LAST NIGHT POLICE SAY THEY RESPONDED TO REPORTS OF AN ASSAULT. WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVED THEY FOUND A VICTIM WHO HAD DIED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CALL CRIME STOPPERS

10/24 Hindu Protest - PEOPLE IN THE QUEEN CITY ARE SHOWING SUPPORT TO THE BANGLADESHI HINDU COMMUNITY. A PEACEFUL VIGIL WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SOME OF THE CRIMES HAPPENING TO HINDUS IN BANGLADESH. OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS THERE -- MULTIPLE REPORTS OF MOB ATTACKS AGAINST THE MINORITY GROUP IN THAT COUNTRY. ORGANIZERS IN CHARLOTTE SAY THEY ARE PLEADING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT AN END TO THE JIHADIST EXTEREMISM HAPPENING OVERSEES.

10/25 Carson Blvd Homicide - C-M-P-D IS INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE.
POLICE OFFICERS FOUD A MAN SHOT AROUND 2 THIS MORNING IN THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST CARSON BOULEVARD... THAT'S NEAR BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM. THAT MAN WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE LATED.
THE CORONER HAS IDENTIFIED HIM AS 41-YEAR-OLD COREY WHITE.
IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION IN THIS CALL PLEASE CALL CRIMESTOPPERS.
THAT NUMBER IS ON YOUR SCREEN.

10/26 West Carson St Arrest - c-m-p-d has made an arrest in a homicide on west Carson boulevard...police say -- *hamza malik bratton* is charged with the murder of Corey white. officers found white wounded... around 2 o'clock Sunday morning near bank of America stadium. he later died at the hospital.

10/27 Mailbox porch pirates - CAUGHT ON CAMERA. PORCH PIRATES TAKING THE CRIME A STEP FURTHER ... POLICE NOW INVESTIGATING THIEVES PRYING OPEN LOCKED MAILBOXES. wake up charlotte at 4-30 starts right now.

10/28 Charleston Church Shooting Lawsuit - we cannot erase... 12:10:03 we stand on justice. The gunman in the attack - Dylann Roof -- is on death row. he's the first person in the U.S. sentenced to death for a federal hate crime.

10/29 SS One Love - DESPITE A RECENT SPIKE IN CHARLOTTE GUN VIOLENCE... SOME WITH SHOOTING VICTIMS AS YOUNG AS ONE AND THREE-YEARS-OLD... BERNEL BERRY IS HOPEFUL. Bernel Berry, 1 Love (Fred 1 Love INT 30-day hold)> I don't know about other areas but here in Charlotte we have seen some change in different communities that we have worked in. SHARING LOVE -- THROUGH RAISING AWARENESS AND GIVING HAS BEEN HIS PRIMARY FOCUS FOR 7 YEARS -- THROUGH HIS ORGANIZATION '1 LOVE'. Bernel Berry, 1 Love (Fred 1 Love INT 30-day hold) "In 2014 we started to realize how the communities were driven away from the police and we wanted to do something about that." SO BERRY AND VOLUNTEERS -- SOME MADE UP OF HIS RELATIVES -- STARTED HOSTING EVENTS WHERE THEY STRATEGICALLY INVITED POLICE AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO FACILITATE BONDING. Bernel Berry, 1 Love (Fred 1 Love INT 30-day hold) Whether its clothes drives, whether there was food drives, back to school drives for the children we would ask the police to be present and they would show up."

10/31 Homicide at NC Tavern - NOW TO AN UPDATE IN A DEADLY SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED IN NORTHEAST CHARLOTTE. C-M-P-D SAYS A MAN HAS BEEN CHARGED IN THAT CRIME. 41-YEAR-OLD RONALD WALKER FACES MURDER CHARGES AFTER POLICE SAY HE SHOT AND KILLED 33-YEAR-OLD JAMES DAVIS JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SHOOTING HAPPENED INSIDE OF THE N-C TAVERN ON UNIVERSITY CITY BOULEVARD AROUND MIDNIGHT Friday night. THAT'S WHERE POLICE SAY THEY FOUND DAVIS-JUNIOR SHOT. HE DIED AT THE SCENE.

11/3 SW Charlotte Shooting Arrest - C-M-P-D HAS ARRESTED A MAN IN CONNECTION TO A FATAL SHOOTING LAST MONTH. 18-YEAR-OLD 'DAMETRIUS HILLIARD' IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE DEATH OF DALIAMONTRAY STROTHER JUNIOR. THIS ALL COMING FROM AN INCIDENT BACK ON OCTOBER 12TH ON FAIRWOOD AVENUE -- NEAR SOUTHSIDE PARK AND REMOUNT ROAD.

THE CASE REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL CRIMESTOPPERS.

11/4 McAlpine Homicide - AN UPDATE TONIGHT... C-M-P-D SAYS AN EAST CHARLOTTE SHOOTING HAS NOW BEEN TURNED INTO A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION. IT HAPPENED ON MCALPINE GLEN DRIVE, off lawyer's road EARLY THIS MORNING. Police say They found a man there with a gunshot wound.

paramedics rushed him TO THE HOSPITAL. RIGHT NOW IT'S UNCLEAR WHAT LED UP TO THE SHOOTING ... We're working to learn MORE INFORMATION AND WILL UPDATE YOU WHEN it becomes available.

11/5 Alternative to Violent Crime - Federico Rios, Asst Dir Charlotte Equity, Mobility & Immigration "We're just now in month two of this initiative and through the course of this month they've been building relationships along the Corridor. FEDERICO RIOS -- FROM THE CITY'S OFFICE OF EQUITY, MOBILITY AND IMMIGRANT INTEGRATIONS... SAYS WORK TO STOP VIOLENCE IN BEATTIES FORD IS MOVING QUICKLY. AS THE CITY CULTIVATES A CORP OF COMMINITY LEADERS WITH CRIME IN THEIR BACKGROUND TO MENTOR AT-RISK YOUTH. Federico Rios, Asst Dir Charlotte Equity, Mobility & Immigration. "These are individuals that are recognized in the community —have relationships in the community." BACK IN AUGUST THE CITY AND COUNTY INVESTED A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS -- BEFORE WELLS FARGO AND THE GREENLIGHT FOUNDATION CHIPPED IN AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILLION. THE PROGRAM HAS A SITE SUPERVISOR WHO OVERSEES A TEAM THAT INCLUDES TWO OUTREACH WORKERS.

11/8 Audrey Kell Threat - He said it's quite empty. And I'm looking now at the line. I normally wait here for the line. But he said at lunch he thinks a lot of kids stay at home. THE PRINCIPAL WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT RUMORS OF A GUN AND COCAINE ON CAMPUS - AND STUDENTS IN HANDCUFFS ON FRIDAY. HE SAYS ALL OF THAT WAS MADE UP. POLICE ARE ASKING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE THREAT TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS at 704-334-1600.

11/9 Union Co Sheriff drive by shooting -the Union County Sheriff's Office is going to run this down until we find these people, and we arrest them. We will not allow crime like this to happen in our county and go unanswered. If you have any information that can help -- give the sheriff's office a call.

11/10 Shelby Teen killed update - POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WANTED FOR SHOOTING AND KILLING A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN SHELBY. THE DRIVE-BY SHOOTING HAPPENED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON 'ROBERTS STREET'. OFFICERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR 20-YEAR-OLD 'SANTANA EAVES JUNIOR'. HE'S WANTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER, IF YOU SPOT HIM OR KNOW WHERE HE IS -- CALL THE SHELBY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CRIME STOPPERS.

11/11 16 YO Killed Cleveland Co - WE'VE LEARNED THE NAME OF THE 16-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED IN A DRIVE BY SHOOTING IN SHELBY. TONIGHT FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF 'SKYTERIA POSTON'. HER

COUSIN GAVE US THIS PHOTO. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED IN THE AREA OF ROBERTS AND MARTIN STREETS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATORS... SHE WAS FOUND HURT IN THE FRONT YARD OF A HOME.. AND LATER DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. POLICE SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THIS MAN 20-YEAR-OLD 'SANTANA ALMONT EAVES JUNIOR'.

He's wanted IN CONNECTION TO THE CRIME and is CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. POSTON'S FAMILY TELL US ALL THEY WANT IS JUSTICE FOR THE LIFE LOST TOO SOON. AND INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'RE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO BRING THAT TO THEM.

11/12 Cooper Pardons CLT Man - NOW TO BREAKING NEWS, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER HAS JUST ISSUED A PARDON for a man convicted of murder. THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P SAYS DONTAE SHARPE HAS BEEN INCARCERATED for 26 years for a crime he did not commit. Sharpe was 19 years old when he was convicted of the murder of George Radcliffe in Greenville in 1994. Sharpe maintained his innocence the entire time behind bars and declined opportunities to be released sooner. governor cooper says he reviewed the case carefully before granting him a pardon.

11/13 Optimist Park Homicide - this morning the investigation continues into a deadly shooting just north of uptown - not far from optimist hall. it happened last night just before ten o'clock - on north Tryon near Dalton avenue. still no word at this time on what may have led up to the shooting. keep it here as we work to learn more from CMPD.

11/15 Holiday Scam Warning - Ransomware is such a lucrative cybercrime that organized crime units around the world have taken it up as their primary means of generating revenue. Tech expert Ken Colburn with Data Doctors has been in this line of work for 33 years, and this year he's once again keeping close tabs on what they cyber criminals are up to this holiday season. 2 shot – scams are nothing new for you... ransomware attacks, you've talked about them all too often unfortunately. Is it true that they've increased more than 90-percent in the last six months? Ken – "you know, these are businesses, they are illegal enterprises, but they are run just like businesses, so when they see an opportunity and they can extract large amounts of money especially from businesses now, that's why it's grown so much." And during the holidays - cybercriminals have more windows of opportunity to take advantage of people who don't have their quard up. Ken – "The holidays I always call it the Christmas for criminals, because they know people are going to be shopping online. They know that people are going to get excited about getting great deals, those hard-to-get items, they know how to play all those social engineering tricks." So, Ken has some advice for you to beef up your own security measures and not be fooled by what looks like a legitimate shopping website. Ken – "There are tools that will actually help you sniff out those phishing sites and they're free. There's one from trend micro called check and you just add it to your browser and then any time, if you do a google search, within the google search it will show you check marks on things that they've been able to validate." Other tips – don't use a debit card when making online purchases, always use a credit card for better protection, if you plan to shop with a

popular retailer – shop through the store's app to bypass phishing scams, and when it comes to passwords – double the length of your passwords to make them stronger. Ken – "It's like anything else, if you're aware of the risks and you take steps to mitigate those risks, it's just like driving a car.

11/18 CMP Car Puffing - TIS THE SEASON FOR CHILLIER TEMPERATURES... AND ALSO THE TEMPTATION TO GET THAT CAR WARMED UP *BEFORE YOU'RE READY TO DRIVE IT. IT SEEMS HARMLESS ENOUGH... BUT IN SOME SITUATIONS... COULD YOU ACTUALLY BE COMMITTING A CRIME WHEN YOU DO THIS?

11/19 Seeking Solutions - STILL TO COME... TRYING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE. HEAL CHARLOTTE IS WORKING HARD TO SERVE AREAS OVERCOMED WITH CHALLENGES WHETHER IT BE YOUTH OUTREACH... CRIME PREVENTION... OR ACCESS TO RESOURCES... THE ORGANIZATION STRIVES TO BRING THOSE THINGS WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND... HOPE. SEE HOW THEY'RE SEEKING SOLUTIONS TONIGHT.

11/22 Rock Hill House Shooting - new at five -- a crime alert in rock hill. police say someone shot into a home on 'Robbie lane' -- off of 'mount holly road'. it happened early this morning -- around 1 a-m. officers found eight bullet holes in the home -- and one bullet hole in a vehicle parked out front. investigators now trying to figure out why the home was targeted. thankfully no one was injured. if you know anything about this -- call rock hill police.

11/23 Cleveland Sub Sex Crimes - Cleveland county deputies have arrested a former substitute teacher -- for multiple sex related crimes. Last week -- a parent told the S-R-O at Crest Middle school -- that Emily Durden -- had been sending their child inappropriate pictures and videos. After investigating -- deputies learned Durden had several conversations with multiple 13 and 14-year-old kids. Durden admitted to sending the videos and pictures. Deputies are still investigating -- if you know anything -- give the sheriff's office a call.

11/24 CPI Lawsuit - Security company C-P-I is being sued by a former employee-accusing them of racism. The lawsuit claims they were fired for objecting to company practices- and comments made by C-E-O Kenneth Gill. Gill sent an email after the murder of George Floyd- saying community members should *not protest- and instead spend their time focusing on "black on black crime". He later apologized- but many companies like the Panthers and Bojangles dropped C-P-I in the fallout

11/25 P Man Robbed in NODA -WE'RE TOLD ALL IT TOOK WAS A BRIEF 15 SECOND INTERACTION..."I was not expecting this obviously." IN THE PARKING LOT OF HIGHLAND MILL LOFTS IN NODA GIANCARLO ZEREGA SAYS HE WAS CHANGING THE BRAKE PADS ON HIS CAR. "I got up, that's when he saw me over there. Started walking toward me pointed his gun at me, cocked it and said give me your keys I'm not playing

around." ZEREGA SAYS HE AUTOMATICALLY DID AS HE WAS TOLD. BUT WHAT THE SUSPECT DIDN'T REALIZE WAS THIS CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY WOULDN'T PLAY OUT ENTIRELY IN HIS FAVOR. TAKE A LOOK AT THE CAR--NO WHEEL...BIG PROBLEM. Luckily this was like best case scenario. My wheel was off so he couldn't take my car." INSTEAD HE SAYS THE ARMED SUSPECT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN AWAY. Most criminals are smart enough not to rob you in daylight." CMPD SAYS ARMED ROBBERIES LIKE THIS ARE RARE ESPECIALLY IN BUSY RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IN FACT ACCORDING TO CRIMEMAPPING THERE WERE NO OTHER ARMED ROBBERIES REPORTED WITHIN A HALF MILE OF THE LOCATION OVER THE PAST MONTH.

11/26 P Fred Seeking Solutions - As soon as someone is murdered shortly thereafter we get the report that says here's the next-of-kin." MOTHERS OF MURDERED OFFSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LISA CRAWFORD AND HER TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS ARE TASKED WITH REACHING OUT TO LOVED ONES LEFT TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THE SENSELESS. "Most of them are devastated they cannot imagine this has happened to them." MOMO'S ASSISTANCE RANGES FROM GRIEF COUNSELING TO SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY. help them with funeral arrangements we sort of help with that part but then we also do candlelight vigils."

BEYOND THE CANDLELIGHT ARE YEARS OF HEALING THROUGH MOMO SUPPORT GROUPS. "We have families that are weeks in, months in, years in and decades in to the process of grief." 7 THE LATE JUDY WILLIAMS -- KNOWN AS A COMMUNITY PILLAR WHO PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR -- STARTED THE GROUP BACK IN 1993 AFTER HER GODDAUGHTER WAS MURDER -- INSPIRING CRAWFORD TO START VOLUNTEERING 20 YEARS AGO. "Most people think that I've lost a family member to violence because I'm so involved and I'm so committed, but I haven't." CRAWFORD SAYS SHE'S SEEN THE FACES OF DEADLY VIOLENCE CHANGE OVER THE YEARS TO INCLUDE YOUNGER PERPETRATORS AND YOUNGER VICTIMS. "It's the who is really what's shocking to me." "I believe in the struggle of these families and I believe that if I give my time and my talents to help them that I can make a difference" AND THAT'S WHAT CRAWFORD WANTS PEOPLE TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES TO SEEKING SOLUTIONS IN THIS AREA IN OUR COMMUNITY. AGAIN MOTHER'S OF MURDERED OFFSPRING IS A NON-PROFIT GROUP. IF YOU'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR DONATE MONEY LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE W-C-N-C DOT COM. WE'VE PUT UP LINKS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES WITH-IN THE WEB VERSION OF THIS STORY.

11/29 Recent Violence in CLT -The third shooting this weekend in Charlotte happened here on Harland Street. Neighbors tell me at the time of the shooting there was a house party happening. And now they're left shaken and are hoping for answers. You could hear everybody yelling and screaming. Like it actually caught on my Ring camera people yelling and screaming." This neighbor on Harland Street wants to remain anonymous to protect her family. She says the house down the street was hosting a party early this morning when, according to police, three people were shot and one of them died. Police identified the victim as 34-year-old Sir Marquise Battle. "I have kids so just being scared

of what was happening. At the time, it was pitch black, you don't hear anything, just being scared." This shooting is the third for Charlotte within 24 hours. On Saturday afternoon, police were called to the Druid Hills area, where they found 14 year old Vanessa Garcia's body. Police named an 18-year-old as a suspect.

Hours later, officers had a domestic violence call on Sadler Road near Dixie River Drive. Police say they found 58-year-old Samuel Gregory shot to death. We do not at this point believe that this was a random act of violence." The shootings – alarming activists like Greg Jackson, who founded Heal Charlotte and the Stop the Violence movement. "It's not something that Charlotte wants to market – that we have a gun violence problem, but we do. It's in existence and we need to start approaching it like it does exist and it's hurting our communities." Police are looking for help in all three cases. If you know what happened, you're asked to call Crime stoppers. In Charlotte, Indira Eskieva, WCNC Charlotte.

11/30 QuikTrip Attack - MATTHEWS POLICE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PERSON. she's wanted for attacking a senior citizen at a quick trip. it happened last Thursday just before noon at the store on Monroe road. the victim told police that the suspect asked him for money while inside the store. she reportedly got mad when he said he didn't have any - and attacked him in the parking lot. if you recognize the suspect - call Matthews police.

12/1 Matthews Biz Crime - we're going to be out actively looking for shoplifters. we don't want people out stealing products and making prices higher for hard-working people. we want Matthews residents and anyone visiting Matthews to know they have a safe environment to shop in police tell us - within the first few hours after the operation began yesterday - they made three arrests and filed 11 charges.

12/2 Union Co Deputy Crash - A Union County deputy managed to walk away -- after crashing their vehicle into a suspect's car during a high speed chase. Deputies say, *Salama Horne* was leading them on a chase on the Monroe Expressway. During the chase -- a deputy noticed Horne trying to enter into oncoming traffic -- that's when they drove their patrol car into Hornes -- ending the chase. Horne was taken to a nearby hospital -- and was later released and charged with several crimes.

12/4 Gaston Co Cold Case - OCTAVIUS BOOZIER SAYS HE FOUND HIMSELF SCROLLING THROUGH FACEBOOK WHERE YOU TYPICALLY CONNECT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. BUT THIS TIME WAS DIFFERENT. Octavius Boozier// Grandson "All these years I've been looking for my grandfather and I always thought I'd meet him in person but come to find out I meet him on social media." THIS PHOTO UNEXPECTEDLY POPPING UP ON HIS FEED. "I literally broke down when I see that picture... I knew who that was." HIS GRANDFATHER JAMES HAROLD SMITH WHO HE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET POSTED ON THIS MISSING PERSONS FLYER. DETECTIVES SAY SMITH WAS LAST SEEN LEAVING A COURT CASE IN 1979 BUT WAS NEVER REPORTED MISSING

UNTIL 2014. ALL THE WHILE HIS FAMILY CLUELESS. "She thought he up and left us." YEARS LATER GASTON COUNTY DETECTIVES DECIDED TO REVISIT THE CASE OF AN UNIDENTIFED BODY FOUND IN THE WOODS. Captain Bill Downey// Gaston County Police "One of the things I wanted to look at is what was available that we could look at with new technology." NEW TECHNOLOGY ALLOWED THEM TO EXAMINE THOSE SKETELAL REMAINS AND ULTIMATLEY CONNECT THE DNA TO SMITH—WHO POLICE THINK WAS A VICTIM OF HOMICIDE. "We may not be able to charge anyone on this case. Our person of interest is already deceased. We have an idea who did this crime now that we know who our victim is." RIGHT NOW GASTON COUNTY HAS 19 OTHER COLD CASES STILL LEFT UNSOLVED. BUT WE'RE TOLD EACH DETECTIVE IS ASSIGNED A COLD CASE OR TWO TO CONTINUE WORKING ON WITH WEEKLY REVIEWS. AND SOME OF THE OLDEST CASES DATING BACK TO THE 1960S NOW GETTING NEW LIFE. Captain Bill Downey// Gaston County Police I knew there had to be a way for us to merge these old cases into our modern record keeping system." THE HOPE IS THESE DIGITAL REPORTS COULD EVENTUALLY HELP CONNECT THE DOTS TO CLOSURE. Captain Bill Downey// Gaston County Police "Every victim has a family and those family members deserve to know." Octavius Boozier// Grandson "I wanted to know who my grandfather was. I wanted to know where my traits came from basically who I really am."

12/5 Ann Elizabeth Dr Homicide - right now -- c-m-p-d is investigating a homicide in east charlotte. just before 3 a-m -- police responded to an 'assault with a deadly weapon' call along 'Ann Elizabeth drive'. witnesses told police that a possible victim was taken to the hospital. about 30 minutes later -- officers were called to east independence boulevard - where they found 19-year-old 'Daniel Morales' inside a car with a gunshot wound. police say he died at the scene. we haven't yet learned anything about any arrests or a possible suspect. anyone with information is asked to call crime stoppers

12/6 Cornelius Deadly Shooting - THAT WAS MEAGAN FITZGERALD REPORTING. closer to home - Cornelius police are investigating a deadly shooting overnight. E-M-S REPORTED A PERSON DEAD JUST AFTER 2-30 ON TORRENCE CHAPEL ROAD. THE ROAD WAS CLOSED FOR SEVERAL HOURS THIS MORNING. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.

12/7 Teen Charged break ins - wo people facing charges -- including a teenager -- after an early morning crime spree in north charlotte. c-m-p-d says the suspects broke into multiple cars, just before 5-30 this morning on 'shining oak lane'. a man says when he walked up to a suspect breaking into his car -- a second suspect assaulted him -- and they both took off. officers were able to track down and arrest *both* of them. the 16-year-old was transferred to a juvenile detention facility. police later learned they broke into two *other* cars on the same road -- stealing a key fob, cash, and even accessories for a gun.

12/10 Rock Hill South Herlong Ave Shooting - POLICE SAY A MAN IS IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER HE SAID HE WAS SHOT LAST NIGHT. OFFICERS SHOWED UP TO PIEDMONT MEDICAL CENTER THIS MORNING TO TALK WITH THE 46-YEAR-OLD VICTIM. HE SAID JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT - 2 MEN WEARING MASKS TRIED TO ROB HIM ON SUMMITT STREET. THE VICTIMS SAYS WHILE HE WAS RUNNING AWAY - HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK. A PASSERBY THEN GAVE HIM A RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD CALL ROCK HILL POLICE

12/11 5 Shot in CLT at Party - NOW TO AN UPDATE TONIGHT IN A SHOOTING IN SOUTHEAST CHARLOTTE-- CMPD SAYS THEY'VE ARRESTED AND CHARGED--40-YEAR-OLD DAVION REDFEARN IN CONNECTION TO A SHOOTING THAT LEFT FIVE PEOPLE HURT LAST NIGHT. IT HAPPENED ON MARNEY AVE IN CHARLOTTE'S GRIER HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD JUST BEFORE. ACCORDING TO PARAMEDICS-- FOUR OF THOSE HURT HAVE SERIOUS INJURIES-- AND ONE PERSON IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. DETECTIVES ARE LOOKING TO IDENTIFY THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR YOU SEE HERE. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION--YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS

12/12 5 Shot in Charlotte Party - now to an update in a shooting in southeast charlotte-cmpd says they've arrested and charged--40-year-old Davion redfearn in connection to a shooting that left five people hurt Friday night. it happened on marney ave in charlotte's grier heights neighborhood just before 10. according to paramedics... four of the people who were hurt have serious injuries.. and one person is expected to be okay. detectives are looking to identify the driver of this car you see here though.. if you have any information--you're asked to call crime stoppers

12/13 Clemson Fraternity Award - Crime stoppers is raising its reward for information about a Clemson student's death. That reward is now 100-thousand dollars. 19-year-old tucker hipps was a sophomore at Clemson university in 2014 when he went missing after an early morning run with his fraternity seven years ago. His body was found that afternoon in lake Hartwell.

12/14 Murdaugh Bond - former South Carolina attorney *Alec Murdock* now faces a 7-million dollar bond. A Richland county judge says -- Murdock needs to pay THE *ENTIRE AMOUNT if he wants to go on house arrest. Murdock is facing 48 different charges- and is accused of setting up a suicidal insurance fraud scheme among other financial crimes. His attorney says they'll ask the judge to consider a lower bond amount.

12/15 Monroe PD Shooting Suspect -Monroe Police are asking for your help to find these suspects. Police believe they were involved in a shooting at a convenience store on highway 200 -- that sent two people to the hospital in critical condition. Police are looking for 3 suspects -- along with this 2005 red Toyota corolla... tag number E-E-K 58-30. IF YOU SEE THEM - CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

12/16 CMS Stolen Guns - Those are the words of a gun owner who reported her revolver stolen more than three years ago...only to learn a high school student brought it on campus just days ago. As fireworks fell from the sky...on that day or in the ones that followed, a woman in center city fell victim to theft of her firearm. She told police and us she left the gun in the backseat of her locked car...which someone broke into. Her case eventually turned inactive and police exhausted all leads. More than three years later...and less than three miles away...records show that revolver resurfaced in the West Charlotte High School parking lot.

12/17 CMS Stolen Guns -SEVEN STOLEN guns have been found at C-M-S schools this year... THAT'S ACCORDING TO RECORDS WE OBTAINED FROM C-M-P-D. Police won't tell us how kids were able to get the guns -- where they came from -- or whether they're linked to any crimes. Police tell us that information is part of private investigative files. According to C-M-P-D -- 24 kids have been charged this year -- all related to gun reports

12/20 Gold Rush BLVD Death Update - NOW TO THE LATEST on A HOMICIDE IN NORTH CHARLOTTE-- CMPD says the person SHOT AND KILLED EARLY THIS MORNING JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM U-N-C CHARLOTTE is 19-YEAR-OLD QUANTAE YOUNG. this HAPPENED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. On gold rush boulevard. THAT'S NEAR UNIVERSITY CITY BOULEVARD. police haven't made any ARRESTS yet. if you know anything about this shooting... please CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

12/21 Opioid Deaths - This is a call to action. What people are purchasing on the streets is not what you think it is. CMPD and its partners sounding ringing the alarm today on overdose deaths. The City has seen a 32 percent increase in overdose deaths from 2019 to 2021. Average monthly calls related to overdoses have also steadily increased in the last two years. Nationally, overdose deaths reached a record high of 100- thousand in 2021. Lt. Shawn Mitchell – CMPD Special Investigations Unit 15:19:50:14 "I think there is some frustrations that we could do a better job if we had more resources." Lt. Shawn Mitchell with the Special Investigations Unit says the police department is short-staffed and the DA's office, dealing with caseloads built up during the pandemic, prioritizes prosecuting crimes of violence over to drug-related crimes. Meanwhile, on the streets, deadly doses of fentanyl have been seen in everything from marijuana to pills, and heroin and marijuana. TAKE SOT: Lt. Shawn Mitchell – CMPD Special Investigations Unit. "People are purchasing these on the street illegally of course. They are not quality controlled by any means." CMPD is looking for solutions to a problem that's getting worse. It's adding QR codes to all CMPD business cards linking to resources. The DEA also has a campaign called One Pill Can Kill – providing information about the deadly pills selling on the streets. Mary Ward – McLeod Center, President 15:11:53:18 "The time is now to take this seriously because it's showing up in deadly cases in all across America and we're no different.

12/22 Mooresville Fugitive in Texas - in the search for a fugitive from Mooresville - connected to an active amber alert. Authorities in *Texas think Jonathan Wright is hiding out near San Antonio with his wife and children. Wright is wanted in North Carolina for sex crimes against minors. and now he's wanted in Texas in connection with an active Amber Alert for three of his five children. Investigators say the family's car broke down... so they set off on foot, deciding to live off the land... IN RUGGED TERRAIN

12/23 CMPD Search for Suspect - BREAKING NEWS - CMPD WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE ON YOUR SCREEN. THEY'RE "PERSONS OF IN A SHOOTING that killed 46-year-old "Richard Marshall junior" IT HAPPENED ON SOUTH TRYON STREET BACK ON DECEMBER 14TH. IF YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE- CALL CMPD OR CRIMESTOPPERS

12/24 Mail Carrier Robbed - THESE TOWNHOMES ALONG MUSIC HALL WAY SUDDENLY DISRUPTED WITH THE SOUND OF POLICE SIRENS There was a lot of activity with cops and people outside. NEIGHBOR JOHN COCHRAN SAYS HE KNEW IT HAD TO BE SERIOUS.TURNS OUT SOMETHING AS SERIOUS AS AN ARMED ROBBERY. POLICE SAY A UNITED STATES POSTAL WORKER WAS RUNNING HER USUAL AFTERNOON ROUTE THIS WEEK AROUND 3 O'CLOCK WHEN A MAN HELD HER AT GUNPOINT, ROBBED HER THEN TOOK OFF. "Wishing that was something that never happened but realistically that's not the case." INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THE SUSPECT GOT AWAY IN THIS DARK COLORED SEDAN AND HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE. BUT NEIGHBORS TELL US THIS INCIDENT WON'T ENTIRELY SHAKE THEIR SENSE OF SECURITY. We never felt uncomfortable or not safe living in our community here." "We wanted to see just how often this type of crime happens in the area so we used CMPD's crime mapping tool and found within an half mile radius in the last month there have been 4 reported armed robberies. Thankfully in this most recent case no one was seriously hurt." THERE'S NOW A REWARD UP TO 25 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP LEAD TO AN ARREST AND CONVICTION. IF FOUND GUILTY THE SUSPECT COULD FACE UP TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON. REPORTING IN SOUTH END. BRIANA HARPER WCNC CHARLOTTE.

12/25 Beatties Ford Rd Homicide - ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND TWO OTHERS ARE HURT AFTER A SHOOTING IN NORTH CHARLOTTE THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 2 A-M ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD. POLICE FOUND TWO MEN SHOT THERE. INVESTIGATORS SAY ONE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON THE SCENE.. AND THE OTHER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. A THIRD VICTIM WAS ALSO SHOT BUT POLICE TELL US THAT PERSON DROVE THEMSELVES TO THE HOSPITAL. THAT PERSON IS ALSO EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. SO FAR-- NO WORD ON A SUSPECT.. BUT THE CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

12/27 Food Truck Theft - A CRIME ALERT TONIGHT.... A LOCAL POPULAR FOOD TRUCK WAS BROKEN INTO ON CHRISTMAS. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VIDEO.... THIS IS WHO POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR.. YOU CAN SEE THEM INSIDE THE TACOS-RICKO FOOD TRUCK. TACOS RICKO POSTED THIS FOOTAGE ON INSTAGRAM. THEY SAY ABOUT 500 BUCKS WAS STOLEN. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHO THIS IS... CALL POLICE.

12/28 CMPD Christmas Day Shooter Search - C-M-P-D is asking for your help this morning to find a man wanted for shooting two men on Christmas day. it happened off Beatties ford road. One victim died and another went to the hospital. Bruce Adams has been charged with first degree murder. If you know where he is -- call crime stoppers.

12/29 Rowan County Suspect Search -This morning -- Rowan County deputies are looking for a man they say is armed and dangerous. Deputies tell us -- John Jandrew shot a man earlier this month in Rockwell. That victim is still in critical condition. Deputies are also searching for Jandrew's girlfriend -- Tiffany Trull. She's being charged with accessory after the fact. If you know where either of them are -- call crime stoppers

12/31 CLT New Murder Chargers - CMPD ALSO MAKING A BIG ARREST... TAKING IN ANOTHER SUSPECT IN THE MURDER OF A 21-YEAR-OLD. 23-year-old "monterius Johnson" is charged with killing "tahajie Howard." "Howard" was shot and killed back on October 17th on south mint street near truist field. 4 other men are also charged with his murder.

ECONOMY

10/10 COVID Jobs - Just when America was expected to usher in a fall season of new hires...

... instead, U-S job growth dropped to its slowest pace of the year - with the recent spike in the Delta variant and an ongoing shortage of workers holding the economy back. President Biden insisting it's a snapshot from nearly a month ago when the COVID case count was much higher. Since then, we've seen the daily cases fall by more than one-third and they're continuing to trend down, and we're continuing to make progress." The economy in September adding 194-thousand jobs... .. a disappointing figure for a second straight month. Unemployment dropping below FIVE percent for the first time since before the pandemic - with more people giving up looking for work. Republicans blame President Biden's policies - one key leader, saying: "If this were a football team with this losing record, the coach would be searching for a new job." CAITLIN TOLCHIN was laid off at the height of the pandemic. Since then, she's applied for 300 jobs - but can only find in-person work... ... when she would feel safer working from home with her 10-monthold baby. PETER: How frustrating has this been for you?

So frustrating luckily I have an adorable little girl to distract me from that frustration, it's challenging and it definitely wears you down mentally you start to feel like am I ever

going to get something is this ever going to work. According to the job search website Indeed - the number one reason people are not going back to work is fear of catching coronavirus.

Still, many economists predicted job gains with the expiration of enhanced unemployment benefits and school reopening's...

10/12 Product Shortages - HUNDREDS OF SHIPS ARE SITTING, UNABLE TO DOCK, UNABLE TO UNLOAD, UNABLE TO GET THOSE GOODS TO STORE. Obviously the pandemic affects things in a big way, there have been factories that have been shut down for months....part of the pandemic. CHANDRA STEELE IS THE SENIOR FEATURES WRITER WITH PCMAG. IT'S A WORLDWIDE ISSUE NOT THE FAULT OF ANY ONE COUNTRY OR ECONOMY BUT AFFECTS EVERYONE.

COVID CASES SURGING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, NOT ENOUGH VACCINES FOR THOSE COUNTRIES, AND A SHORTAGE OF WORKERS. SO HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU? RETHINK THE WHAT AND WHEN OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST, FROM HALLOWEEN ALL THE WAY TO HANAKAUH CHRISTMAS, KWANZA AND ANYTHING IN BETWEEN. TC:1:29 I would definitely say buy now......prime object on your list. ALMOST EVERY PRODUCT AFFECTED IN SOME WAY, BUT ELECTRONICS WILL TAKE THE BIGGEST HIT BECAUSE OF THE SEMI-CONDUCTOR SHORTAGE. VIDEO GAMING CONSOLES, HEADPHONES, ANYTHING WITH A CHIP, WILL BE HARDER TO FIND.

10/14 Tech Startup Announcement -A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COULD BRING MORE JOBS TO the queen city. CAROLINA FINTECH' IS PARTNERING WITH 'MASS CHALLENGE'... AN ORGANIZATION OUT OF M-I-T... TO HELP BRING MORE START-UPS TO THE CHARLOTTE. THE PARTNERS ANNOUNCED THE CONCEPT OF THE 'META LAB' TODAY AT CAMP NORTH END. IT'LL BE A MATCH-MAKER FOR BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES IN CHARLOTTE. IF THEY HAVE SOMETHING THEY NEED TO FIX OR SOMETHING THEY WANT TO INNOVATE -- THE META LAB WILL FIND AND RECRUIT START-UPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO WORK WITH COMPANIES TO INNOVATE AND FIND SOLUTIONS. CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCILMAN TARIQ BOKHARI, WHO IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF CAROLINA FINTECH, SAYS IT'S GOOD FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

10/19 Things conserve gas - drivers all across the Carolinas asking "where's the money" as prices at the pump continue to surge. both states seeing rising prices just in the last week. in north Carolina - the average price for a gallon of gas is 3-10. in south Carolina - it's 3-08. now, triple-a Carolinas warning we could see *another round of rising prices. BUT you can save yourself some money with a few simple changes. here are *three* things you can do to conserve gas. ONE - plan your trips. triple-a Carolinas recommends mapping a route ahead of time. this way you can avoid making unnecessary stops or going out of the way, and if you have the flexibility, avoid rush hour. TWO - watch your

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10/21 Rock Hill Mayor Interview - incumbent Mayor john Gettys is ready to hit the ground running...again. we spoke fresh off his victory. what I'm looking forward to doing is making sure all this growth and all this prosperity that's coming to rock hill comes to all of rock hill. GETTYS WON WITH 51 PERCENT OF THE VOTE... NARROWLY ESCAPING A RUN-OFF... BEATING CHALLENGERS WILLIAM RODDEY AND ISHMAEL LOWERY. "I'm happy and excited because I think the voters of rock hill have validated the work we've done over the past four years. affirmed where we say we want to go. but more importantly, have really stepped forward and said we want more in rock hill." re-elected to lead a city of exploding growth. home to 66-thousand people... countless new businesses, Winthrop university... and the new Carolina panthers facility. with the economy booming.. he says it gives him the chance to focus on making the city livable and loveable. "these businesses and corporations are coming here because of who we are. we have to make sure we don't lose our character and culture. what makes us rock hill." same job... but a new term and new challenges await. ben Thompson WCNC charlotte

10/24 China World Ports - WITH THE SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS PUTTING A SPOTLIGHT ON PORTS AROUND THE WORLD... CHINA'S OUTSIZED ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

IS FRONT AND CENTER... WE ARE IN GREECE... WHERE A CHINESE STATE-OWNED SHIPPING COMPANY COSCO OWNS A MAJORITY OF THIS PORT... AND BUSINESS IN BOOMING. "The port, across Athens there, is as ancient as the city itself." We weren't allowed to film at the port- COSCO didn't respond to our request for an interview-... so we took to the sea... a Chinese Cosco ship is waiting to dock... another is unloading... "This port is one of many major infrastructure projects carried out by Chinese companies, always with the backing of Beijing." China's growing footprint here a good thing to some-Piraeus today is the fastest growing port of the world, thanks to the volume and the management of Cosco. But these Greek dock workers disagree... George Gogos (dock worker): Cosco has a greediness to increase profitability, and this is affecting our income is affecting our rights. It's affecting our safety// Keir Simmons The Chinese have gained a Greek port, but they don't have Greek hearts. George Gogos Yes. Chinese companies have spent billions of dollars on ports like Piraeus in Peru, Djibouti, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Israel... according to data compiled by conservative think tank AEI...and now Beijing is considering pouring state money into a major port in Iran.

10/25 NoDa Community Fridge - Fruits and vegetables are expensive." IN FRONT OF 'OH MY SOUL' IN NO-DA. A VIBRANT FRIDGE FILLED WITH HEALTHY FRESH FOODS. SHAMELLE JACKSON STARTED AND MAINTAINS THE REFRIGERATOR.

Shamelle Jackson, Maintains Refrigerator "You know there are a lot of people who can't afford, especially with the economy and the Pandemic they're just a lot of people who are still suffering and can't afford fruits and vegetables." JACKSON IS INSPIRED TO HELP THOSE AROUND HER. SHE HOPES THIS GIFT WILL LEAD TO EVEN MORE OUTREACH IN THE FUTURE. JACKSON SAYS SHE IS COMMITTED TO MAKE THIS WORK-- EVEN IF IT MEANS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND. Shamelle Jackson, Maintains Refrigerator "I'm a single Mom with 4 kids, sometimes I even take from my own finances to make sure that we can keep it full and stocked for the community. "Sometimes as adults we need a village, we get lost, we get confused, we get laid off, we're the ones with the pressure is most on." THE SLOGAN IS 'TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN.' AN IDEA WORTH CHEWING ON. REPORTING FROM THE VILLAGE IN NO-DA, MH WCNC CLT.

10/27 Biden Agenda - PRESIDENT BIDEN AND DEMOCRATS ARE UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO STRIKE A DEAL ON HIS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. WHILE SOME LAWMAKERS SAY THEY ARE CLOSE-- THE WHITE HOUSE IS REPORTEDLY LOWERING EXPECTATIONS. THE PRESIDENT HOPING FOR A BIG WIN ON HIS SWEEPING SOCIAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE PRIORITIES BEFORE HEADING TO EUROPE FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND CLIMATE SUMMITS. NBC'S ALICE BARR HAS MORE FROM WASHINGTON, DC.

10/28 Biden Announcement - President Biden (no super needed) "today I'm pleased to announce that after, after months of tough and thoughtful negotiation in think we have, I know we have an historic economic framework. it's a framework that will create millions of jobs, grow the economy, invest in our nation and our people. PRESIDENT BIDEN ALSO SAYS several NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IN ECONOMICS HAVE SAID THE BILL WILL

LOWER THE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES ON THE ECONOMY-- AND OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS IT WILL NOT ADD to THE DEFICIT AT ALL.

11/1 Biden Global Warming Summit - World leaders - comparing global warming to a "doomsday device" at a global summit that got underway today in Scotland. The conference comes two months after a report from the u-n -- that said global warming is already accelerating sea level rise, and worsening extremes such as heat waves, droughts, floods and storms. president Biden called the crisis an opportunity to reinvent the global economy.

11/5 NC Labor Vac Mandate - THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SETTING A NEW DEADLINE FOR COMPANIES TO EITHER MANDATE THE VACCINE OR REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO GET TESTED WEEKLY. THE NEW GOVERNMENT MANDATE SAYS PRIVATE BUSINESSES WITH more than 100 EMPLOYEES HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 4TH TO COMPLY. PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS IT WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED. BUT NOT EVERYONE'S ON BOARD.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WCNC CHARLOTTE... north Carolina LABOR COMISSIONER Josh Dobson TOLD US HE BELIEVES THIS MANDATE WILL ACTUALLY HURT *NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESSES... AND DELAY ANY ECONOMIC BOUNCEBACK FROM THE PANDEMIC. We I've heard anecdotally and seeing data that shows individuals when faced with being forced to be vaccinated or go home, they'll just go home, and our economy, I don't think can sustain that. ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL MANDATE.... EMPLOYERS WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS COULD FACE about 14-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FINES FOR *EACH WORKER WHO IS OUT OF COMPLIANCE.

11/8 Airport Travel ban lifted - After a year and a half of travel bans due to COVID – today emotional reunions at airports across the US. Today at Charlotte-Douglas – flights from Munich, London and Australia all touching down. But this time – vaccinated non-US citizens now allowed to be on board. Its huge, I mean most people want to see their family most of the time anyway particularly when you have the holidays coming up, I think its great timing. In order to enter the US – foreign nationals must be fully vaccinated. The only exceptions – those who medically can't be vaccinated — And children under 18 – but who must submit a negative covid test. But more than reuniting with loved ones – travel consultant Matthew Jones – who's spent worked more than 2 decades in the industry, says lifting the ban – will bring a boost to the economy. In 2019 – international travelers spent more than \$150 billion in the US.

11/9 WTM Gifting experiences - GIFTING AN EXPERIENCE IS PRETTY EASY. JUST KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE, WHAT DO THEY LIKE, WHERE DO THEY LIKE TO GO? So thinking differently about the holidays... gifts are not going to be there as much as we would like. FARNOOSH TORABI IS THE EDITOR AT LARGE AT CNET MONEY. SO WHAT'S A GOOD GIFT EXPERIENCE? HOW ABOUT CAROWINDS AMUSEMENT PARK? THE GOLD PASS FOR 2022 IS \$115 BUCKS, GOOD ALL YEAR, AND COVERS YOU FOR SCAROWINDS, WINTERFEST, AND THE WATERPARK. MAYBE IT'S AN ADVENTURE WHITE WATER

EXPERIENCE RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACK YARD. THESE TYPES OF GIFTS CAN BE BIG HITS WHETHER IT'S FROM THE WHITE WATER CENTER OR FROM ONE OF THE MANY ADVENTURE OUTFITTERS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE. YOU CAN ALSO DONATE TO A TRIP OR TO A FAVORITE SPOT OUT AT THE BEACH. YOU CAN BUY HOTEL GIFT CARDS OR AN AIR B AND B GIFT CARD TO KNOCK DOWN THE PRICE OF A LONG WEEKEND. GIVING GIFTCARDS IS BIG BUSINESS, IN 2019 IT WAS A 98.6 BILLION DOLLAR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY.

11/11 Biden Inflation - THE RISE IN CONSUMER PRICES NOW SURGING FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED. GAS PRICES UP 50 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR... (49.6%) USED CARS AND TRUCKS UP 26 PERCENT. (26.4%) AND BEEF PRICES UP 20 % (20.1%) IT'S FORCING SHOPPERS TO DIG DEEPER. I think what ends up happening is you have a budget and then you laugh. IT COMES AS THE ECONOMY SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC. ADDING HALF A MILLION NEW JOBS LAST MONTH AND SPURRING A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT. PART OF THE INFLATION SURGE IS BEING BLAMED ON THE SUPPLY CHAIN BACKLOG...

WHERE GOODS ARE ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS FASTER THAN THEY CAN BE UNLOADED AND SENT AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE WHITE HOUSE RELEASING 17-BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE JUST-PASSED INFRASTRUCTURE BILL TO HELP. THOUGH SOME PROJECTS COULD TAKE YEARS. "They can't find what they always want, and when they want it. And we're tracking these issues and trying to figure out how to tackle them head on." THE WHITE HOUSE ARGUES THE PRICE HIKES ARE TEMPORARY AS THE WORLD EMERGES FROM THE PANDEMIC.

11/12 Polar Express Vax - "There won't be many times in your life where you get to experience a real life Polar Express. Well it's happening right here in Spencer North Carolina where they're bringing this book to you in real life." HUNDREDS OF KIDS AND PARENTS ARE PREPARING TO JUMP ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS FOR THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME. IT'S THE SHAFFER FAMILY'S FIRST TIME HERE.AND ALL EVAN WANTS IS TO GIVE SANTA A HEADS UP ON HIS CHRISTMAS LIST. THERE'S A GOLDEN TICKET, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND A SPECIAL STORY WAITING TO BE TOLD. THERE ARE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE. MASKS ARE MANDATORY ON TRAINS AND IF YOUR'RE 12 AND OVER YOU NEED TO BE FULLY VACCINTED OR HAVE A NEGATIVE COVID TEST WITHIN THE LAST 72 HOURS. I'm glad that they're taking all the proper precautions however nothing would deter us from coming." THE FAMILY GOT IN LINE--SHOWED A COPY OF THEIR VACCINE CARDS-- AND WEREAS ON THEIR WAY. THE C-D-C SAYS 70 POINT 3 PERCENT OF PEOPLE 18 AND YOUNGER ARE FULLY VACCINATED. IN NORTH CAROLINA THAT NUMBER IS 65 PERCENT OF PEOPLE 18 AND OVER ARE FULLY VACCINATED.. AND ALREADY 57-PERCENT OF KIDS FIVE TO 11 ARE FULLY VACCINATED, 65-PERCENT FOR 12 AND UP. MARCUS NEUBACHER WITH THE MUSEUMS FOUNDATION SAYS HAVING THE POLAR EXPRESS BACK IN TOWN AFTER A HIATUS IS CRUCIAL FOR THE ECONOMY. NEUBACHER: 2020 was a very difficult year for us we were used to be event driven we have over 150,000 people a year that come here normally in the course of a year. 60 sum thousand of that comes for the

Polar Express AND ONCE YOU GET THROUGH THE LINES, THERE'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD THAT'S WORTH THE WAIT. As the train rolls up and the conductor get off and the show starts that's when the real fun begins, they're getting ready to board and got to the North Pole. ONCE YOU'RE SETTLED IN THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS SANTA'S LIST AND IF YOUR'RE ON THE NAUGHTY OR NICE ONE.

11/13 Cam Economic Impact - he excitement that Cam Newton is coming back to the Carolinas can be felt by fans. Yay, welcome back Cam Newton. It has some searching for tickets to see superman back in action at bank of America stadium. When you talk about Superman returning back to Carolina, absolutely, it's absolutely a smart business move, definitely sell ticket. The Roaring Riot already has t-shirts for sale—saying "he's home. Fans ready to see Cam back in a Panthers jersey. The economy's going to go up. They going to make more money, more parties. Go cam. Businesses like Dilworth Neighborhood are gearing up for bigger crowds on gamedays. "Yea, we may not make the playoffs. We may not go deep in the playoffs, but at least there is something to talk about. There is some hope now." Cam says his priorities are set-- All my energy and everything that I'm focused on right now is making sure that the reason why I'm here in the Carolinas is to number one perform and then philanthropy will follow, I can promise you that. His charity work off the field-- one of the reasons Panthers fans are welcoming him back. He's been here so many times for Make-A-Wish charity events. He is just someone you want to be around, even beyond the football field." The Queen City anxiously waiting to see his work on the gridiron. Glad that he's back. Glad that he's getting another opportunity in the NFL. and in the community.

11/15 Infrastructure Bill - THE PRESIDENT SAYS GOVERNMENT CAN STILL GET SOMETHING BIG DONE. BUT THAT PRINCIPLE WILL BE TESTED THIS WEEK, AS THE HOUSE TURNS ITS ATTENTION TO HIS BUILD BACK BETTER AGENDA. WITH THE STROKE OF A PEN TODAY. PRESIDENT BIDEN IS SET TO TURN HIS INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING DREAMS INTO REALITY. DIRECTING ONE-POINT-TWO TRILLION DOLLARS TO IMPROVE THE NATION'S ROADS, BRIDGES, RAILWAYS AND AIRPORTS. It's hard but we can still come together to get something big done for the American people. IT COMES AMIDST MIXED NEWS ON THE ECONOMY. WITH THE STOCK MARKET RISING AND UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPING AMERICAN CONSUMERS ARE NOW FEELING THE PINCH OF RISING PRICES. THE HIGHEST INFLATION SPIKE IN 30 YEARS. "I think it's important to realize that the cause of this inflation is the pandemic." DEMOCRATS SAY PASSING PLANK TWO OF THE BIDEN AGENDA. NEARLY TWO-TRILLION DOLLARS FOR NEW SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND PROVISIONS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BOOST THE MIDDLE CLASS. AND HELP THE NATION EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC. "The more that we can get back to a sense of normalcy, get workplaces Covid-free, get more people vaccinated, the more we're going to solve that issue."

THE HOUSE WILL TAKE UP THAT SO-CALLED "BUILD BACK BETTER" LEGISLATION THIS WEEK. BUT WILL GO IT ALONE. "The big thing is they handcuffed this infrastructure bill to this big, massive tax and spending bill, which every Republican is united in our efforts to drive a stake through the heart of this effort."

A NEW WASHINGTON POST ABC NEWS POLL SHOWS JUST 41 PERCENT POLLED APPROVE OF THE JOB THE PRESIDENT IS DOING-- A NEW LOW. A MIRROR REFLECTING THE ECONOMIC DISCONNECT BETWEEN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND THE REST OF THE NATION.

11/19 Biden Agenda -AFTER MONTHS OF DEBATE AND COUNTLESS REWRITES... HOUSE DEMOCRATS DELIVERED PRESIDENT BIDEN THE BIGGEST PRIZE ON HIS LEGISLATIVE WISH LIST: "If you are a parent, a senior, a child, a worker, if you are an American, this bill, this bill is for you." A MULTI-TRILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL WITH MONEY TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE... EXPANDED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND CHILD CARE...AND TO LOWER THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. THE VOTE... ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT... DELAYED WHEN REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY OF CALIFORNIA STARTED TALKING.. "Why are we afraid to debate? Why are we afraid to learn?" INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS...FINALLY YIELDING BACK AFTER SPEAKING FOR EIGHT HOURS AND 32 MINUTES, IN WHAT'S BELIEVED TO BE THE LONGEST HOUSE FLOOR SPEECH IN U-S HISTORY. "It's no secret that this bill is too extreme too costly and too liberal for the United States." DEMOCRATS SHIFTED GEARS...POSTPONING THE VOTE... AND DECIDING TO COME BACK THIS MORNING TO TRY AGAIN. THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SAID THE BILL, AS WRITTEN, WOULD ADD 160 BILLION DOLLARS TO THE NATIONAL DEBT OVER A DECADE. BUT ITS TAX REVENUE ESTIMATES ARE SMALLER THAN A TREASURY DEPARTMENT PROJECTION... CONVINCING HOLDOUT DEMOCRATS THE BILL -WILL- PAY FOR ITSELF. "Build back better is fully paid for. It reduces the deficit. And grows the economy." IF PASSED, THE BILL WOULD LIKELY UNDERGO SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE SENATE TO WIN THE VOTES OF ALL 50 DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS

11/22 WTM Shop Local -There's been a push to shop local for years – you've probably heard of how small business Saturday started – American express launched that campaign in 2010...But this year small businesses may just be the reason you have Christmas presents under your tree... It wasn't even thanksgiving and already business was popping at Vintage Charlotte's holiday pop up shop. *152 based on our opening weekend people are very excited to get gifts early and on time The holiday shop Samantha Pagnatti (Marketing for Metropolitan) 2:23:15we have about 90 plus local vendors Is full of gifts – from Christmas gifts to candles and clothing... all of its local, everything is local Something that matters this year more than ever before. 200 our opening weekend we broke every record that we've ever set and it was incredible 210 were sold out of a ton of stuff were calling for re-stock Kirstin Hayes is a Dilworth based jeweler who held her first ever early black Friday sale – she too saw a record number of orders. The owner of Moxie Mercantile in Plaza Midwood says because almost all of her store is from local vendors, she doesn't have to worry about shipping issues to quarantee her shelves will be stocked. **325 I think the luxury is that small makers and businesses, My local vendors are literally right here so I don't have to wait for them to ship to me, if

they can make their product they can bring it to me. *122this year is a little different because people are going to be struggling with shipping times not being able to get orders by Christmas. Our shop is fully stocked everything is local 135 and regionally sourced so it's all already here 145 And there's another reason you'll be on charlotte's Santa's nice list when you shop local- according to farm bureau financial services- For every dollar spent at a local business 67 cents stays within your local economy. *217its really exciting to be able to support all of these local makers and brands in such an impactful way. Small business Saturday is still a thing- it's the Saturday after thanksgiving- and many local businesses will offer special deals that day so it's worth shopping around...

11/23 Holiday Travel - THE BUSIEST TRAVEL WEEK IN THE PAST 2 YEARS IS UNDERWAY! MILLIONS ARE TAKING TO THE ROADS AND THE SKIES. FOR THE LATEST OUTLOOK AND TRAVEL TIPS - WE SEND IT OVER. ONCE AGAIN TO CHRIS MUCLAHY.

11/26 Christmas Tree Shortage - We haven't really been affected like I said this is easier when its local economy we just head to the mountains load the trailers and head home.

11/27 Small Biz Saturday - SMALL BUSINESSES IN CHARLOTTE ARE EXPECTING A BIG BOOST IN SALES FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY THIS YEAR. THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATES -- NATIONWIDE -- CONSUMERS WILL SPEND AT LEAST 19 BILLION DOLLARS. WCNC CHARLOTTE'S SHAMARRIA MORRISON SHOWS US HOW THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE KEPT THE LOCAL ECONOMY THRIVING IN SOUTH END TODAY.

12/05 Economy Latest - PRESIDENT BIDEN, CELEBRATING BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NATION'S ECONOMY... WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPING TO FOUR POINT TWO PERCENT... AND INCHING EVER CLOSER TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS THE PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGES HIGHER CONSUMER PRICES REMAIN A CONCERN. AS DOES A JOBS REPORT THAT SHOWS EMPLOYERS SLOWED THEIR HIRING IN NOVEMBER... ADDING 210-THOUSAND JOBS-- FAR SHORT OF ANALYSTS' PROJECTIONS. STILL, THE AVERAGE PAYCHECK IS GROWING... UP NEARLY FIVE PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO. "Even after accounting for rising prices, the typical American family has more money in their pockets than they did last year." IN FACT, WITH ABOUT THREE WEEKS LEFT IN THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON, THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION-- ALREADY PREDICTING A RECORD-SETTING YEAR-NOW SAYS HOLIDAY SALES COULD BE EVEN BIGGER THAN THEY FORECASTED. WALL STREET LARGELY SHRUGGED OFF THE DISAPPOINTING JOBS REPORT.

12/8 Biden Putin Call -AFTER DELIVERING RUSSIA A BLUNT WARNING. PRESIDENT BIDEN IS WATCHING TO SEE WHAT VLADIMIR PUTIN DOES NEXT. AFTER MASSING AS MANY AS 100-THOUSAND RUSSIAN TROOPS ON THE UKRAINIAN BORDER. THE

WHITE HOUSE DETAILING THE TWO-HOUR VIRTUAL MEETING - AND THE PRESIDENT'S CLEAR MESSAGE. "HE TOLD PRESIDENT PUTIN DIRECTLY THAT IF RUSSIA FURTHER INVADES UKRAINE, THE UNITED STATES AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WOULD RESPOND WITH STRONG ECONOMIC MEASURES." THE CALL - AN EFFORT TO DEFUSE THE ESCALATING MILITARY CRISIS. PRESIDENT BIDEN IN THE SITUATION ROOM. PUTIN AT HIS VACATION HOME ON THE BLACK SEA. - WAVES/SAYS "GREETINGS" IN RUSSIAN- THE TWO MEN EXCHANGING GREETINGS IN THIS CLIP AIRED BY RUSSIAN STATE T-V.

"GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I-- UNFORTUNATELY, THE LAST TIME, WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE EACH OTHER AT THE G20. I HOPE THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, WE DO IT IN PERSON. THEIR CONVERSATION, ACCORDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE, "DIRECT" AND "USEFUL. PRESIDENT BIDEN VOICING HIS - QUOTE - "DEEP CONCERNS" OVER RUSSIA'S SURGE OF TROOPS, TANKS, AND ARTILLERY ALONG THE UKRAINIAN BORDER, SHOWN IN THESE SATELLITE PHOTOS.

IF THERE'S A FURTHER INVASION OF UKRAINE.. THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT'S PREPARED TO SEND SUPPLIES AND ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO UKRAINE AND OTHER NATO ALLIES. THE WHITE HOUSE VOWING NOT TO ALLOW A REPEAT OF WHAT HAPPENED IN 2014 - WHEN RUSSIA SEIZED THE UKRAINIAN TERRITORY OF CRIMEA... LEADING TO A VIOLENT CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND RUSSIAN-BACK SEPARATISTS. DESPITE U-S SANCTIONS THEN - PUTIN DID NOT BACK DOWN.

"THINGS WE DID NOT DO IN 2014, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO NOW."

REPUBLICANS -- WHO HAVE ACCUSED PRESIDENT BIDEN OF PROJECTING

WEAKNESS TOWARD RUSSIA -- ARGUE PUTIN MUST FACE DEVASTATING

CONSEQUENCES FOR ANY INVASION. "PRESIDENT PUTIN IS A WOLF, I THINK HE

THINKS THAT PRESIDENT BIDEN IS WEAK.I THINK HE THINKS THAT PRESIDENT BIDEN

IS A SHEEP, AND WEAKNESS INVITES THE WOLVES." "YOU'VE GOT A VERY

DETERMINED CONGRESS, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS THAT WOULD, UM, BE

WILLING TO DESTROY THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY IF THEY INVADED THE UKRAINE.

12/9 UNCC Economic Forecast - RIGHT NOW - UNC CHARLOTTE'S "BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS" IS RELASING ITS ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR NORTH CAROLINA IN 2022. A LIVE ZOOM SESSION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IS UNDERWAY. IT GOES UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK. AMONG THE FINDINGS IS HOW INFLATION HAS IMPACTED THE ECONOMY - AND IF IT'S EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE NEW YEAR

12/17 Biden in SC - A HISTORIC DAY FOR COLLEGE GRADS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SPOKE AT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY TODAY AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY. this is the first time a sitting president has served as a commencement speaker for the H-B-C-U in its 125-year history. Biden acknowledged the challenges facing graduates today.. INCLUDING THE COVID PANDEMIC, AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY AND WHAT HE CALLED A "reckoning on race not seen since the 50s and 60s

12/23 Biden Student Loan Moratorium - people with FEDERAL student debt will be able to put off paying it back FOR AT LEAST a little longer. the Biden administration SAYS IT'S extending a pause on student loan payments through *May 1st*. it was originally set to expire at the end of January. IT COMES AS THE highly transmissible omicron variant THREATENS THE ECONOMY.

12/30 Unemployment Numbers - SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE U-S ECONOMY.
WEEKLY JOBLESS CLAIMS ARE AT A 52 -YEAR LOW. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS
THERE WERE JUST 198-THOUSAND BENEFIT CLAIMS LAST WEEK...
THAT'S LOWER THAN EXPECTED. THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE IS AROUND THE SAME ... AT
JUST OVER 199 THOUSAND. THAT'S THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE OCTOBER OF 1969!

GOVERNMENT

10/1 SC Mask Ruling - "parents know how their children learn and what is good for them much better than the government does. the government doesn't know, the parents do. parents ought to have the final word on mask and other things as well" he also said he supports other ways to prevent the spread of covid in schools -- including plastic shields and better ventilation. as for the federal ruling ... both McMaster and the state's attorney general want it to put on hold. they filed the paperwork earlier today.

10/2 CLT Med School - IT'S BEING CALLED THE LARGEST PROJECT IN CHARLOTTE SINCE THE EXPANSION OF CHARLOTTE'S AIRPORT. THIS INNOVATIVE DISTRICT IS SET TO OPEN IN 2024... BUT HOSPITAL OFFICIALS ARE HOPING TAXPAYERS WILL FIT THE BILL FOR 75-MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP BUILD THE INFRUSTRUCTURE FOR IT. THIS IS WHAT CHARLOTTE'S FIRST MEDICAL SCHOOL WILL ONE DAY LOOK LIKE -- THE HEART OF WHAT DEVELOPERS ARE CALLING THE INNOVATION DISTRICT. ((We are the largest city in the country without a medical school.)) Mayor Vi Lyles says it's sure to bring more than a state of the art education hub. ((It's truly something that will move us forward in our business sectors.))

Mecklenburg County Commissioner Leigh Altman agrees. ((it will bring thousands of jobs to our area -- and good paying job to our residents.)) But Atrium Health's CEO says they're likely to ask for roughly 75-million dollars from the county and city together... to build roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure for the project The Mayor -- endorsing the idea -- hoping city council will too. ((I don't think I have to urge. Of course I believe in it. But I want to be sure that they believe in it. and whatever we can do to provide them the information, address the questions they have -- will be what we will do.)) A long-awaited project hoping to get an expensive clean bill of health from local government. In Charlotte, HS WCNC.

10/3 Meck Co COVID Funds - MECKLENBURG COUNTY RESIDENTS -- LISTEN UP.

this Tuesday - OCTOBER 5TH -- county leaders are HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6-30 TO try to DECIDE HOW TO SPEND 215-MILLION DOLLARS they got from the federal government. IT'S PART OF THE COVID RELIEF FUNDS THAT WAS HANDED OUT. THE COUNTY COULD SPEND IT ON ALL SORTS OF THINGS... AFFORDABLE HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION -- YOU NAME IT. BUT AGAIN THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW *YOU THINK* IT SHOULD BE SPENT. YOU DO NEED TO SIGN UP NO LATER THAN NOON ON TUESDAY IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING.. YOU CAN DO THAT ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE COUNTY CLERK AT 980-314-2912.

10/4 Meck Co 215M Spending - tomorrow is your chance to make your voice heard. Mecklenburg county leaders holding a public hearing for how to spend 215-million dollars. it's part of the covid relief money they got from the government. the county has previously proposed spending it on things like affordable housing and education. and that's your morning rush

10/5 Facebook Whistleblower - Almost no one outside of Facebook knows what happens inside of Facebook. The company intentionally hides vital information from the public, from the U.S. government and from governments around the world. SHE ALSO BLAMES those around C-E-O MARK ZUCKERBERG -- SAYING NO ONE IS HOLDING HIM ACCOUNTABLE.

10/6 Public Service Loan Forgiveness - THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS TEMPORARILY RELAXING SOME OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM RULES. UNDER THE PROGRAM--THE GOVERNMENT FORGIVES REMAINING FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN DEBT FOR QUALIFYING PUBLIC-SECTOR WORKERS AFTER THEY HAVE MADE MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR 10 YEARS OR 120 PAYMENTS. THE AGENCY SAYS IT WILL OFFER A LIMITED WAIVER SO BORROWERS CAN GET THEIR PAYMENTS COUNTED. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO REVIEW REJECTED REQUESTS FOR FORGIVENESS, IMPROVE THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND REDUCE ERRORS IN PAYMENTS.

10/8 American Airlines Vaccine Deadline - American Airlines employees now have TO BE VACCINATED BY THE THANKSGIVING. In a letter sent to employees ... the airline says all u-s based team members must submit vaccination proof no later than November 24th. The company says everyone *except crew members will need to resubmit their vaccination record. The date is two weeks before President Biden's vaccine deadline for government contractors.

10 Merck COVID Pill - A POTENTIAL BREAKTHROUGH IN TREATING COVID...
DRUG MAKER "MERCK" SAYS IT'S NOW APPLYING FOR EMERGENCY USE
AUTHORIZATION OF ITS NEW ANTI-VIRAL DRUG. TRIALS SHOW THE PILL - TAKEN
WHEN SYMPTOMS BEGIN - CUTS THE RISK OF HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH IN

HALF. THE EXPERIMENTAL PILL IS BEING COMPARED TO TAMIFLU... WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE TAKEN WITHIN TWO DAYS OF FLU SYMPTOMS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED TO BUY 1.7 MILLION DOSES.

10/12 Merck Pills - F THE FDA APPROVES THE ANTI VIRAL PILL UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION - IT WOULD BE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE A MILD CASE OF COVID. IT'S MEANT TO KEEP THE VIRUS FROM GETTING WORSE - AND KEEP MORE PEOPLE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. AS COVID CASES COME DOWN - DOCTORS BELIEVE WE ARE TURNING A CORNER IN THE DELTA SURGE. BUT STALLED VACCINATION RATES COULD LEAD HISTORY TO REPEAT ITSELF. DR. DAVID PRIEST/Novant Health "earlier in the pandemic the US was kind of leading the world in vaccination and we've fallen behind now. I anticipate that's going to mean we have continued pockets of outbreak among unvaccinated individuals"

ANOTHER TOOL COULD BE ADDED TO THE TOOLKIT SOON - DRUG MAKER MERCK APPLIED FOR EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ANTI VIRAL PILL TO TREAT COVID. DR. CHRISTOPHER OHL/Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist "it cut hospitalizations and deaths by 50%. in fact, in the drug arm there were no deaths at all. in the placebo arm there were 6 or 7 so that's a pretty effective antiviral" THE ANTI VIRAL SERVES THE SAME PURPOSE AS MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT - KEEPING PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE FROM GETTING SICKER. BUT THIS DOESN'T REQUIRE GOING TO A TRANSFUSION CENTER - MAKING IT MORE ACCESSIBLE. THE PILL ITSELF WORKS IN A WAY SIMILAR TO HIV TREATMENTS. WHEN THE VIRUS GOES TO REPLICATE - THE MEDICATION CREATES ERRORS IN THE RNA SO THE VIRUS DOESN'T FUNCTION WELL.

DR. CHRISTOPHER OHL/Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist "This is a major step to living with covid and the transition with covid being a pandemic to a virus that is part of our normal plethora of respiratory viruses that we get during cold and flu season" BUT WITH MORE OPTIONS COMES THE CONCERN IT COULD BE USED AS A REASON TO NOT GET VACCINATED. DR. DAVID PRIEST/Novant Health "what we've seen with delta variant is sometimes covid disease progresses really rapidly, and you may not have time for that pill to work.// better to avoid getting covid altogether than treating it once you get it" THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED TO BUY NEARLY TWO MILLION DOSES OF THE TREATMENT IF IT IS APPROVED. DOCTORS HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA PREDICT IT COULD BE OUT AROUND CHRISTMAS. IN CHARLOTTE CL WCNC.

10/13 US house raises debt - the u.s. house of representatives passed a bill to temporarily raise the debt limit... the ceiling was lifted by 480-billion dollars until December third. president Biden is expected to quickly sign the bill before October 18th... to avoid a government shutdown...

10/16 Festival COVID Money - we begin this half hour - following covid money in the queen city... the live entertainment industry took a huge hit during the pandemic.

concert and performance venues were shuttered, leaving those businesses to turn to the government for some much needed help. well three little known businesses that are tucked away inside a non-descript south charlotte office building collected 14 million dollars in federal pandemic aid as wake up charlotte's Nate Morabito discovered - that money is supposed to help support some of the largest country music festivals in the country.

10/18 Govt Center Reopens - the Charlotte-Mecklenburg government center will be partially re-open to the public. That means you can attend things like city council meetings and C-M-S school board meetings in person. The building will fully reopen during normal business hours starting November 1st. Masks will be required inside the government center. Those meetings will also still be available online via live stream.

10/20 Pediatrician Kids Vaccines - More COVID-19 shots could be going into the arms of children ages five to 11 starting two weeks from Thursday. "The earliest that anyone in the state could start vaccinating kids age five through 11 would be November 4th." North Carolina health officials expect to receive 124,500 doses of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine in the first initial phase. South Carolina anticipates it will get up to 152,100 doses in the first week if approved for younger children. "We hope we will see a strong demand for vaccination in this age group and will be able to continue ordering doses on a regular schedule. The federal government has told us that they have enough vaccine doses for all 28 million eligible children in America." The White House rolling out its plan Wednesday to vaccinate this age group of children—focusing on making the vaccine available at places where parents and children are most comfortable. "For some parents, it might be ok to take their kids to a pharmacy and getting them vaccinated. For others, they'd want to go to the same place where they got their kids vaccinated all along." Children ages 5 to 11 make up the majority of COVID-19 cases in recent weeks among those under the age of 18 in Mecklenburg County. The county saying it will receive 13,500 doses of the pediatric vaccine if approved—and will have enough supply for the roughly 100,000 children in this age group in Mecklenburg County in the weeks that follow.

10/21 NC Restaurants Call for Relief - RESTAURANTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE FEELING THE PINCH... IN NORTH CAROLINA - OPERATORS AND THE INDEPENDENT RESTAURANT COALITION ARE CALLING ON THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO REFILL THE "RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND"... IT WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO help DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT THE PROBLEM - THIS GROUP SAYS -- IS THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY... AND MORE THAN 4 THOUSAND RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND... THEY SAY DEBT, RISING FOOD COSTS, AND CONSUMER HESITANCY IS KILLING THEIR BUSINESSES... AND THEY WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO STEP UP AND HELP.

10/24 Hindu Protest - PEOPLE IN THE QUEEN CITY ARE SHOWING SUPPORT TO THE BANGLADESHI HINDU COMMUNITY. A PEACEFUL VIGIL WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SOME OF THE CRIMES HAPPENING TO HINDUS IN BANGLADESH. OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS THERE -- MULTIPLE REPORTS OF MOB ATTACKS AGAINST THE MINORITY GROUP IN THAT COUNTRY. ORGANIZERS IN CHARLOTTE SAY THEY ARE PLEADING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT AN END TO THE JIHADIST EXTEREMISM HAPPENING OVERSEES.

10/25 Ed Sheeran COVID - SINGER-SONGWRITER *ED SHEERAN* SAYS-- HE'S TESTED POSITVE FOR COVID-19. IN AN INSTAGRAM POST ... THE 30-YEAR-OLD SAID HE IS QUARANTINING AND FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES.

SHEERAN SAYS -- HE'LL CONDUCT PLANNED INTERVIEWS AND PERFORMANCES FROM HIS HOUSE. HIS POSITIVE TEST RESULT COMES JUST DAYS BEFORE SHEERAN IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE HIS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED ALBUM "EQUALS." IT'S NOT CLEAR IF HE IS VACCINATED ... BUT SHEERAN HAS PREVIOUSLY PROMOTED GETTING THE SHOT

10/26 Childcare Help - They call childcare works the workforce behind the workforce because without daycare many people simply couldn't' work – and there's a full on crisis with the system right now. Katie McCarthy remembers finding out she was pregnant with her first child. *35I had several friends in the area who said first thing I needed to do before anything was to get on a waitlist for daycare She says the waitlist was 18-24 months- and that was 7 years ago – since then the challenges of childcare have only worsened. **650Weve known about this issue for years and it just continues to get worse Janet: 406its already a fragile economic equation but the pandemic has made it more fragile that economic equation Janet singer man is the president of childcare resources inc 18if you had to sum up status of childcare- what would you say? Challenged she says childcare is too expensive for parents and a bad business proposition for the people running daycares and the pandemic took a bad situation and made it a crisis. It costs \$14,000 a year to send an infant to daycare – add up the 5 years before kindergarten and it costs more to send a child to daycare than to unc chapel hill. Then there's the staffing issues...childcare workers make just \$10 an hour and rarely get benefits like insurance – so they're hard to retain. Add in the pandemic – and there's now a fullfledged financial crisis in childcare. **255Revenue plummeted because families pulled kids out-health concerns, unemployment and/or remote employment so revenue for childcare plummeted. At Calvary Church's daycare staffing shortages forced them to abruptly close several classrooms, sending parents scrambling. *609its just a testament to how tough it is out there. The federal government is working on some emergency aid as part of the infrastructure bill and gave the state money to give to childcare centers that 800 million in what's called stabilization grants - is meant to help pay staff and operating costs. **919the pandemic laid bare the fragile and inadequate base of financing that has always been true for childcare centers have until October 31st to apply for the grants. Mb WCNC clt.

10/27 Delta Airlines Facial Recognition in Atlanta - DELTA AIRLINES IS EXPANDING ITS FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY TO ATLANTA IT ALLOWS TRAVELERS TO GET THROUGH THE AIRPORT WITHOUT SHOWING A PAPER BOARDING PASS OR A PHYSICAL GOVERNMENT I-D. THE NEW EQUIPMENT WILL FIRST BE IN ATLANTA'S SOUTH SECURITY CHECKPOINT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IT WILL EXPAND TO SELECT BAG DROP AND BOARDING AREAS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

10/31 WTM Childcare Help - They call childcare works the workforce behind the workforce because without daycare many people simply couldn't' work – and there's a full on crisis with the system right now. Katie McCarthy remembers finding out she was pregnant with her first child. I had several friends in the area who said first thing I needed to do before anything was to get on a waitlist for daycare She says the waitlist was 18-24 months- and that was 7 years ago – since then the challenges of childcare have only worsened. We've known about this issue for years and it just continues to get worse. Janet: it's already a fragile economic equation but the pandemic has made it more fragile that economic equation Janet singer man is the president of childcare resources inc if you had to sum up status of childcare- what would you say? Challenged she says childcare is too expensive for parents and a bad business proposition for the people running daycares and the pandemic took a bad situation and made it a crisis. It costs \$14,000 a year to send an infant to daycare – add up the 5 years before kindergarten and it costs more to send a child to daycare than to unc chapel hill. Then there's the staffing issues...childcare workers make just \$10 an hour and rarely get benefits like insurance – so they're hard to retain. Add in the pandemic – and there's now a full-fledged financial crisis in childcare. Revenue plummeted because families pulled kids out- health concerns, unemployment and/or remote employment so revenue for childcare plummeted. At Calvary Church's daycare staffing shortages forced them to abruptly close several classrooms, sending parents scrambling, it's just a testament to how tough it is out there. The federal government is working on some emergency aid as part of the infrastructure bill and gave the state money to give to childcare centers - that 800 million in what's called stabilization grants - is meant to help pay staff and operating costs. the pandemic laid bare the fragile and inadequate base of financing that has always been true for childcare centers have until October 31st to apply for the grants.

11/1 Mouse in Nursing Home - We're talking about a nursing home state records show is in the midst of an ongoing COVID outbreak...with some deaths...a facility where only one out of every four staff members were vaccinated as of early September, according to this report. Resident one had a Styrofoam food container and something else in his other hand." A man, suffering from dementia and psychosis.. wo inch long, dark colored string hanging from his mouth." Approximately three to four inches long." With a history of rummaging... Before she could stop him he swallowed it." Dependent on others... He may have ingested a mouse." "The resident may have ingested a mouse. Failed, according to this inspection report, by the people entrusted with his care.

11/2 Kids Vaccines - FOR SOME IT FEELS LIKE THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS MICHAEL ESTRAMONTE/CEO, StarMed Healthcare "It's encouraging. I think a lot of parents have seen over the course of the year is that the vaccine has a good track record and it's working." AND KIDS AGES 5 TO 11 COULD BE FULLY PROTECTED BY CHRISTMAS –

IF THEIR PARENTS GET THEM THE PFIZER PEDIATRIC COVID VACCINE EARLY INTO THIS UPCOMING ROLLOUT. MICHAEL ESTRAMONTE/CEO, StarMed Healthcare "The potential to spread it to an adult that's at high risk, or a grandparent, that's something that needs to be kept in mind" THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHIPPED OUT 7 MILLION DOSES IN ANTICIPATION OF FULL FDA AND CDC APPROVAL THIS WEEK. NCDHHS EXPECTS NORTH CAROLINA TO GET 411 THOUSAND DOSES IN THE COMING DAYS. LOCAL VACCINE PROVIDERS – LIKE STARMED – READY TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. MICHAEL ESTRAMONTE/CEO, StarMed Healthcare "We preregistered to give parents the comfort and knowledge that when their child gets there, there will be a dose available for them. The initial allotment this week is enough for what we believe to cover the demand. we have prescheduled out over 10 thousand children as of now"

THE KIDS DOSE IS ONE THIRD THE SIZE OF THE DOSE FOR PEOPLE 12 AND OLDER AND IS GIVEN IN 2 DOSES THREE WEEKS APART. THOSE VIALS HAVE ORANGE CAPS to distinguish them from adult does — AND STARMED WILL HAVE SEPARATE TENTS FOR KIDS AND STAFF MEMBERS WEARING A DIFFERENT COLOR SHIRT HANDLING THE SHOTS — SO DOSES AREN'T MIXED UP. MICHAEL ESTRAMONTE/CEO, StarMed Healthcare "If its drive thru, we have the ability if the child wants to come out of the car and sit down, or if they want to stay in the car, they have that choice. And of course, lollipops and things like that will be available.

11/3 Medicare Changes Interview - RIGHT NOW THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU IS WARNING THOSE ENROLLING IN MEDICARE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SCAMMERS DURING THE SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD... MOST SCAMMERS WILL PRETEND TO BE A GOVERNMENT REP. WHO CAN WALK YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS... AND STEAL YOUR INFORMATION INSTEAD. WATCH OUT FOR THESE -- AND CALL THE B-B-B IF YOU'RE THE VICTIM OF THIS TYPE OF SCAM... THESE ARE POPPING UP NOW BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS OPENED MEDICARE DOT GOV FROM OCTOBER 15TH TO DECEMBER 7TH... BECAUSE THE PANDEMIC LEFT MANY AMERICANS UNEMPLOYED AND UNINSURED...

HERE TO TALK MORE ABOUT THIS IS THE LEAD ADVISOR AT CHAPTER: ARI PARKER. 1. WHAT'S THE MAIN THING PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD? 2. WHAT CHANGES SHOULD PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY ENROLLED EXPECT TO SEE? 3. ARE THE COSTS ANY DIFFERENT THIS YEAR WITH INFLATION.

11/4 OSHA Vaccine Mandate - I will issue an executive order barring any south Carolina cabinet agency from issuing or enforcing any vaccine mandate. number 2. I will require all state agencies - including the 19 cabinet agencies - to report to me any inquiry or request for vaccination from the federal government. Several G-O-P governors and attorneys general have said they will challenge the mandate in court.

McMaster also pointed out - South Carolina is one of 8 states already suing the federal government over vaccine mandates for federal contractors

11/5 McMaster Vax Mandate - SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER IS PUSHING BACK AGAINST THE FEDERAL VACCINE MANDATE. THE NEW GOVERNMENT MANDATE SAYS PRIVATE BUSINESSES WITH more than 100 EMPLOYEES HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 4TH TO COMPLY. HE SAYS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS GOING *TOO FAR. MCMASTER ANNONCED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BANNING THE FEDERAL MANDATE AT THE STATE'S CABINET AGENCIES.

11/8 Cocoa Deforestation - THE UNITED NATIONS IS HOSTING A SUMMIT THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE WORLD'S TOP CLIMATE ISSUES -- INCLUDING DEFORESTATION. SOME SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS SUGGEST CHOOSING CERTAIN BRANDS OF CHOCOLATE COULD HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE COCOA FARMERS OFTEN CUT DOWN ALL OTHER TYPES OF TREES TO KEEP UP WITH GROWING DEMAND. SO, LET'S VERIFY...IS COCOA PRODUCTION CAUSING DEFORESTATION? OUR SOURCES ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY GROUP MIGHTY EARTH, THE WORLD COCOA FOUNDATION'S DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, AND THREE OF THE LARGEST CHOCOLATE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD. THE CONCERN ABOUT DEFORESTATION BEGINS WITH WHERE AND HOW COCOA IS GROWN. Cocoa plants THRIVE NEAR THE EQUATOR AND THE WORLD COCOA FOUNDATION ESTIMATES Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana PRODUCE TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF COCOA. --BUT TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND and expand cocoa crops FARMERS often CUT DOWN ALL OTHER TYPES OF TREES. THE W-C-F ESTIMATES Côte d'Ivoire LOST A QUARTER OF ITS FOREST SINCE 2001. Ethan Budiansky, World Cocoa Foundation - Director of Environment cocoa has been a major driver of that deforestation. In order to maintain their livelihoods. They'll abandon their old and diseased farms and expand into new areas very often being forested areas, resulting in deforestation --BUT SINCE IT ISN'T A NEW ISSUE, ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE LONG PRESSURED CHOCOLATE COMPANIES TO BUY SUSTAINABLE COCOA AND PAY FARMERS BETTER SO THEY'RE INCENTIVIZED TO DO LESS DAMAGE TO FORESTS. IN 2017, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENTS, THE WORLD COCOA FOUNDATION, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS STARTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BY PLANTING 10 MILLION NEW TREES, PROMOTING MORE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION, AND INCREASING TRACEABILITY. NESTLE AND MARS COMMITTED TO BUYING ONLY DEFORESTATION-FREE COCOA BY 2025 AND HERSHEY PLANS TO ELIMINATE DEFORESTATION FROM ITS ENTIRE SUPPLY CHAIN BY 2030. SO IT'S TRUE CHOCOLATE PRODUCTION IS

CAUSING DEFORESTATION, BUT ORGANIZATIONS SAY YOU CAN HELP BY opting for sustainably PRODUCED CHOCOLATE. WITH YOUR VERIFY, I'M BRANDON LEWIS.

11/9 Biden Covid Costs - THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN IS EXTENDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S 100 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COSTS TO STATES, TRIBES AND TERRITORIES THROUGH APRIL FIRST OF NEXT YEAR. THIS APPLIES TO FEMA-BACKED EFFORTS LIKE VACCINE CLINICS. THE EXTENSION ALSO CONTINUES 100 PERCENT FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO HELP COMBAT THE VIRUS. EXPERTS SAY DESPITE PREMATURE DECLARATIONS OF VICTORY OVER THE PANDEMIC... THIS LATEST MOVE SHOWS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS GEARING UP FOR MORE COVID DISRUPTIONS INTO NEXT YEAR.

11/10 CLT Infrastructure - After Biden signs the bill into law, the money will come from the federal level, to the state level and eventually it will make its way to the local level where you will start to see big changes to things like transportation. YOU'LL FIND DERRIC EDWARDS JUNIOR ON CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT BUSES ATLEAST 5 TIMES A WEEK. LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE, HE USES PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO WORK. HIS ONLY PROBLEM? EDWARDS: "I would say they need to work on being on time, showing up on time being there." CATS HAS A FINITE NUMBER OF BUSES, BUS STOPS AND DRIVERS. ALL THOSE FACTORS IMPACT WHEN YOU BUS SHOWS UP. STAND UP: "Current priorities for buses are to make them faster and for services to be more reliable. One way they can do this is to get more money from the federal government so they can accomplish both." CONGRESS WILL GIVE each STATE A COMBINED 89.9 billion MILLION DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT LIKE BUSES. NORTH CAROLINA GETS 911 MILLION OF THAT OVER FIVE YEARS. IN A Q AND A among lawmakers about THE INFRATRUCTURE BILL, U-S CONGRESSMAN ALMA ADAMS MAYOR PRO TEM JULIE EISELT TALKED ABOUT HOW you COULD GET INVOLVED WITH WHERE THE MONEY GOES. EISLET: "When we got our CARES Act allocation, that went directly to the city of Charlotte, we did organize efforts to put ambassadors in different locations to help people access that money." THE CITY HASN'T ANNOUNCED ANY ambassadors or COMMITTEES FOR THE federal infrastructure MONEY EXPECTED TO COME IN. THEY DO HAVE AS A LIST OF PRIORTIES FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND THIS MONEY GETS THEM ONE STEP CLOSER TO FIXING THEM. SHAMARRIA MORRISON WCNC CHARLOTTE.

11/11 Rechargeable Batteries - he Mecklenburg County government sending out a warning-

Do not throw out rechargeable lithium batteries. Let's connect the dots. The batteries are in things like your smartphone- laptop- or even some power tools. The county says they saw five small fires in just one week at their waste facilities. At least one was caused by an old cell phone- and another was caused by a remote-control toy. So what makes these batteries so dangerous? When you throw them away- They get bumped around as

they move through the dump. If a rechargeable battery gets damaged- That stored-up energy inside can spark causing a fire or even an explosion. And experts say those can be especially hard to put out- because of gases released by the battery. {TAKE BATTERIES OUT BEFORE YOU TOSS} So if you get an upgrade this holiday season- what do you do with your old devices? Officials are asking you to take the batteries out *before you toss. And that's connecting the dots.

11/13 Supply Shortage Local Impact - THOUSANDS OF HUNGRY FAMILIES HAVE RELIED ON LOAVES AND FISHES FRIENDSHIP TRAYS THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC. BUT NOW -- WITH THE RISE IN GROCERY PRICES.. AND THE HOLIDAYS IN SIGHT... THE NEED IS GROWING. Thanksgiving is the one holiday that revolves entirely around food." THEY WOULD USUALLY GIVE OUT 5-THOUSAND TURKEYS OVER THE NEXT 10 DAYS... BUT... "It's hard to get things delivered the mass quantities that we need them" THEY ORDERED THOUSANDS OF TURKEYS IN AUGUST... BUT WITH A SUPPLY CHAIN SLOW-DOWN -- THEY HOPE THEY'LL ARRIVE IN TIME... A WORRY FORCING THEM TO CALL ON THE COMMUNITY TO HELP. "WHEN YOU'RE OUT GROCERY SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE PICK UP AN EXTRA TURKEY, OR TWO, OR 10 AND BRING THEM TO OUR WAREHOUSE."

11/15 Afghan Family help - There has been overwhelming support from people in charlotte.. so much so that catholic charities tells me their warehouse is completely filled with things like food clothing and supplies.. what they do need is housing. When the catholic charities diocese of charlotte began relocating 200 Afghan evacuees to the queen city Sam hatcher realized he could help "a tenant from one of my properties called me to say she was moving.. so all of a sudden I realized I'm going to have a vacancy, maybe they can start a new life here" He was introduced to a family of 4 "he was a professional, worked for the government In Afghanistan, was targeted by the Taliban and got out through our military evacuation They're now a family of 5 "the mother was pregnant when she got to charlotte, she has since delivered, now they have 3 small children" Hatcher is now helping them get settled as they work to learn English and get documentation for jobs "they're working really hard to do that as quickly as possible, they very much want to assimilate" sandy buck, the director of catholic charities diocese of charlotte, says they're in dire need of more people like hatcher to step up and provide housing. "housing is so tight right now that we cannot find available units" Hatcher says initially he did have concerns about the risk "they have nothing, they have no credit history, no money, no job, they just need help" But.. buck says landlords don't need to worry about payment "we're paying rent, we are not asking for donated units we're looking for units we can rent" Hatcher believes those who can help wont regret it "they are wonderful people, they are most gracious and extremely thankful, and a bit blown away by the response that they've seen from everybody trying to help them

11/16 SC AG Lawsuit - SUING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION. THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL CHALLENGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER THE COVID VACCINE MANDATE FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

11/18 Illegal Chips -would you dig into a bag of chips labelled as illegal chips. well, now you have the chance to do just that The new chips feature flavors of food -- the U-S government has banned -- including horse meat -- Italian "maggot cheese" -- and of course -- poisonous puffer fish. You can get all 3 and a random 4th bag -- for just 12 bucks off of illegal chips dot com.

11/19 WTM Huntersville - There's a collective feeling of relief here in Huntersville, knowing this town now has a fair shot at keeping up with surrounding suburbs." At a time when the country is divided...(Nat sequence of images and sound of division) "It really is a pretty amazing bipartisan effort." Republicans and democrats..."I worked with my colleagues across the aisle and the unaffiliated...: set aside their differences... "Good teamwork." to make sure this growing town of 58,000 people isn't put at a disadvantage. "I'm delighted, first of all, Huntersville deserves it's share, they were shortchanged." Rep. Alma Adams cited our investigation in a letter sent to state leadership this summer. We should all be about fairness and equity in this process." In June, we analyzed how the federal government awarded American Rescue Plan money and found Huntersville received fewer ARP dollars than 15 other cities and towns in the Carolinas with smaller populations...among the lowest per capita in North and South Carolina too. "They made a mistake." Even before we started asking questions, Mayor John Aneralla was already on a crusade to right the wrong...knowing the town received \$12 million less than this Congressional report first estimated. "This is a positive for Huntersville and I appreciate everybody's help." The recently signed state budget fills in that gap...awarding the town \$12 million, which amounts to almost a third of its annual budget for everything from water and sewer improvements to community support...to help Huntersville recover post-pandemic. "It's a great thing to set off in the sunset, let me tell ya." The bi-partisan effort is especially reward to Aneralla considering the three-term mayor did not run for re-election. His last day on the job is fast approaching. I hope it's something that will be a blueprint for the future." A future that's brighter because of a focus on the common good. We probably agree on more than the public knows about, because it's those things that we don't agree on that probably get the most news." The town is hopeful it may even be able to use some of the money for transportation but is still waiting for guidance from the federal government. NM, WCNC Charlotte.

11/20 TSA Staffing Concerns -SEPTEMBER 9TH - PRESIDENT BIDEN WITH THESE REMARKS ABOUT A VACCINE MANDATE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES "if you want to work with the federal government and do business with us - get vaccinated. This is not about freedom, or personal choice - it's about protecting yourself and those around you." BUT AS A NOVEMBER 22ND FEDERAL DEADLINE TO GET FULLY VACCINATED DRAWS CLOSER - JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE THANKSGIVING - NBC NEWS HAS OBTAINED SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS SENT TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION

ADMINISTRATION. AND THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WARNING ABOUT VERY REAL CUMULATIVE AND DISRUPTIVE IMPACTS THIS MANDATE COULD HAVE DURING THE UPCOMING BUSY HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON. LAWMAKERS - LED BY REPUBLICAN SAM GRAVES OF MISSOURI - WANT ASSURANCES THERE WON'T BE A MASS EXODUS OR FIRINGS OF KEY TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES. "overall at DCA we are ready. And we are ready for the holidays so we are very excited about it." I ASKED TSA FEDERAL SECURITY DIRECTOR SCOTT JOHNSON ABOUT STAFFING AT OUR LOCAL AIRPORTS - REAGAN NATIONAL AND DULLES INTERNATIONAL - FOR THE HOLIDAYS. HE SAYS EVEN IF MANY WERE LET GO - MANY MORE CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR JOBS. we're staffed very nicely luckily. The Washington DC area - when we put out advertisements for jobs, an awful lot of people show up for the jobs. some airports out there are having a hard time hiring and I can't get into each individual airport - I do know some of them are having a problem with it." TSA SOURCES TELL US THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED SOON -POINTING TO INCREASED VACCINATIONS. AND EVEN IF AN EMPLOYEE DID REFUSE THE VACCINE - THEY COULD STILL APPEAL THE MANDATE - AND THAT'S A PROCESS THAT WOULD TAKE WEEKS. MEANING THEY COULD STILL WORK THROUGH THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS WHILE NOT BEING VACCINATED. MANY PASSENGERS MEANTIME. ARE JUST HOPING FOR A SMOOTH TAKEOFF TO HOLIDAY TRAVEL. ADAM TUSS NBC NEWS, WASHINGTON.

11/23 CLT Airport Workers Vaccine -"I think this is a very slippery slope. I think we should have our legal team pushing back right now against the federal mandates that are pushing us down this path. We should be seriously contemplating the risks of even doing this in other departments or expanding it from here." I think there is a reason why federal government is mandating it. This is about health and safety. This is about safety of our employees this is about safety of our residents. I will not support any pushback." city leaders say some police or firefighters who work at the airport could be reassigned if they want to remain unvaccinated

11/24 Pharmacy Chains Opioid Crisis - A FEDERAL JURY SAYS CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART PHARMACIES DIDN'T DO ENOUGH TO STOP THE FLOW OF OPIOID PILLS INTO TWO OHIO COUNTIES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME PHARMACY COMPANIES HAVE COMPLETED A TRIAL TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN A DRUG CRISIS THAT'S KILLED A HALF-MILLION AMERICANS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES. THE VERDICT COULD SET THE TONE FOR U.S. CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS THAT WANT TO HOLD PHARMACIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ROLES IN THE OPIOID CRISIS. SPOKESPEOPLE FOR CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART SAY THE COMPANIES WILL APPEAL THE VERDICT

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11/28 Oil Reserves -We found out the strategic petroleum reserve contains hundreds of millions of barrels of oil. Yes it can help with the price of gas.. But releasing the barrels doesn't alleviate things right away. It takes weeks for those reserves to reach the pumps To explain the Strategic Petroleum reserves we went to Patrick DeHaan, a fuel analyst from Gas Buddy The Congressional research Service's report on the reserves And the department of energy. What are the strategic petroleum reserves? the nation found that because we consume a lot of crude oil, we are subject to oil producing nations cutting off supply, and that we should probably have some sort of emergency reserve and that's how the SDR was born back in the 70s the department of energy reports the government currently has more than 600 million barrels of oil stored in facilities in Texas and Louisiana along the gulf coast. Have they been used before? very rarely have we seen releases from the strategic reserve. (hurricanes etc.) The last time was in 2011-According to Congressional research services, in 2011 a conflict in Libya caused a massive world-wide oil supply disruption. Which led President Obama to release more than 30 million barrels of oil, it has never been used when there hasn't been a disruption. So this situation would be different in that this is primarily being used to bring prices down, even though there's no physical disruption.

12/1 Honeywell Opening - Dozens of employees, state and local representatives packed this room in the newly built headquarters of Honeywell in Uptown Charlotte. One, two, three let's cut it. Today's grand opening signaled a new era for the Fortune 100 company. Honeywell C-E-O Darius Adamczyk says he wants to tap directly in-to the workforce of local and state colleges. More than 50% of some of our interns are diversity hires, we believe in really retaining, attracting all the way at the early stages and then keeping that diverse talent throughout the whole career." The company requires everyone who currently works at the headquarters – and future employees-- be vaccinated due to its government contracts. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper says he is happy that Honeywell embraced vaccine mandates. It is so important to get people vaccinated so that not only can we pull out of where we are now that we're ready for anything else that may come about." Honeywell primarily operates in aerospace, building technologies, performance materials and technologies, and safety and productivity solutions. Charlotte Councilmember Malcolm Graham says the jobs offered by Honeywell will help affordability in the city. "Not only do we need baseline jobs we also need those jobs that pay high wages, so individuals to live and work and afford our community. Charlotte is somewhat becoming unaffordable so having a fortune 100 company like Honeywell coming here to our community giving good paying jobs eases

that burden a little bit." Honeywell has been adding welcoming in employees since the early part of November and soon these offices will be buzzing with more staff.

12/2 Pete Buttigieg one on one -A GOAL OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE BILL IS TO GET MORE GAS-GUZZLING CARS OFF THE ROADS... AND GET PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARS -- TO DRIVE ELECTRIC ONES. THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IS ROLLING OUT NEW ELECTRIC BUSES...SLOWLY RETIRING OLDER MODELS THAT AREN'T ENVIROMENTALLY FRIENDLY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE CITIES LEADING THE WAY LIKE CHARLOTTE... BUT THEY ALSO WANT TO SEE MORE PEOPLE DRIVING ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

AS OF 2020 -- THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAYS ONLY 2.3% OF NEW CAR SALES WERE ELECTRIC.

12/3 Infrastructure - "At the federal government and throughout the nation are starting to realize what a great city Charlotte is and we're starting to see the results of that and hopefully that will result in more partnerships and more infrastructure

12/6 US Olympic Boycott - The Biden administration is expected to announce a diplomatic boycott of the 20-22 Olympics in Beijing. That means no government officials would attend the games- but Team U-S-A athletes would still be allowed to compete. The boycott comes after lawmakers from both parties put pressure on the white house- to protest human rights issues in China. REMEMBER - YOU CAN WATCH THE OLYMPICS RIGHT HERE ON WCNC CHARLOTTE IN FEBRUARY

12/7 Medicare Deadline Today - Today is the last day to sign up during Medicare's open enrollment. The health and drug plans are for anyone 65 or older. Officials say even if you are already enrolled- your plan may be changing for next year. The best way to look at your options is to go *directly to the government's website at "Medicare-dot-gov".

12/8 Burn Ban Lifted - he north Carolina FOREST SERVICE HAS now PARTIALLY LIFTED THE STATEWIDE BURN BAN.. 67 COUNTIES are now in the clear. that means.. THE BAN, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT LAST MONDAY, still REMAINS FOR 33 COUNTIES.. you can see those IN THE MAP on your screen. keep in mind -- WHEN THE statewide BAN went Into PLACE, SEVERAL LOCAL AGENCIES PUT IN BURN BANS FOR THEIR COUNTIES OR TOWNS. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL NOW NEED TO DROP THOSE SEPARATELY

12/9 US Carbon Neutral Executive Order - President Joe Biden signed an executive order -- that will make the U-S government carbon neutral -- by 20-50. The executive order also looks to get the federal government to cut its carbon emissions by 65 percent by 20-30. the president hopes this will help push private companies to use more clean energy

12/10 SC GOP Remove Private COVID Ban - THE South Carolina GOP has given key approval to a bill that would limit vaccine mandates in the state. The bill bans vaccine mandates for state and local government employees, contractors and public school students... Private companies are not included in the mandate ban. The bill is likely to pass this morning.. and will move to the senate... Senators have already gone home for the holiday and are not likely to take up the matter before the January 11th.

12/13 Tornado Latest - at least 64 people have died following deadly storms this weekend. thousands of people have lost their homes, president Biden says the federal government will do everything it can to help victims of Friday's tornado outbreak, severe storms spawned more than 30 tornadoes across the southeast and Midwest. later this week, President Biden will travel to see the devastation in person

12/14 Schools HIPAA -SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE STARTING TO MANDATE STUDENTS GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE. ONE GROUP OPPOSED TO A VACCINE MANDATE IN SAN DIEGO SCHOOLS POSTED THIS PICTURE ON INSTAGRAM THAT HAS ALMOST 2-THOUSAND LIKES CLAIMING A DISTRICT IS USING SYRINGE ICONS NEXT TO STUDENTS' NAMES TO TRACK VACCINATION STATUS. THE GROUP CLAIMS THE SYSTEM VIOLATES THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996, BETTER KNOWN AS HIPAA, SO, LET'S VERIFY...Are school districts subject to HIPAA rules? OUR SOURCES ARE THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. HIPAA IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT PROTECTS A PATIENT'S SENSITIVE HEALTH INFORMATION FROM BEING SHARED WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. THE C-D-C AND H-H-S SAY IT ONLY APPLIES TO THREE GROUPS OF "COVERED ENTITIES" - HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES AND CLEARINGHOUSES, LIKE BILLING COMPANIES. SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE LIST. IN FACT, H-H-S EXPLICITLY SAYS "the Privacy Rule will not provide protections to the immunization records maintained by a school because the school is not a HIPAA covered entity SO, IT'S FALSE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE SUBJECT TO HIPAA RULES ALTHOUGH SOME STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE THEIR OWN PRIVACY RULES THAT LIMIT THE SHARING OF STUDENT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS. WITH YOUR VERIFY, I'M BRANDON LEWIS.

12/15 Path - In western *York County, South Carolina* -- there's an organization that reaches out to hundreds of people in that area who are in fragile conditions, whether it be job loss, serious illness, death of a provider or even low-income senior citizens. PATH, which stands for Positive Affirmation Through Helping, has been part of the York County community for almost 40 years. they provide a box of food to 175 families every month. This breaks down to 100 pounds of food per person in a family. In the box, there's meat, vegetables, bread, dairy products, canned goods and fruit. Paying for all of this can be a challenge because PATH receives no government funding. Instead, it finances all of its endeavors through local contributions.

12/16 WTM Courts - car passing Lincoln County courthouse As construction nears completion on Lincoln County's new courthouse...local attorneys and the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services will start *building the county's first-ever public defender's office. "it's critically important. It's really important that there's a strong public defense presence in your community" IDS' executive director Mary Pollard says the office will also represent people in Cleveland County. Currently...if someone needs an attorney but can't afford one...they're assigned representation from a roster of private attorneys who volunteer to be listed. "because of the low rates paid to court-appointed counsel, there aren't enough attorneys available to do the work" Leading to delays FOR MONTHS, EVEN YEARS? in getting people's cases through the court System. effectively pausing the lives of victims or alleged victims and people who Pollard says mainly get in trouble for low-level misdemeanors. "a good attorney can help them mitigate the consequences and hopefully get their life back on track" "be able to work, be able to support their family, stay out of jail or out of the state prison system, which is very expensive" Only 35 of North Carolina's 100 counties already have public defenders offices...and with the pandemic causing longer delays in an already back-logged court system...Pollard hopes the state will eventually fund offices in every county. "if the government is going to deprive someone of their liberty, that's the most significant thing the government can do and" "somebody needs to be that kind of protection"

"Pollard hopes chief public defender will be named in Cleveland/Lincoln by February next year.

12/19 Gerrymandering -VOTER ACCESS AND BALLOT SECURITY ARE SERIOUS TOPICS. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO VOTER SUPPRESSION THERE'S NO MORE SERIOUS ISSUE IN AMERICA THAN GERRYMANDERING, WHICH DISENFRANCHISES MORE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN VOTERS THAN YOU COULD EVER BELIEVE. AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU HOW, USING MY POLITICAL LOVE LANGUAGE: CANDY. YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW WHAT GERRYMANDERING IS. ITS CARVING UP LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS FOR

POLITICAL GAIN. ITS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO MANIPULATE THE RESULTS AND PREVENT THE MINORITY PARTY FROM HAVING A SAY IN POLITICS.

12/21 Mailing at home tests - BREAKING RIGHT NOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS SET TO MAKE 500 MILLION AT-HOME COVID TESTS AVAILABLE TO ANY HOUSEHOLD THAT REQUESTS ONE. THE WHITE HOUSE IS SETTING UP A WEBSITE FOR PEOPLE TO REQUEST THE FREE TEST. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ALSO EXPECTED TO SET UP 20,000 NEW TESTING SITES NATIONWIDE. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE MORE DETAILS THIS AFTERNOON.

12/22 COVID testing in high demand - IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO GET A COVID TEST AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAYS--- TESTING SITES LIKE STAR MED SAYS COVID RESULTS TAKE A LITTLE LONGER DUE TO HIGH DEMAND. we've added an extra shift to our lab here in charlotte so we're going to get back to the 24-36 in the next couple of days" ANOTHER OPTION PEOPLE ARE SEEKING BUT EVEN THOSE ARE HARDER TO COME

BY "it's unbelievable.. I have checked so many places and it's so hard to find" IN EFFORTS OF RAMPING UP ON COVID TESTS --PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PURCHASE ONE HALF BILLION ADDITIONAL AT HOME RAPID TESTS WITH DELIVERIES STARING IN JANUARY.

We'll be getting this test to Americans for free and we'll have websites where you can get them delivered to your home. We've arranged for it to be easier for you to find a free covid testing site near you on google."

12/24 Who is the Driver - Daniel Morgan's attorney released a written statement on his behalf...describing what happened as a 'tragic accident. We're also learning more about Morgan's company, Prime Time Express" The statement comes roughly 12-hours after Morgan bonded out of jail on five different charges including involuntary manslaughter and misdemeanor death by motor vehicle. The statement says -quote- "My family and I extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, colleagues, loved ones and all those whose lives were made better through Officer Goodwin's public service. I can't begin to imagine the devasting impact that this tragic accident will have on her husband and three young children. There are no words that can express the extent of my sorrow. My family and I will continue our prayers for the Goodwin family." North Carolina Secretary of State filings show Morgan is the manager of High Pointbased Prime Time Express LLC... The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requires the company to submit updated company information every two years. But the FMCSA says Prime Time didn't complete their required update in September...resulting in the government switching the company's US-DOT number to 'inactive'... Interstate carriers need to have an active U-S DOT number to operate...and the FMCSA says failing to provide updated information could result in thousands of dollars in civil penalties. The FMCSA database also reveals in the last two years...neither of Prime Time's two drivers were involved in any crashes until Wednesday. "A court date for Morgan has not yet been announced. BG WCNC ">

12/27 Test after Holiday -WITH HOLIDAY CHEER COULD COME WITH COVID FEARS. DR. CHARLES BRIEGER/Novant Health "this new omicron variant is very contagious, and a lot of people are going to get it" LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS BRACING TO SEE MORE OF THIS, LINES DOWN THE STREET AS MANY RACE TO GET TESTED AFTER GATHERING. MORE THAN 10 THOUSAND AT HOME COVID TESTS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY IN THE LAST MONTH OR SO. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RAN OUT BUT HOPES TO GET MORE THIS WEEK. GIBBIE HARRIS/Mecklenburg County Health Director "we ordered a bunch, the problem is they're just not readily available because they're so much in demand right now. And the other challenge is the federal government bought many of them up and they're going to be distributing them but not until January" BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF PLACES TO GET TESTED FOR FREE. STARMED, ATRIUM AND NOVANT HEALTH ALL HAVE A HANDFUL OF LOCATIONS AROUND THE area. OMICRON IS MORE CONTAGIOUS BUT SO FAR DOESN'T SEEM AS SEVERE AS DELTA. BUT DOCTORS SAY WITHOUT QUESTION, THE VACCINATED ARE SAFEST. DR. AMY TELERON/Cleveland Clinic "I encourage everyone, each of you, to

claim your vaccine. We're lucky that we have vaccines available to us, so please do it to protect yourself, but if you're not as interested in protecting yourself, please do it to protect those that you love – your parents, your grandparents, your children, those that have medical conditions and those that cannot get vaccinated.

12/28 COVID Testing Issues -THE HOLIDAY RUSH HAS INCREASED THE DEMAND FOR THINGS LIKE COVID 19 TESTS-- LEAVING SHELVES WIPED CLEAN, LONG WAIT TIMES, AND DELAYED RESULTS. we have had a thousand calls today for the quick tests" WE ALSO REACHED OUT TO THE MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY WHO SAYS THEIR LAST SHIPMENT OF AT-HOME COVID TESTS SOLD OUT IN 10 MINUTES. THEY SAY THEY'RE EAGERLY AWAITING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROMISE TO DELIVER 500 MILLION MORE TESTS. "we need them now. We don't need them in January because people can't find them anywhere now" HE SAYS AS THEY WAIT THEY'RE STILL PUSHING FOR ONE OF THE MOST IMPRTANT THINGS--- VACCINATIONS. "put your religion aside and get the vaccine because that's what's going to save your life"

HEALTH

10/1 Paint Town Pink - This morning -the Today show is going to paint the town pink for breast cancer awareness month! That includes Charlotte- here at Novant health. You can watch them transform the hospital- and cities across the country this morning. "Today" starts at 7 right after waking up charlotte.

10/2 CLT Race for the Cure - OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. TODAY WAS THE 25TH ANNUAL "RACE FOR THE CURE" IN CHARLOTTE.HOSTED BY NOVANT HEALTH and the Susan g Komen foundation. there was a digital opening ceremony at 8 this morning followed by walks or runs on "pink pathways" across the charlotte area. that included first ward park as well as locations in Matthews, Kannapolis, Ballantyne and Cotswold. breast cancer survivors and their families came out in support and to share their stories.

10/3 Walgreens Booster Shots - IT'S BEEN ABOUT A WEEK SINCE PFIZER BOOSTER SHOTS HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN POPULATIONS HERE IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA. IF YOU GOT THE SECOND DOSE OF THE PFIZER VACCINE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AGO - ARE 65 AND OLDER, HAVE AN UNDERLYING CONDITION OR WORK IN A SETTING WHERE YOU'RE LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED - YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A THIRD SHOT.HERE'S THE LATEST ON THE ROLLOUT

10/4 NC Food Insecurity - North Carolina launching a new program to feed families hit hard by the pandemic. leaders say groceries have been a top need for people who are at high risk of covid- and have been forced to stay at home. The program will deliver food

to people across 34 counties- including Richmond county. The health department says people who need assistance in *any part of the state can contact them for help.

10/5 Latino Vaccination Rate - health leaders working to vaccinate more people in Mecklenburg county's communities of color. they're trying new ways to make sure these groups are getting the information they need -- in a language they understand -- and in a setting where they feel comfortable. WCNC charlotte's Chloe leshner is live at the 'Latin American coalition' in east charlotte. Chloe -- health leaders are depending on community partners for this.

10/6 Johnson and Johnson Booster - Mecklenburg County health director -- Gibbie Harris -- thinks both Moderna and Johnson and Johnson booster shoots will be available by the middle of this month. Right now -- only Pfizer's vaccine is approved by the F-D-A for boosters. Harris also said she anticipates the Pfizer vaccine to be available for kids ages 5 to 11 years old by the last week of October.

10/7 Holiday COVID Spike - With a COVID vaccine for children on the horizon and booster shots available to the most vulnerable ... health experts expect to see a continued decrease in case numbers. But holiday gatherings combined with the delta variant could threaten that. After Thanksgiving and Christmas last year ... the Carolinas saw the more COVID cases than at any other point during the pandemic. However ... Doctor Katie Passaretti told us on Wake Up Charlotte To Go that she remains hopeful.

10/8 NC Covid latest - WHILE VIRAL SPREAD REMAINS HIGH IN NORTH CAROLINA...
METRICS CONTINUE TO DECLINE FROM THOSE ELEVATED LEVELS. TODAY THE
STATE IS REPORTING AROUND 25 HUNDRED PATIENTS... WHICH IS DOWN 13
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10/10 Easing Awkward Conversations - here's a question for you... how you feel about small talk.. you know those mindless conversations with strangers or people you don't know very well. it can be awkward. Right?!?! experts say - next time you strike up a

conversation... make it more meaningful. a new study suggests having actual deep conversations with strangers -- can improve your well-being. *ad lib chat... toss to break**

10/11 Mental Health Day - MANY PEOPLE TOOK TIME TO OBSERVE WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY SUNDAY. EXPERTS SAY THE PANDEMIC ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE MENTAL HEALTH OF MANY AMERICANS. THE PIEDMONT TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, HELD A VIGIL YESTERDAY FOR THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR Lives' CHARLOTTE'S INDIRA ESKIEVA WAS AT THAT VIGIL, AND SHARES ONE WOMAN'S MESSAGE OF HOPE

10/12 Meck Co Govt Vaccinations - more employees in Mecklenburg county are protected against covid-19. the county says 84-percent of its staff are now fully vaccinated. That's gone up about 10 percentage points in the last month. The County will continue to regularly test employees who are not vaccinated

10/13 Atrium Long COVID help - Atrium Health is launching a new program to help treat 'long haul' covid patients. Long haulers are people who continue to have covid complications or symptoms more than 4 weeks after infection. Atrium's new program pairs "long haulers" with a specific primary care office throughout Charlotte. Each office will have nurse practitioners and physician assistants to help those still experiencing symptoms

10/14 SC Updates School Guidance - South Carolina's health department is updating its covid-19 school guidance. In the new guidelines -- students are no longer considered close contacts if they were wearing a mask near an infected student. Mask mandates can also be safely lifted If the county is not in a substantial or high rate of transmission. If more than 75 percent of students and staff are vaccinated. Or if no outbreak has occurred in the last 2 weeks

10/15 Starmed Trial Kids Needed - Star-Med healthcare needs more children to participate in its covid vaccine trial. They are looking for 50 to 60 more kids between 6 months and 2-years-old to join the test of the Moderna vaccine. Doctors say the trial is safe for kids- and they have not seen any side effects. While we don't have the full results, we do know that the kids that we've taken care of have not had a single issue If you want to sign your child up- we have a link at w-c-n-c-dot-com.

10/16 Union Co Schools COVID Changes - heads up for parents with kids - in union county public schools. the district announcing a change to their quarantine guidelines starting this Monday. a letter going out to parents this past week - outlining the quarantine dates and testing options. telling the *if their child has what's deemed close contact with someone who tests positive - they'll get a letter from the school and health officials.

10/17 Active Video games heart health - Turns out video games can be just as healthy as going out for a jog. Researchers say the key is to play active video games that use the body to control the game. When compared to jogging -- both activities showed similar heart response in volunteers. Both are good exercise options -- but scientists say video games shouldn't become a complete replacement.

10/18 Pandemic Latest - LETS TALK ABOUT THE LATEST ON COVID TRENDS IN OUR AREA - ITS GOOD NEWS FOR YOU.. THE METRICS ARE CONTINING TO DECREASE BUT LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN THERE IS STILL A SUBSTAINIAL AMOUNT OF VIRUS IN THE COMMUNITY.. IN FACT THE DELTA VARIANT CAUSED A DESTRUCTIVE WAVE OF COVID.. DID YOU KNOW ONE FIFTH OF ALL COVID DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA HAPPENED IN THE LAST 2 MONTHS.. BUT EXPERTS BELIEVE WE ARE ON THE DOWN SWING OF THAT SURGE.

10/19 SC executive on trucking issues - Every other mode of transportation has a role in making trucking efficient, so they have to make us be able to load and unload quickly and to keep drivers productive and the companies profitable so that we can continue to interest people and keep the fleets healthy and rolling to address the shortage of truck drivers--- industry experts say they're working to recruit younger people... increase the technical college training for c-d-l drivers... and make pay competitive.

10/20 Obesity COVID Study - NEW RESEARCH INDICATES OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY MAY IMPACT SYMPTOMS IN PATIENTS WITH MILD FORMS OF COVID-19. A STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUND KIDS AND ADULTS WHO WERE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE EXPERIENCED *MORE* SYMPTOMS... ESPECIALLY *RESPIRATORY* ISSUES - LIKE COUGH AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH - COMPARED WITH OTHERS. THE NEW STUDY ADDS TO PREVIOUS RESEARCH LINKING OBESITY TO SEVERE OUTCOMES AMONG *HOSPITALIZED* INDIVIDUALS WITH COVID-19.

10/21 Thanksgiving Parade - The 'Novant health thanksgiving parade' is looking for volunteers. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, YOU would serve as A costume walker OR balloon handler. there are some big changes coming to the parade this year. now it will be ON the evening *before* thanksgiving. this year marks the 75th anniversary for the parade.

10/22 Atrium VAX Deadline pushed back - ATRIUM HEALTH IS PUSHING BACK its COVID VACCINE DEADLINE FOR EMPLOYEES. HEALTHCARE WORKERS NOW HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO GET THEIR FIRST DOSE OR be approved for a medical or religious exemption - AND THEY HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30TH TO BE FULLY VACCINATED. ORIGINALLY -- EMPLOYEES NEEDED *BOTH DOSES BY THE END OF OCTOBER. ATRIUM PREVIOUSLY SAID WORKERS WHO DIDN'T GET VACCINATED WOULD RECEIVE COUNSELING - AND COULD POTENTIALLY LOSE THEIR JOBS.

10/23 University Soup Kitchen - FOR EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK... A DIFFERENT TASK...BUT MISSION IS ALWAYS THE SAME Joshua Bridges, University Soup Kitchen 2:23:30 our volunteers aren't just out here serving. or aren't just out here trying to fulfill a requirement... 2:23:45 at least for the moments that we're interacting with them we try to let them know we care about them JOSHUA BRIDGES IS FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY SOUP KITCHEN... LOCATED JUST MINUTES AWAY FROM THE UNC CHARLOTTE CAMPUS. bridges: most cities, I've noticed, have universities that are in close proximity to people in need. so my idea was to connect the campus to the community to help people get out of chronic poverty.

I JOINED BRIDGES... AND HIS TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO SEE HOW THEY DO THAT.. PITCHING IN ON DIFFERENT DAYS OF THE WEEK... SUNDAY -- WE SERVED OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS... NOT JUST WITH LUNCH... BUT ALSO WITH CLOTHES... AND WITH CONVERSATION... please lord remind us of why we're here. it's to try to spread the love we want to receive. in your name we pray amen.

ON WEDNESDAY.. IT WAS BACK TO THE KITCHEN TO PACK UP GROCERIES... Lily Ezuma, College Senior it's been so fulfilling and not in the way I thought it would be like. it's really been intrinsically rewarding WE DELIVERED THOSE TO FOLKS WITHOUT THE MEANS TO GET THEM OTHERWISE. delivery "hi! how are you?" vanessa in a hair net: 12 all right it's Friday and we just got these donations from the uptown jimmy john's for these mobile meals, so we'll just put these together, pack them up, and these will be delivered. LOADING PLATES AND FILLING BELLIES... BRIDGES SAYS IT'S ABOUT NOURISHING BODIES... BUT ALSO LIVES AND SOULS. you can't put a band aid on a problem needing stitches, we're not just trying to hand people goods... we know that a lot of this is the fact that people are dealing with a lot of things and you never know what someone's going through. NOW -- WE SHOWED A LOT OF FEEDING PROGRAMS... BUT THE ORGANIZATION ALSO TRIES TO HELP PEOPLE WITH JOBS. HOUSING. AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE, THROUGH REFERRALS. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE... VOLUNTEERS... AND DONATIONS ARE SO CRUCIAL TO THEM RIGHT NOW... I'VE PUT MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT KINDS OF FOODS AND SUPPLIES WOULD BE HELPFUL... ON OUR WEBSITE.

10/24 Booster Shot Rollout - covid vaccine booster shots are now widely available across north Carolina. Here's who is eligible based on the different brands. If you got Pfizer or modera- an additional dose is recommended for *some at-risk groups. that includes anyone 65 and older -- those with underlying health conditions -- and people who work in high-risk settings. and if you got the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine- boosters are recommended for everyone over 18. you can get the j and j booster as early as two months after your first shot. Health officials have also given the all-clear to mix and match your booster dose- meaning you can get a different brand of vaccine than your original shot. The state health department says talk with a doctor or pharmacist if you have questions about what booster is right for you.

10/25 Need more Daylight - Here's a reason to get away from your desk later today.

According to a new study-- natural sunlight each day can impact a person's mood and sleep quality. The study finds people who spent more time in outdoor light during the day had fewer signs of depression and lower odds of using antidepressant medication. So whenever you get a chance, make sure you get out and get some fresh air.

10/26 Summer Cash Cards Effective - The North Carolina health department says -- its vaccine cash cards were a success. Over the summer- they offered 25 dollars to anyone who got their first dose of the vaccine *or drove someone to their appointment. The health department says -- they ended up giving out over 4-thousand cards total. During that time- vaccine rates only decreased by 26 percent at participating clinics-while vaccine rates at *other clinics decreased by about 50 percent. **and That's it for your morning rush.

10/27 Novant Hospitalizations - Novant Health says, 100-percent of its covid patients on ventilators are *unvaccinated. That's across the entire hospital system. Novant says -- it is rare for them to admit a covid patient who is vaccinated. they say -- most of their current *vaccinated patients are 65 and up or have other medical issues.

10/28 Kids Vaccine Update - This morning - the covid vaccine for kids still waiting on the green light from our nation's top health agencies. The full F-D-A expected to give authorization to the Pfizer vaccine for ages 5 to 11 *this week- after its panel of advisors recommended the shot. After that- the C-D-C then needs to give its own recommendations- and decide if the vaccine should be restricted to certain groups of kids. Local providers say they are still on track to start giving doses at the end of next week. we know parents have a lot of questions about the kids covid vaccine. Coming up in our next half hour- we'll hear from doctors at atrium about the safety of the shot

10/28 Masks in school - Ahead on wake up charlotte at five ... NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH OFFICIALS URGING SCHOOLS TO KEEP A MASK MANDATE FOR STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM.

10/29 Drive thru flu clinic - If you're looking to get your flu shot-- the Caldwell County health Department is hosting its annual drive-thru flu clinic today. It will be in the parking lot of the health and human services department from 3 to 6 pm. Make sure you take your insurance card. If you don't have one, it will cost 40 or 74- dollars.

10/30 Meck Co Mask Update - MECKLENBURG COUNTY LEADERS COULD POTENTIALLY BE CHANGING THE POLICY SURROUNDING THE COUNTY-WIDE MASK MANDATE. AS OF NOW.... MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS UNTIL THE COUNTY PERCENT POSITIVITY RATE DIPS BELOW 5 PERCENT.. AND STAYS THAT WAY FOR 30 DAYS. BUT COME Tuesday... THE COUNTY WILL BE DISCUSSING WHETHER TO ALTER THAT TO ONLY A TWO-WEEK PERIOD UNDER 5 PERCENT IN ORDER TO LIFT THE MASK MANDATE. RIGHT NOW... THE COUNTY SITS AT 7 POINT 1 PERCENT POSITIVITY.. TAKING A LOOK AT THE OTHER METRICS... THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 156

THOUSAND CASES SINCE THE PANDEMIC STARTED. BUT THIS PAST WEEK, THERE WERE JUST 163 REPORTED POSITIVES A DAY.THAT'S DOWN FROM THE 2 WEEK AVERAGE OF 175 PER DAY. meanwhile, 68 percent of the county is vaccinated against covid - a number health director Gibbie Harris says needs to go up. ALSO COMING UP NEXT WEEK... MECKLENBURG COUNTY IS welcoming back all its employees *in-person*.

those workers are still required to show proof of vaccination or weekly negative covid tests.

10/31 COVID Vaccine Booster Mammograms - BOOSTERS FOR ALL THREE BRANDS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINES ARE NOW APPROVED FOR CERTAIN POPULATIONS — BUT WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING YOUR ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM -- DOCTORS WARN -- NOT SCHEDULING THEM FAR ENOUGH APART COULD LEAD TO INCORRECT RESULTS. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY SOME PEOPLE WILL GET SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES UNDER THEIR ARMPITS AFTER THE VACCINE — AND THAT IT'S A NORMAL IMMUNE RESPONSE. BUT THE SWELLING COULD ALSO BE A RARE SIGN OF BREAST CANCER — FORCING DOCTORS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

HEALTH OFFIFICAL SAY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO JUST BE MINDFUL.

11/1 Atrium Vaccine Deadline - Yesterday was the deadline for Atrium Health workers to get their first dose of the covid-19 vaccine. All employees need to be fully vaccinated by the end of November. Originally -- yesterday's deadline was to have all employees fully vaccinated -- but Atrium extended the deadline.

11/2 Library Home test kits - We are seeing improved trends in our numbers which is great news as we move into the winter months when we know there's a greater opportunity for viruses to spread so hopefully our numbers will trend in the right direction as we move into the winter.

11/3 Camino Job Fai - CAMINO HEALTH CENTER IN CHARLOTTE is hosting a job fair. it's from 10 to 5 today AT THEIR LOCATION ON STETSON DRIVE. the non-profit helps connect residents looking for jobs with employers from around the area. it's a bilingual fair. so Spanish-only speakers are welcome. no I-d or other papers are required to participate. the employers today include dole foods, charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, chick-fil-a, atrium health and Sherwin-Williams.

11/4 Meck Co Mask Rules - Masks could be coming off sooner than we thought in Mecklenburg County. Last night- commissioners voted unanimously to ease the requirement needed to lift our mask mandate. Now instead of a month- the county must see just 7 straight days of low covid positivity rates for the masks to come off. Health Director Gibbie Harris said she supports the move- but the county will continue to *encourage masks indoors even if the mandate is lifted.

11/5 Atrium Visitor Restrictions - Atrium Health updated its visitor restrictions this week.

Covid patients will not be allowed a visitor -- unless they are under 18. Any visitor at the hospital will still need to wear a mask and be screened before they enter the building. Visitors must also stay in the room of the patient they are seeing

11/6 Scheduling Vaccine for kids - we know a lot of parents are trying to get an appointment for their child to get the shot.. starmed healthcare tells us at their Mecklenburg county facilities alone... almost 5 thousand child appointments are booked. across the state.. starmed says there are 9 thousand appointments already taken. for a list of who is providing the vaccine... check out our website or the WCNC charlotte mobile app.

11/7 Vaxx Mandate Freeze Judge Ruling - breaking this Sunday - the u.s. federal appeals court has frozen Biden's vaccine mandate for large companies. a three-judge panel granted the "stay" on Saturday. the panel said there are quote.. "grave statutory and constitutional" issues with the mandate. this comes after several republican-led states filed legal challenges against the rule... it would require u.s. companies with at least 100 employees to be vaccinated against covid-19 or submit to testing weekly. the mandate is set to take effect on January 4th through the occupational safety and health administration.

11/8 Children COVID Vaccines - THIS WEEKEND MARKED THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND SINCE CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO GET THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION.

ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF THE INITIAL 15 MILLION SHOTS BECAME AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY. EXPERTS SAY THE VACCINE IS OVER 90-PERCENT EFFECTIVE. PLACES LIKE THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT -- STARMED -- AND NOVANT HEALTH HAVE ALREADY STARTED GIVING OUT SHOTS. THEY WERE ALSO AVAILABLE AT SOME PHARMACIES LIKE CVS AND WALGREENS BY APPOINTMENT. WE STOPPED BY A VACCINE EVENT AT MCCLINTOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE TO HEAR FROM PARENTS OVER. THE WEEKEND.

11/9 Pfizer Boosters to All Adults - breaking news tonight on the COVID vaccine front. Pfizer has requested authorization to expand its booster to all adults in the U-S. The move comes as Federal health officials express concern about waning immunity as we head into the winter months. Pfizer's request will now be considered by the FDA, which will make a final decision in the coming weeks. Right now, booster shots are authorized for certain fully vaccinated adults... Including those 65 and older, those with underlying health conditions, and those who work or live in high-risk settings

11/10 Pfizer FDA boosters for all - Pfizer is requesting authorization to expand its booster shot for all adults in the U-S. It comes as federal health officials are worried about immunity levels -- heading into the winter months. Pfizer's request will now be considered by the F-D-A. The C-D-C would also need to weigh in

11/11 Mooresville HS Student Death - Mooresville High School is dealing with the loss of one of its students. Yesterday -- a student died by suicide -- prompting the school to send kids home at 9 yesterday -- and cancel classes today. Britni (Britney) Eaton -- the vice president of Monarch behavioral health clinical services -- says families should use today -- as an opportunity to talk and listen to one another

11/12 Mooresville High back to school - Students return to class today at Mooresville high school - most with a heavy heart after the death of their classmate Mario Nathan Lopez. Mario took his life at the school - his mother Ashley shared this photo. She says she wanted us to know that there will be a celebration of life ceremony of life for Mario. It will be held Sunday at 2 PM in the MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM... anyone can ATTEND. Mario's mother says she also wanted us to get the word out about mental health and bring awareness to youth suicide prevention. Earlier this week we spoke to Britni (Britney) Eaton -- the vice president of Monarch behavioral health clinical services -- who says families should use what happened as an opportunity to talk and listen to one another. "don't dismiss their problems, reassure them of your love and support and remind them that they can work through whatever it is that is going on and you can help them.

11/13 Charlotte Marathon - heads up as you head out the door this morning to jump start your Saturday. thousands of runners have hit the streets of uptown already for the *Novant health charlotte marathon*. it just started about a half hour ago at 7:30 since 2013, the event has raised \$140 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR Novant health's hemby children's hospital. the marathon begins on graham street before finishing at truist field on mint street. from beginning to end, the race is estimated to take 6 hours. There's also a half-marathon... 10-k and 5-k happening. After getting cancelled last year due to covid... runners this year say they've been looking forward to this for months

11/14 Covid Long Haul - AND -- VACCINATING OUR LITTLEST ONES. MORE THAN A WEEK INTO PFIZER'S ROLLOUT FOR A YOUNGER AGE GROUP six PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY HAVE GOTTEN THEIR first SHOT. WHY HEALTH LEADERS ARE RAMPING UP THEIR VACCINE URGENCY.

11/15 Bedtime golden hour - plus--the golden hour for sleep. The best time health experts say you should rest and increase health wake up charlotte at 5 A-M starts right now.

11/16 Vaccine site to Morganton - North Carolina health officials are opening up 9 new family vaccine clinics around the state -- including one in our area. The clinic will be in Morganton -- at St. Charles Catholic Church on west Union Street. It's open Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 7 p-m.. And on Saturday from 10 a-m to 4 p-m. The 25-dollar cash cards are also back for any adult who brings someone to get their first dose.

11/17 SC AG Sues over vax mandate -South Carolina's attorney general is suing to block a covid vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. 'Alan Wilson' filed the lawsuit in federal

court with 11 other states, the lawsuit asks the court to block the Biden Administration's emergency mandate. It requires staff at medical facilities that participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs to be vaccinated. **and That's it for your morning rush

11/18 Meck Co Numbers - Mecklenburg county seeing a slight dip in the covid positivity rate. The county wants to stay below a 5-percent covid POSITIVITY RATE FOR 7 STRAIGHT DAYS to remove the mask mandate. NEW NUMBERS FROM THIS MORNING, SHOW THE POSITIVITY RATE ON Tuesday WAS 5.9 PERCENT. health officials are worried that number will tick back up following thanksgiving

11/19 Copper Signs Budget - For the first time in over two years- North Carolina has a functioning state budget. Governor Cooper signing it into law yesterday- just hours after a final vote from the State House. The new budget includes pay raises for teachers and state employees- as well as funding for infrastructure and health care. North Carolina was the only state that had not passed a budget for this year. it was originally supposed to take effect on July first.

11/20 Vaccine Detox VIDEOS CLAIMING YOU CAN DETOX IN A CHEMICAL BATH STARTED POPPING UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES AS MORE EMPLOYERS STARTED MANDATING THEIR WORKERS GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19.

SOCIAL MEDIA USERS SAY TAKING A BATH IN A MIXTURE OF CHEMICALS WILL REMOVE THE VACCINE FROM YOUR BODY. SO, LET'S VERIFY...CAN YOU DETOX TO REMOVE A VACCINE FROM YOUR BODY? YOUR SOURCES ARE THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Dr. PayPal Kohli AND DR RICHARD CLARK, Medical Director at THE California Poison Control Center IN SAN DIEGO. MANY OF THE VIDEOS USE CLIPS FROM A SPEECH BY DR CARRIE MADEJ EXPLAINING what she claims the detox will treat MADEJ POSTED ON HER WEBSITE ON NOVEMBER 16TH that THE CLIPS WERE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT -- ADDING QUOTE "I have never stated that I can detox anyone from the current jabs. UNQUOTE AND OTHER DOCTORS TOLD VERIFY THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ONCE A VACCINE IS GIVEN.

it is impossible to remove a vaccine from your body once it has been injected. Once that's been injected inside you, it sets those dominoes into motion with your immune system responding with an immune response. THAT PROCESS BEGINS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER INJECTION. DOCTORS SAY THE ONLY WAY TO LESSEN THE EFFECTS OF SOME VACCINES IS TO WAIT FOR THEM TO NATURALLY LOSE THEIR POTENCY. we've had vaccines around so much longer than the COVID vaccine, that you would think if there was any tried and true method of getting rid of the effects of the vaccine we'd certainly know it by now. SO, IT'S FALSE THAT YOU CAN DETOX TO REMOVE A VACCINE FROM YOUR BODY. DOCTORS SAY MANY OF THESE VIDEOS SUGGEST USING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS THAT THE N-I-H WARNS CAN HAVE SERIOUS AND EVEN DEADLY SIDE EFFECTS. WITH YOUR VERIFY, I'M BRANDON LEWIS.

11/21 City Council Vote Monday -LOOKING AHEAD... ON MONDAY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A VOTE ON ATRIUM HEALTH'S INNOVATION DISTRICT. THAT'S THE CAMPUS THAT WILL BE ANCHORED BY A MEDICAL SCHOOL. ATRIUM HEALTH IS ASKING THE CITY TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR 35-MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXPAYER MONEY THAT WOULD HELP COVER INFRUSTRUCTURE COSTS. THE PROJECT IS ALSO ASKING MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR ABOUT 40-MILLION DOLLARS. THE COUNTY WILL VOTE ON THEIR PART OF THE DEAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE MEDICAL SCHOOL PLANS TO OPEN IN 20-24, WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTING NEXT YEAR.

IT'LL ALL BE BUILT JUST OUTSIDE THE 2-77 LOOP NEAR DILWORTH AND MIDTOWN.

11/22 Local Covid Booster Shots - COVID VACCINE BOOSTER SHOT APPOINTMENTS ARE NOW OPEN! HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING *EVERYONE* TO GET A 3RD SHOT AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAYS. IT COMES AFTER THE "F-D-A" AND "C-D-C" APPROVED PFIZER AND MODERNA'S BOOSTER SHOTS FOR ALL ADULTS LAST WEEK. FOR MORE ON THE ROLLOUT IN THE QUEEN CITY - WCNC CHARLOTTE'S KENDALL MORRIS JOINS US FROM OUTSIDE STAR MED - KENDALL?

11/23 COVID Hospitalizations -THANKSGIVING ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY... while COVID INFECTIONS ARE RISING -- AND HOSPITAL BEDS ARE STEADILY FILLING UP. WE'RE SHARING THE STARK MESSAGE FROM CHARLOTTE HEALTH LEADERS.

11/24 Thanksgiving Parade Tonight -Novant Health's annual Thanksgiving parade will march through the streets of uptown. This year there will be 12 floats, 8 balloons, and 15 marching bands. Novant's lead covid expert Doctor David priest will be the parade's grand marshal. It begins at 6 p-m and will travel along Tryon Street - from 9th to Stonewall street. **and That's it for your morning rush.

11/25 Flu Cases young adults - A new health warning from the C-D-C. Experts there say flu cases are on the rise in children and young adults. The C-D-C says most cases right now are the "H-3-N-2" strain. It caused serious problems back in 20-18. Flu cases are still pretty low across the country overall- but experts are concerned college students could spread the virus as they travel home for the holidays, they are encouraging everyone to get their flu shot.

11/26 Starmed Open for Testing - Local health officials encouraging everyone who traveled to get a covid test after the thanksgiving holiday. Starmed has many locations open today- including the Mecklenburg County health department- Starmed's Free more location- and its clinics at the Old Eastland Mall and Cinemark ten parking lot. C-V-S and Walgreens pharmacies are also open today.

11/27 Merck Covid Pill - U.S. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY MERCK'S COVID-19 ANTI-VIRAL PILL *IS EFFECTIVE. BUT IT COMES AS MERCK'S *OWN UPDATED DATA SHOWS *LOWER EFFECTIVENESS IN REDUCING THE RISK OF HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATHS... AND THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE. MERCK CUT THE EFFICACY RATE BY 30-PERCENT.

IF APPROVED--- PEOPLE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH COVID WOULD TAKE THE PILL WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE ON-SET OF SYMPTOMS. THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST COVID PILL AUTHORIZED FOR U.S. PATIENTS.

11/28 Flu Cases young Adults - There's a new health warning from the C-D-C. Experts say flu cases are on the rise in children and young adults. The C-D-C says most cases right now are the "H-3-N-2" strain. That one caused serious problems back in 20-18. Flu cases are still pretty low across the country overall- but experts are concerned college students could spread the virus as they travel home for the holidays, they are encouraging everyone to get their flu shot. We'll be right back.

11/29 Gaston Co Mask Optional Monday - GASTON COUNTY IS MOVING AHEAD WITH ITS OPTION MASKING IN SCHOOLS. THAT'S SET TO TAKE EFFECT MONDAY.
THE DISTRICT VOTED FOR THAT POLICY AFTER MANY PARENTS PROTESTED THE MASK MANDATE. IT COMES AS HEALTH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT COVID SPREAD IS THE VACCINE AND STANDARD COVID PRECAUTIONS... LIKE MASKING.

11/30 Omicron - PLUS ... OMICRON ON THE RISE. HEALTH OFFICIALS PUSHING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO GET THE BOOSTER SHOT AS THE NEW COVID VARIANT MAKES ITS WAY AROUND THE WORLD.

12/1 Omicron Latest -NOW TO THE LATEST WITH THE Omicron COVID VARIANT. RIGHT NOW ... U-S HEALTH OFFICIALS EXPECT TO DETECT THE NEW VARIANT HERE IN THE STATES ANY DAY NOW. SO FAR ... AT LEAST 20 COUNTRIES HAVE FOUND AT LEAST ONE CASE. THE C-D-C SAYS, IT'S DRASTICALLY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COVID TESTS IT'S SAMPLING IN ORDER TO FIND THE VARIANT.

12/2 Kamala in CLT - today -- the vice president of the united states made a stop in the queen city. kamala Harris -- along with transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg -- toured charlotte's transportation center in south end. she spoke about the massive infrastructure investments signed into law last month. it will bring 7-point-2 billion dollars to north Carolina -- to help build and improve highways it will also bring more than 450-million dollars to help replace or repair bridges in the state. the vice president spoke today about the potential impact of this money. "In states all across our nation -- public transit is not as fast, or as frequent, it is not as safe or as healthy as it can be. Across our

country -- our transportation is not as healthy, or reliable or safe as it should be." "Here's the bottom line -- world class cities like charlotte deserves world class transit systems.

12/3 Dr Garmon Brown Funeral - today a trailblazing Charlotte doctor will be laid to rest. Doctor *Ophelia Garmon Brown* was the first black female doctor at Atrium hospitals - founded the first *free medical clinics* in Charlotte - and most recently served in several leadership roles for Novant Health. She passed away after battling cancer since 2012. Doctor Brown's funeral will be today at noon. It will be online only and streamed on the Saint Luke Charlotte Facebook and YouTube pages.

12/4 ACC Championship - TOUGH NEWS FOR THE CHARLOTTE HORNETS THEY PUT *FOUR* PLAYERS IN THE N-B-A'S COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL. HEADLINED BY STAR GUARDS LAMELO BALL AND TERRY ROZIER -- THEN CENTER MASON PLUMLEE AND RESERVE FORWARD JALEN MCDANIELS WERE ADDED LATER. ROZIER AND BALL EXPECTED TO MISS SEVERAL GAMES.

12/5 Vaccine Clinic Alma Adams -AS THE NEW COVID-19 VARIANT TAKES HOLD IN THE U-S -- HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ARE RAMPING UP THEIR MESSAGE TO GET ANYONE WHO'S ELIGIBLE --VACCINATED. U-S CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS -- WHO REPRESENTS MECKLENBURG COUNTY -- PARTNERED WITH C-M-S AND NOVANT HEALTH TO HOST A CHILD VACCINE CLINIC IN CHARLOTTE TODAY. WINTERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS GIVING SHOTS TO BOTH KIDS AND ADULTS AT THIS VACCINE CLINIC. BETH WHITAKER IS ALREADY FULLY VACCINATED. AND NOW HER SON COLBY IS ALMOST THERE, TOO.

12/6 2nd Harvest 7 days of giving - SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK KICKS-OFF IT'S 7 DAYS OF HOLIDAY GIVING. THE FOOD BANK IS TEAMING UP WITH WALMART. THEY'RE DROPPING OFF SUPPLIES FOR MORE THAN 10 THOUSAND CHILDREN AT 24 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS. THAT INCLUDES fresh fruit, toiletries, socks, school supplies, and other items. SECOND HAREST IS *ALSO* TEAMING UP WITH STAR-MED. FOR EVERY COVID BOOSTER SHOT GIVEN - STAR-MED IS DONATING 50 MEALS TO SECOND HARVEST. THAT DRIVE WILL RUN THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER. COVID BOOSTER SHOTS ARE FREE - AND YOU CAN SIGN UP ON THE STAR MED WEBSITE.

12/7 Atrium health flu shots - Atrium health doctors are encouraging everyone to get their flu shot before the holidays. Data from the North Carolina health department shows flu cases have shot up over the last few weeks -- and experts predict we'll see more flu cases this year than last year. If you plan to spend time with family this holiday season -- health experts say to plan ahead now

12/8 Judge blocks Vax mandate contractors - A federal judge has blocked the vaccine requirement for federal contractors. The case was brought by South Carolina's attorney general -- along with several other states. It comes after another federal judge already

temporarily blocked the vaccine mandate for health care workers and private companies with 100 or more workers -- just last week.

12/9 Family Vaccine Advice - Dr Passaretti, "we're two years into this, people need to be able to see their families, they need to be able to see grandparents. Make sure when you're traveling your kids aren't sick. if so you need to keep them away from those grandparents who are susceptible. make sure families are vaccinated and boosted."> HEALTH OFFICIALS ALSO CONTINUE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF WEARING YOUR FACE MASK

12/10 Omicron Symptoms -health officials say they continue to learn more about omicron every day. they say *early data from south Africa - where the variant FIRST Emerged - does appear to show it's *more transmissible and contagious than delta. however, that data *also shows symptoms appear to be mild at this point. new c-d-c data from 43 people infected here in the u-s show the most common symptoms of omicron are cough, fatigue, congestion, and a runny nose.

12/11 Omicron in Meck Co - the omicron variant has now been confirmed in Mecklenburg county. this morning - what we've learned about the patient *and what health officials say everyone needs to do - to stop this variant from raging out of control.

12/12 CLT Omicron - concerns over delta joining with concerns over the first confirmed case of omicron in the queen city. health officials announcing that discovery Friday. UNC-Charlotte said its sequencing lab detected the variant in A fully vaccinated student. Officials say that student had traveled out of state for the Thanksgiving holiday... and has since recovered.

12/13 Omicron in Meck County - Health officials are keeping a close eye on our covid numbers- as the first case of the omicron variant is confirmed in Charlotte. U-N-C CHARLOTTE SAYS – IT'S "SEQUENCING LAB" DETECTED THE VARIANT IN A FULLY VACCINATED STUDENT Friday. OFFICIALS SAY THAT STUDENT TRAVELED OUT OF STATE FOR THANKSGIVING- AND HAS SINCE RECOVERED.

12/14 Mooresville Protests - CHRISTOPHER CRAVEN'S FAMILY WAS THERE IN THE CHAMBERS tonight... THEY SAY MOORESVILLE OFFICERS UNJUSTLY SHOT HIM AND KILLED HIM. THAT WAS BACK IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR.. WHEN OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE. TWO OFFICERS SHOT CRAVEN... AFTER -- THEY SAY -- HE REACHED FOR A GUN FROM HIS WAISTBAND. HIS WIDOW, AMY, SAID HER HUSBAND WAS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND WAS COMPLYING WITH OFFICERS' COMMANDS.

12/15 Sam Darnold Practice - MOST N-F-L FANS WOULD BE PUMPED THAT THEIR WEEK ONE STARTING QUARTERBACK WAS HEALTHY ENOUGH TO RETURN TO PRACTICE. MOST PANTHERS FANS DO NOT FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT SAM DARNOLD -- BUT HE

DID RETURN TODAY AND THREW OFF TO THE SIDE. MATT RHULE SAYS HE'S NOT SURE YET IF THE STRUGGLING Q-B WILL PLAY AGAIN THIS SEASON. BUT IT WILL STILL BE CAM NEWTON AND EVEN PJ WALKER FOR NOW.

12/16 VA Clinic Care Package - A LOCAL ORGANIZATION IS giving THANKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY GIVING BACK TO LOCAL VETERANS. TODAY--'THE INDEPENDENCE FUND' ALONG WITH 'SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK' HELD A DRIVETHRU EVENT AT THE CHARLOTTE V-A HEALTH CARE CENTER. THEY LOADED UP CARE PACKAGES STUFFED WITH FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES ...ALONG WITH CHRISTMAS PRESENTS INSIDE THE VEHICLES OF MILITARY VETERANS. ORGANIZERS SAY IT MEANS A LOT TO GIVE BACK

12/17 Duke Moderna Study - RESEARCHERS AT DUKE HEALTH SAY A NEW STUDY PROVES GETTING A BOOSTER SHOT PROVIDES FAR MORE PROTECTION AGAINST THE OMICRON VARIANT OF COVID-19. THE STUDY SHOWS EVEN AFTER 2 SHOTS OF THE MODERNA VACCINE - ANTIBODIES ARE 50 TIMES LESS PROTECTIVE AGAINST OMICRON THAN PREVIOUS VARIANTS.

PFIZER REPORTS A SIMILAR DROP IN PROTECTION. BUT RESEARCHERS SAY A THIRD DOSE CAN FIGHT IT OFF.

12/18 Flu Shot Protection - COVID'S STILL HERE -- AND SO IS THE FLU -AND THIS YEAR'S FLU VACCINE MAY NOT PROVIDE AS MUCH PROTECTION AS
OFFICIALS HAD HOPED. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM RESEARCHERS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA--THE CURRENT FLU VACCINES SEEMS TO BE A
BAD MATCH FOR THE DOMINANT STRAIN THAT IS CIRCULATING AFTER A
RELATIVELY MILD FLU SEASON LAST YEAR-- HEALTH EXPERTS FEAR THIS FLU
SEASON COULD BE SEVERE. EXPERTS SAY THE FLU VACCINE IS STILL THE BEST
OPTION TO REDUCE A PERSON'S RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS FROM THE VIRUS

12/19 Holiday Travel Safety - THE HOLIDAY TRAVEL SEASON IS HERE AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS – THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE OMICRON VARIANT. TRIPLE- A ESTIMATES AIRLINES WILL SEE NEARLY 3 TIMES THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AS LAST YEAR... AND PROJECTS 100 MILLION PEOPLE WILL TRAVEL 50 MILES OR MORE OVER THE HOLIDAYS-- DRIVING OR FLYING.

HEALTH OFFICIALS SAYS VACCINES AND BOOSTERS WILL BE KEY TO STAYING SAFE.

12/20 Cooper on BBB Bill - North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper is speaking out in support of President Biden's "Build back better" plan. In a tweet -- Cooper said "Everyone in Washington needs to come back to the negotiating table in January on Build Back Better. Americans need more affordable quality child care, health care coverage, prescription drugs and more." The tweet comes after West Virginia Senator

Joe Manchin expressed concerns about adding to the national debt. Manchin says he will keep negotiating with the President and other democrats.

12/21 Testing Issues - Now At 5:00 -- The Dominant Strain. North Carolina health officials bracing for a surge in Omicron cases as thousands prepare to travel for the holidays. What they're reminding everyone to do prior to your trip.

12/22 Gibbie Harris last meeting - It's the end of an era for Mecklenburg county public health director, Gibbie Harris. last night she attended her last county board meeting before retirement.

before her presentation-- she was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor Roy cooper. It's the highest honor the governor gives.

12/23 SCOTUS Vaccine Session - The supreme court will hold a special session next month to hear arguments about President Biden's vaccine mandate. President Biden is fighting to keep the vaccine or testing requirements for large U-S employers -- and a separate vaccine requirement for health care workers. The court will hear arguments on January 7th.

12/24 Atrium Health Holiday Spirit - HERE'S SOMETHING TO WARM YOUR HEART FOR THE HOLIDAYS. ATRIUM HEALTH SHARING THESE CHRISTMAS PHOTOS OF NEWBORN BABIES AT THE LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THESE LITTLE ONES ARE BEING CARED FOR IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE AND PROGRESSIVE CARE UNITS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. DESPITE BEING AWAY FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOMES--THAT HASN'T STOPPED THEIR FAMILIES FROM DRESSING THEM UP TO CELEBRATE THIS MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR.

12/25 COVID Testing - So right now, the testing capabilities is decent for us as a hospital system. But I think where the US has fallen short, is having that lose rapid tests out in the community available to people to do on their own. That's where we're falling short right now. the star-med tucksagee location is open TODAY, you can get tested and antibody therapy for coronavirus from 11 a-m to 3 p-m. all other locations will be closed.

12/26 Skipping New Year's Resolutions =- can you believe it people today is the final Sunday in 20-21. I know a lot of people out there probably saying good! get out of here and take 20-20 with you just erase it from memory.. but it also has us talking new year's resolutions. A new study found about 44 percent of people actually plan to make resolutions. but That's down from about 50 percent a year ago. therapists say skipping resolutions can actually be a good thing. they Say the pressure to make big changes can be bad for our mental health.

12/27 Test after Holiday - the new protocols driven by the spread of OMICRON..

THE VARIANT ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF NEW COVID INFECTIONS IN THE U.S. and is helping drive the current surge. THE DAILY CASE COUNT IS THE HIGHEST WE'VE SEEN IN ABOUT A YEAR. ALL OF THIS AS PEOPLE TRAVEL BACK FROM HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, SPARKING CONCERNS THERE WILL BE MANY MORE INFECTIONS TO COME. HEALTH EXPERTS SAY TO GET TESTED AFTER TRAVELING OR GATHERING BUT EXPECT LONG LINES.

WCNC CHARLOTTES CHLOE LESHNER HAS MORE.

12/28 CDC Isolation Guidelines - STARTING WITH THE OMICRON VARIANT... U.S. HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE CUT ISOLATION RESTRICTIONS FOR AMERICANS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS.... AND SHORTENED THE TIME THAT CLOSE CONTACTS HAVE TO QUARANTINE. THE DECISION IS INFLUENCED BY A RECENT SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES, DRIVEN BY THE OMICRON VARIANT.

12/29 Novant Emergency Room Issues - Long lines at testing sites around Charlotte are now flooding into hospital emergency rooms. Novant health workers tell us the E-R's are packed with hundreds of people -- trying to get tested for covid-19. Despite the increase -- workers stress people should still come to the E-R if they need help.

12/30 Avettt Bos Postpone NYE concert in GBO - A lot of thought has gone into this. A lot of love has gone into this decision. We don't want to create an unsafe environment and we don't want to add to any burden to our already overwhelmed healthcare workers here in North Carolina.

12/31 Voter ID Latest - A federal trial OVER North Carolina's voter ID law is on hold. The trial was scheduled to start next month-- but is now PAUSED while the U.S. Supreme Court decides who should defend the law in court. At the moment--- NORTH CAROLINA'S Attorney General, Josh Stein is defending it in federal court. Speaker of the House, Tim Moore and Senate President Pro Term, Phil Berger think they should defend it. Federal judges in lower courts have repeatedly found Stein's defense adequate--- but the Supreme Court may allow Berger and Moore to bring in their own legal team. The high court is expected to decide by the summer. For now, North Carolina voters DO *Not have to show photo ID at the polls.

YOUTH

10/10 Young People Vax efforts - WHAT STARTED AS A VACCINATION RUSH FOR THOSE YOUNGER TEENS.. giving teen shot, "thank you" HAS SINCE SLOWED TO A TRICKLE. NORTH CAROLINA VACCINATION DATA SHOWING: MAY'S EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION OF PFIZER FOR THOSE AS YOUNG AS TWELVE TURNED THE GROUP OUT IN DROVES...AT ONE POINT... 12 TO 17 YEAR OLDS WERE NEARLY A THIRD OF WEEKLY VACCINATIONS IN THE STATE...

NOW THEY'RE ONE-TENTH. THEY'RE ONE OF TWO AGE GROUPS UNDER-VACCINATING FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE POPULATION... WITH 18 TO 24 YEAR OLDs following RIGHT BEHIND. SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH OFFICIALS NOTING A DIP TOO... Dr. Jane Kelly, SCDHEC: there has been some plateauing. I think there was an initial surge of people getting vaccinated in that age group as part of back to school. Some of that has slowed down but we continue to have people trickle in. NORTH CAROLINA -- moving online TO TRY TO REACH KIDS: TIKTOK VIDEO: I wanted to go to the beach but covid rates are high... so I'm going to get the vaccine and turn up!

WITH TIKTOK INFLUENCERS... AND ITS "TEENVAXFACTS.COM" SITE... HOPING TO SPARK UP THAT URGENCY ONCE AGAIN...AND EXCITEMENT LIKE SEVENTH GRADER CASSIE BLACK EXPRESSED WHEN SHE GOT HER SHOT... BACK IN MAY. CASSIE BLACK/13 years-old "My whole family has gotten it so I wanted to be with them and we can travel easier and I'm really excited

10/12 Rock Hills School BOE- Tonight, the Rock Hill school board heard an update from the district's director of mental health, a new position created just this year to address a growing concern in schools. TAKE SOT: DR. NANCY TURNER - DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, RHSD It seems that we're all in a COVID emergency mode." Speaking before the Rock Hill School Board, Dr. Nancy Turner says the pandemic has worsened mental health struggles in youth. TAKE SOT: DR. NANCY TURNER -DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, RHSD "We're finding that every child is exhibiting some kind of trauma. Every child is having difficulty. Staff as well." Turner says 38 days into the school year, the Rock Hill School District has already conducted 60 suicide assessments after students shared thoughts of hurting themselves. TAKE SOT: DR. NANCY TURNER - DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, RHSD "And that is quite a bit. The majority of them have been in Elementary and Middle. "Soon, every student in Rock Hill Schools will take a short assessment screening them for anxiety, stress and other behaviors. The school district will also offer a mindfulness app called Bounce Back for free. And it has also introduced an interactive robot named Abii, who helps identify student performance, attention and stress levels. TAKE SOT: DR. NANCY TURNER -DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, RHSD The kids love it. And they're learning about themselves and reacting to the robot."

10/18 Breast Cancer Awareness - Team Pink FoSho: "Ten years ago I started an organization as a way of giving back to breast cancer awareness then it became a family fun day annually and then five years ago before out fifth year anniversary I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer so then it made it a little more personal. THE FAMILY FUN DAY EVENT WAS AT CLANTON PARK SOFTBALL FIELD ON CLANTON ROAD. TEAM PINK FOSHO ALONG WITH MILLION YOUTH MARCH OF CHARLOTTE & SALISBURY HOSTED THE EVENT.

10/20 Stro Hornets Game Tonight - so many people were excited about what the Charlotte Hornets showcased last year even if their season didn't end with the playoff run they had hoped — now this year Coach Borrego has a mix of youth and veteran players

and he hopes that will equal a winning combination that helps this team make the playoffs for the first time in six seasons.

11/5 Alternative to Violent Crime - Federico Rios, Asst Dir Charlotte Equity, Mobility & Immigration "We're just now in month two of this initiative and through the course of this month they've been building relationships along the Corridor. FEDERICO RIOS -- FROM THE CITY'S OFFICE OF EQUITY, MOBILITY AND IMMIGRANT INTEGRATIONS... SAYS WORK TO STOP VIOLENCE IN BEATTIES FORD IS MOVING QUICKLY. AS THE CITY CULTIVATES A CORP OF COMMINITY LEADERS WITH CRIME IN THEIR BACKGROUND TO MENTOR AT-RISK YOUTH. Federico Rios, Asst Dir Charlotte Equity, Mobility & Immigration. "These are individuals that are recognized in the community —have relationships in the community." BACK IN AUGUST THE CITY AND COUNTY INVESTED A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS -- BEFORE WELLS FARGO AND THE GREENLIGHT FOUNDATION CHIPPED IN AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILLION. THE PROGRAM HAS A SITE SUPERVISOR WHO OVERSEES A TEAM THAT INCLUDES TWO OUTREACH WORKERS.

11/8 Jumpstart Grant - 28205 and 28217...cross-town zip codes that police records show are responsible for almost 20% of the city's murders since 2020...yet we found those neighborhoods received far less attention from this grant program. I was that person." When Kenny Robinson walked out of prison a free man after serving a decade for bank robbery...the 23-year-old started over....empty-handed...but then someone filled the void. "I met a person who cared." Almost 10 years later... "I am now 42 years old." The student is now the teacher...(Do you have a better analogy?) That's why we started it, so others wouldn't have to go through some of the basic obstacles that we had to." Robinson's non-profit, Freedom Fighting Missionaries, steps in to support the formerly incarcerated. He used a \$1,000 Jump Start Grant from the city... Sliding out." as a starting point to raises thousands more... "Opening phone box." for what he called Backpack to Success. These are the things that you need if you're going to begin your reentry process." The money supplied 25 men and women, released from jail after finishing a reentry program, with smartphones and an unlimited 30-day wireless subscription, a ride share gift card, pre-paid debit card, basic supplies and in some cases, even chrome books. "That instills hope and we have determined that hope can supersede almost any obstacle or barrier that we're faced with out here." Since its creation in 2018, the Jumpstart grant program has given more than 200 grassroots community groups and small non-profits a combined \$500,000...most recently, to reach people in zip codes deemed priorities...but our review of grant closeout reports, shows Jumpstart only funded a limited number of programs in 28205 and 28217 over the last year-and-a-half. "It's just simply not enough funding to support a viable program in that area." Robinson says it shows a lack of financial commitment and a lack of equality... "Some of the high crime areas are tougher to work in." "There's a lot of groups that just wouldn't apply." Robert Dawkins says it's critical we pay attention to the Whys. especially since the city recently ended Jumpstart and graduated to Safe Charlotte...a program with larger grants and more potential. "I think the city needs to learn from it on

how we can reach out and get more grassroots groups involved." The Action NC political director says this doesn't just fall on the city though. "The community needs to learn that any way that I can get an in to build what I can do to accept larger money, I should accept to do." JumpStart served as an introduction to the world of grant writing...a way for organizations and groups to gain the confidence and know how they need to secure more money down the road...money aimed at keeping us all safe.

It's made a modicum of difference." Program records show while some JumpStart grants went specifically toward crime prevention, most focused on root causes like youth and parent opportunities. "This was a huge win for many. They said as much."

Federico Rios says the Jumpstart program sparked the growth of community leaders and their organizations...groups with influence in the community that will go on to do even more to address Charlotte's challenges. "I can't force organizations to apply. I don't know that as many organizations exist in those zip codes." The Office of Equity, Mobility and Immigrant Integration's assistant director says the city aggressively marketed Jumpstart... "We don't want to limit ourselves." but admits some zip codes could use more attention. "What can the city do to ensure that this money is spread out equally in the future?" "We will continue to ensure that all organizations in our community are cognizant and aware of the funding that we make available." The opportunities are there, the problem is connecting to the opportunities." Kenny Robinson's ready for his next opportunity. He ended his involvement with Jumpstart after just one round...unable to commit the time needed for required Zooms and training. "If we don't call them out on these things, then things will never change." We know, based on public records, these grants have directly impacted more than 12,000 people since summer 2020...some only helped a few, while others helped Hundreds but the city told us there's no reporting process to track the program's overall performance.

11/12 Mooresville Teen Celebration of Life - We're learning more about THE TEENAGER WHO TOOK his OWN LIFE EARLIER THIS WEEK AT MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. he is 17-YEAR-OLD MARIO NATHAN LOPEZ.... and THE COMMUNITY IS REMEMBERING him tonight. HIS MOTHER shared THIS PHOTO of him with us.

SHE ALSO said... SHE WANTS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT HIS CELEBRATION OF

LIFE CEREMONY... AND WANTS TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT HIS CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY... AND WANTS TO BRING AWARENESS TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION... an important effort right now. that celebration of life is SUNDAY AT THE MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM... anyone can ATTEND. The event will also be stream online by Cavin-Cook funeral home

11/16 Across the Carolinas - Wake County Public School System is urging parents to pack lunches for your kids. Multiple schools say they will not be served today due to a shortage of staff.

There's also reports that workers have planned to call out on strike. The shortage is impacting 32 schools in district. LOCATION: Raleigh, North Carolina 2ND LINE: Major E. Cig Announcement today You can expect a major announcement from Attorney General Josh Sten regarding E-Cigarette action today. Stein has been a national leader in the fight against youth vaping. He filed the first state law here North Carolina against the

company Juul for wrongfully advertising its products and underrepresenting the amount of nicotine it contains. He's also filed lawsuits against eight other e-cigarette companies. 'Leslie McCrae dowless' -- the man at the center of north Carolina's ninth district voting scandal -- has *rejected* a plea deal. The deal would've required him to spend a year in jail and five years on probation. the wake county district attorney says the deal is still on the table until the end of the month. after that -- it will go to trial. And that's what's happening in Across the Carolinas.

11/18 Pop Warner Fight - now at 5-30 -- a local football coach gets knocked out -- after trying to break up a fight between players. fans recorded the brawl on their cell phones during a 'pop warner' playoff game in Cary last Saturday. that is the oldest national youth football and cheerleading organization in the world. the injured coach also volunteers for charlotte's 'PAL panthers' team for kids.

11/19 Seeking Solutions - STILL TO COME... TRYING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE. HEAL CHARLOTTE IS WORKING HARD TO SERVE AREAS OVERCOMED WITH CHALLENGES. WHETHER IT BE YOUTH OUTREACH... CRIME PREVENTION... OR ACCESS TO RESOURCES... THE ORGANIZATION STRIVES TO BRING THOSE THINGS WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND... HOPE.

SEE HOW THEY'RE SEEKING SOLUTIONS TONIGHT.

11/20 Violence Youth Sports - NEW AT 11... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE now WATCHED CELL PHONE VIDEO OF A CHARLOTTE YOUTH FOOTBALL COACH GETTING KNOCKED OUT WHILE TRYING TO BREAK UP A FIGHT BETWEEN 13-YEAR-OLD PLAYERS. IT'S THE LATEST EXAMPLE IN A NATIONAL TREND OF VIOLENCE ERUPTING DURING YOUTH SPORTING events. BUT EXPERTS, COACHES AND FANS TELL WCNC CHARLOTTE'S BRANDON GOLDNER

11/26 Texas Football Team - a youth football team -- learning they can't play in the playoffs because they're too *good. after the break--- why the league says their record means they can't compete for the championship.

12/1 School Violence - We have video of the incident.. CMPD was called to respond and the school was put on a modified lockdown as a result.. no word from CMPD if any weapons were found today.. they tell us they are still investigating. But for many parents and community members.. this scene of youth violence is all too familiar.. and now there's an effort to get in front of it. CMS is starting a pilot program at Hopewell high school where parents can volunteer to come and monitor the halls and be a presence for students.. This is a picture of one of the meetings.. you can see the room was packed full of parents.. Mecklenburg county sheriff Gary McFadden was there and said it was standing room only.. which he felt was a good sign. He says he feels society has taken their hands off the wheel when it comes to being a village for our community's children, hearing about incidents but not getting involved to get ahead of it.. He says he already sees the benefit of this pilot program at Hopewell take a listen.

12/3 High School Sports - the state's high school athletic association board of directors ARE DISCUSSING WHETHER ATHLETES CAN MAKE MONEY OFF OF THINGS LIKE their name, image, and likeness. IT'S A HOT TOPIC NOW THAT THE n-c-double-a approved SOMETHING SIMILAR for college athletes. right now the association is holding off on making any final decision.

12/4 Youth Violence - TONIGHT -- THE RACE IS ON TO MAKE CMS SCHOOLS SAFER. IT COMES AFTER A WEEK FULL OF GUNS FOUND ON CAMPUSES -- AND FIGHTS... ENDED IN LOCKDOWNS FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS. WCNC CHARLOTTE'S LANA HARRIS JOINS US WITH HOW THE COMMUNITY IS SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO MAKE SCHOOLS SAFE AND KEEP KIDS ON THE RIGHT PATH.

12/5 Youth Violence - really pressing on the superintendent as we're being pressed by constituents to show us what you're doing, show us what you're doing... so I really understand that anxiety and that urgency" ALONG WITH ADDED SAFETY MEASURES--C-M-S IS IMPLEMENTING PILOT PROGRAMS WITHIN SELECT SCHOOLS TO GET PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVOLVED IN KEEPING KIDS ON THE RIGHT PATH.

12/6 West Charlotte Haircuts - LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CHARLOTTE ARE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IN STYLE. FREE HAIRCUTS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE 8TH ANNUAL 'DAY OF GIVING BACK' AT WEST CHARLOTTE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON SUNDAY. IT'S PART OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MILLION YOUTH MARCH OF CHARLOTTE AND SALISBURY. ORGANIZERS AT TODAY'S EVENT SAY IT'S MORE THAN JUST A HAIRCUT.

12/8 DJ Moore Man of the Year Nomination - PANTHERS RECEIVER DJ MOORE IS THE TEAM'S WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE. THROUGH HIS MOORE 2 LIFE FOUNDATION -- DJ SUPPORTS AT RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH RESOURCES, EDUCATION AND MENTORING. IN FACT JUST TONIGHT HE SPENT TIME WITH SOME OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S YOUTH TO TAKE THEM ON A SHOPPING SPREE AT ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THIS YEAR'S SUPER BOWL WEEKEND IN L-A.

12/11 Bike Recycling Events - A BIKE BUILD INITIATIVE IS HELPING TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF KIDS ACROSS THE CITY. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS -- CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES SPENT THE MORNING PUTTING TOGETHER BICYCLES. 75 BIKES WERE ASSEMBLED TODAY THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN 'RIGHT MOVES FOR YOUTH.' IT'S A GROUP THAT HELPS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM LOWER-CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

12/12 Bike Recycling Event - have you heard about this? a bike building initiative is helping impact the lives of kids across the city. here's how it works -- city of charlotte employees and their families spent Saturday morning putting together bicycles. 75 bikes were assembled yesterday that will be given to students participating in 'right moves for youth.' it's a group that helps middle and high school students from lower-class neighborhoods in Mecklenburg county.

12/14 West CLT HS Fight - The reality of Monday's shooting at west charlotte high school is sobering "somebody could've got killed yesterday.. ' Apostle Belton platt said a tragedy could've happened with any of the 23 guns found on CMS' campuses this year "if a child, kid or youth is bringing a gun to school.. that youth has the ability to kill somebody" But Platt says altercations aren't settled in the streets anymore "in this time, battlegrounds have left the corners in the neighborhoods into the schools" The problem is.. not every student who knows about potentially violent issues between students may feel comfortable speaking up Union county public schools has worked to change that.. using the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System "this tool is extremely important" Tahira Stalberte with the union county school district says it allows students to anonymously report serious incidents or situations they feel needs attention "we launched it in 2019 and it took off right away" stalberte says students have used it to report everything from threats against the school or other students.. to unsafe home situations and self-harm attempts "since 2019 we've received about 400 or so tips through the line" Stalberte says as grave instances of violence increasingly happen in schools across the country.. it's more crucial than ever for kids to have a safe outlet "sometimes students aren't comfortable going to adults to talk about some of these topics but if they can report it and know that someone on the other end will hear them they will follow up, it may not be as uncomfortable for them to share the information.

12/15 Olympic High Resilient Prize - A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR IT'S INNOVATION... AND PREPARING OUR YOUTH FOR WHAT'S TO COME. OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL WAS ONE OUT OF SEVEN SCHOOOLS TO BE HONORED WITH A GRANT FROM A NON-PROFIT CALLED "FUTURE OF SCHOOL." THE PROGRAM RECOGNIZES UNIQUE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT WORK TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING WHILE ALSO PREPARING THEM FOR THE WORKFORCE. THE NON PROFIT SAYS HAVING THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS IN PLACE HELPS OFFERS STUDENTS A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. MELANIE HICKS; DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH They have the opportunity to go to a school nearby if that's their choice they also have the opportunity to join the workforce in town so connecting them to this opportunity helping them envision what their future could look like here locally helps the community retain some of the wonderful talent they have. OLYMPIC HIGH RECEIVED A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK FOR THE HONOR. CONGRATS TO THEM.

12/16 Panthers German Marketing - THE N-F-L'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AWARDING CAROLINA ACCESS TO GERMANY FOR MARKETING... FAN ENGAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE IN-PERSON AND DIGITAL MARKETING... CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP SALES... AND EVEN FAN AND YOUTH FOOTBALL EVENTS. ALL ABOUT GROWING THE GAME... AND THE PANTHERS BRAND.. AROUND THE GLOBE.

12/22 Luke Kueckly Gives Back - FORMER PANTHERS LINEBACKER LUKE KUECHLY TEAMED UP WITH DICK'S SPORTING GOODS TO HOST A SURPRISE HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT FOR 15 DESERVING CHARLOTTE YOUTH FROM THE PARTNERS FOUR PARKS GROUP. EACH CHILD WAS AWARDED A 150 DOLLAR GIFT CARD AND HAD LUKE SERVE AS THEIR PERSONAL SHOPPING CONSULTANT. WE CAUGHT UP WITH LUKE AFTERWARDS ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE AND ALSO HIS FORMER TEAM.

12/31 Catawba College Shooting Update - WE'RE LEARNING -- two kids -- believed to be the shooters in Wednesday's shooting at a high school basketball tournament in rowan county... are now in custody. SALISBURY POLICE say they took those two minors into custody TODAY.

they are now at the STONEWALL JACKSON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER. each one -- CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER with MORE CHARGES possible. THE TWO HAVE NOT BEEN NAMED BECAUSE OF THEIR AGES. you'll recall that SHOOTING BROKE OUT inside the gym lobby at catawba college after a fight. A 13-YEAR OLD AND 14-YEAR OLD WERE SHOT... neither have life-threatening injuries.

Coming Up on Today

Friday, October 1

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Kristen Welker returns. Guest: David Chase on *The Many Saints of Newark*. TODAY Paints the Town Pink: TODAY Lights Up Cities Across America to Raise Awareness for Cancer. TODAY Loves Football Food: Tampa Buccaneers v New England Patriots.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Michael Gandolfini, Vera Farmiga, Leslie Odom Jr. and Alessandro Nivola on *The Many Saints of Newark*. Elizabeth Hurley on Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Fall In Love... With Fall: Jacqui Gifford on Travel & Leisure's *Best Places to See Fall Foliage*. Superfood Friday with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) TODAY Food: Bobby Flay. Military Surprise. Fun in '21: Lisa Sugar on *POPSUGAR: You've Got This*. Donna-rama. Generations Series: Merrie Monarch Festival Hula Dancers.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 8 Monday, October 4

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guests: Jerry Seinfeld on His New Original Netflix Short. Hoda's *Making Space* Podcast Preview: Oprah Winfrey and Maria Shriver. Once in a Lifetime: Women's Football Team Making Strides in the Sports. TODAY Food: Samah Dada's #Cooking Season 2.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Bill Pullman on USA Network's *Thee Sinner*. Pink Power: Products That Give Back to Breast Cancer Awareness with Better House and Gardens' Amy Brightfield. Make Ahead Monday with Food 52's Sohla El-Waylly.

(10-11 a.m.) Hoda's *Making Space* Podcast Preview: Oprah Winfrey and Maria Shriver. Guests: Jerry Seinfeld on His New Original Netflix Short. Rob Shuter on *The 4 Word Answer*. Masterclass Monday: Apples with Jet Tila.

Tuesday, October 5

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guests: Dave Grohl on *The Storyteller*. Buddy Valastro – Update on *Cake Boss* One Year Later. David Chase on *The Many Saints of Newark*. Read With Jenna's October Book Club Announcement.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Margaret Qualley and Andie MacDowell on Netflix's *Maid*. Bobby and Cheryl Love on *The Redemption of Bobbly Love*. Citi Music Series: Carly Pearce interview and performance. Fall in Love with... with Men's Health's Richard Dorment. (10-11 a.m.) Hollywood Showrunner Gloria Calderon Kellett. Tomorrow's Talent TODAY: Taylor Blackwell. Flip Your Fall. Rabbi Steve Leder.

Wednesday, October 6

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. The Viral Duo on TikTok Who Created *Bridgerton The Musical*. Come With Us: Hispanic Heritage Month – New Mental Health Support Group Launched to Help At-Risk Hispanic Teens. TODAY Food: Brooklyn Beckham.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: D.J. "Shangela" Pierce on HBO's *We're Here*. Come With Us: Latinas Start Surf Community, 'Courage Camps'. Simple Solutions: Kitchen Hacks and Products with Elena Besser. What To... Watch with Chris Witherspoon.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Aaron Sorkin on *To Kill A Mockingbird*'s Broadway Return. TODAY Food: Brooklyn Beckham. Trendsday Wednesday with Justin Sylvester. The Viral Duo on TikTok Who Created *Bridgerton Musical*.

Thursday, October 7

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Jamie Lee Curtis on *Halloween Kills*. Live Flu Shots for TODAY Anchors. TODAY Best Sellers: Elevated Essentials for Fall with Makho Ndlovu. TODAY Climate: Saving the Iconic Swiss Alps from Melting.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Evangeline Lilly on *South of Heaven*. What To... Read with Isaac Fitzgerald. Impact Thursday: Indigenous Modeling Company. Shop All Day: Oktoberfest with Chassie Post.

(10-11 a.m.) Guests: Jamie Lee Curtis and Judy Greer on *Halloween Kills*. TODAY Food: Hispanic Heritage Month with Ray Garcia. Painter with Parkinson's.

Friday, October 8

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Missed Milestones: Ellie Karr Sees Hamilton and Visits Studio 1A. TODAY Loves Football Food: Buffalo Bills vs. Kansas City Chiefs with Chef Matt Abdoo. TODAY Best Sellers: Top Searches + Posts with Chassie Post. TODAY Consumer: Home Share Nightmare, When Rentals Don't Turn Out as Advertised. How Long Does It Take Beauty Products to Work? with Sarah Eggenberger.

(9-10 a.m.) Kornacki Football. At Home TODAY with Jill Martin: Cooking; Beauty; Self-Care.

(10-11 a.m.) TODAY Food: Fix-Ahead Friday with Anthony Scotto. Donna-Rama. How Long Does It Take Beauty Products to Work? with Sarah Eggenberger. Pocket-Sized Lifesavers with Chassie Post.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 15

Monday, October 11

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. International Day of the Girl: Jenna Bush Hager and Former First Lady Laura Bush; Malala Yousafzai on Commitment to Protect Afghan Girls' Education and Rights; Lina Tori Jan and Zohra Hunter on Podcast Sharing Stories of Girls in Afghanistan.

(9-10 a.m.) International Day of the Girl. Guest: Finn Wolfhard and Mckenna Grace on *Ghostbusters Afterlife*. Shop For The Girls! With Trae Bodge. Make Ahead Monday with Alejandra Ramos.

(10-11 a.m.) International Day of the Girl: Jenna and Former First Lady Laura Bush; 8-Year Old Girl Starts Charity for Shelters in NYC Neighborhood. Guest: Emily Winter on One Day Smarter. TODAY Food: Masterclass with Marcela Valladolid.

Tuesday, October 12

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guests: Ron Howard and Clint Howard on *The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family*. Dylan Dreyer on her new book *Misty the Cloud*. Once in A Lifetime: Kansas City Chiefs Provide BackSnacks to Elementary School Students with Nonprofit *Harvesters*. Steals & Deals: Stay Warm with Jill Martin. The Future of Work: Work from Home Tech Solutions.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Greta Thunberg. Citi Music Series: Old Dominion interview and performance. Guests: Christian Siriano and Nina Garcia on Bravo's *Project Runway*. Dylan Dreyer on her new book *Misty the Cloud*. She Made It: Alma Kitchen with Jill Martin.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Chelsea Handler. TODAY Food: Sunny Anderson. Make My Life Easier: Kitchen Hacks with Jill Bauer. Get Crafty: Wreaths with Megan Murphy.

Wednesday, October 13

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Jimmy Fallon and Dylan Gilmer on E!'s *Clash of the Cover Bands*. Martha Stewart on *Fruit Desserts*. Live Longer TODAY: Secrets to Healthy Eating. Peacock Special: Steals & Deals Throwback Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Matthew MacFadyen on HBO's *Succession* and Netflix's *Mincemeat*. Peacock Special: Steals & Deals Throwback Special with Jill Martin. Dads Got This: Special Neat Treats.

(10-11 a.m.) Guests Meghan Trainor on E!'s *Clash of the Cover Bands*. Neil Patrick Harris. Trendsday Wednesday with Justin Sylvester. Get Crafty: Halloween Fancy Costumes with Lori Bergamotto. Peacock Special: Steals & Deals Throwback Special with Jill Martin.

Thursday, October 14

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Citi Music Series: Reba McEntire interview and performance. Guest: Best

Buy CEO Corie Barry. Veteran Surprise. The Future of Work: Solutions for People Dealing with Anxiety About Returning to the Office.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Ava Duvernay on NBC's *Home Sweet Home*. Come With Us: Cesar Chavez's Son Paul on Keeping Father's Legacy Alive. Pink Power: Kym Douglas' Story. TODAY Climate: Europe's Biggest Rooftop Farm in Paris. Overheard on 3rd.

(10-11 a.m.) Citi Music Series: Reba McEntire interview and performance. Guests: Sutton Foster on *Hooked*. TODAY Food: Fix Ahead Friday with Giada De Laurentiis.

Friday, October 15

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. TODAY Loves Football Food: Seattle Seahawks vs. Pittsburgh Steelers.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Ludacris on Netflix's *Karma's World*. Incredible World with Keir Simmons: Spiritual Pilgrimage. Heather Muir Maffei on Real Simple's 7 Ways to Simplify Your Routine. Superfood Friday with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Chloe Fineman on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. The Perfect Match. Donna-Rama. TODAY Takes You. Fun in '21: Halloween Entertaining For Any Age with Evette Rios.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 22

Monday, October 18

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Ree Drummond on *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Super Easy.* First On TODAY: Historic First Female Orchestra Conductor. On The Money: Three Ways to Get Financially Fit TODAY. Once In A Lifetime: Pittsburgh Steelers Outreach to Special Olympics Athletes.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Jason Sudeikis on NBC's *Saturday Night Live* + AppleTV+'s *Ted Lasso*. Holly Robinson Peete on Hallmark's Christmas Kick Off. Make Ahead Monday: Curtis Stone and Lindsey Price on *Heart of Dinner*. How To Pack A Go Bag For Any Emergency with Dr. John Torres.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Ree Drummond on *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Super Easy.* Dylan Gilmer on NBC's *Tonight Show: Kid's Edition*. Decorate Your Home for Halloween with Monica Mangin.

Tuesday, October 19

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Katie Couric on *Going There*. TODAY Exclusive: FDA Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response Frank Yiannas. Read With Jenna: Amor Towles on *The Lincoln Highway*. TODAY Food: Amanda Hesser on *The Essential New York Times Cookbook*. TODAY Exclusive: "Tiny Mom" on TikTok with her Twin Baby Girls. Back At It TODAY: Makeup in Minutes for Heading Back Out with Kristina Rodulfo.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Katie Couric on *Going There*. Citi Music Series: Riley Clemmons interview and performance. Justina Machado and Elisabeth Rohm on *Switched Before Birth*. Overheard on 3rd.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Katie Couric on *Going There*. Helping Kids & Teens Manage Emotions with Michele Borba. Fire Safety Month with Lou Manfredini. TODAY Food with Maya-Camille Broussard.

Wednesday, October 20

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Olivia Newton-John on the 40th anniversary of *Let's Get Physical*. Lidia Bastianich on *A Pot, A Pan and A Bowl*. Behind the Wall: Disinformation Campaign. Remembering Princess Diana: A Look to the Tribute to Diana at Kensington Palace. TODAY Best Seller: Hot Holiday Toys with Jenn Falik.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Taylor Kinney and David Eigenberg on NBC's *Chicago Fire*. Kathryn Morris. Wellness Wednesday: Head to Toe Skincare with Dr. Angela Lamb. Dad's Got This: Special Neat Trucks.

(10-11 a.m.) Olivia Newton-John on the 40th anniversary of *Let's Get Physical*. Lidia Bastianich on *A Pot, A Pan and A Bowl*. Trendsday Wednesday with Justin Sylvester. City Surf Project.

Thursday, October 21

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Gwyneth Paltrow on Netflix's *Goop: Season 2.* Andrew Lloyd Webber on *The Phantom of the Opera* Reopening. TODAY Wellness: Health Magazine's Sleep Awards with Amy Conway.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Ayesha Curry on *Sweet July* Magazine. Matthew Rhys on his New Boat Tour Business. Shop All Day: Fall Problem Solvers with Jenn Falik. Spookify Your Front Door and Table with Parents Magazine's Julia Edelstein.

(10-11 a.m.) Halloween Doors & Pumpkins! with Carmen Johnston. Read with Jenna: Amor Towles on *The Lincoln Highway*.

Friday, October 22

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Citi Music Series: Elton John. Make A Dog's Day with ASPCA CEO Matt Bershadker. TODAY Food Loves Football: Indianapolis Colts vs San Francisco 49ers with Katie Lee. Behind The Wall: China Panda Exchange Program. Elton John Album Release.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Jo Firestone on Peacock's *Good Timing with Jo Firestone*. Kermit The Frog on YouTube Original's *Dear Earth*. Superfood Friday with Joy Bauer. Generation Next: Up Next Designer App Founder.

(10-11 a.m.) Citi Music Series: Jessie James Decker interview and performance. Donna-Rama. Hosted by Hoda: Leah and Devon Still. How To Help When Your Loved One Has Breast Cancer.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' OCTOBER 25 – OCTOBER 29

Monday, October 25

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Countdown to Halloween. Halloween Horror Show-Down Brack-O'Lantern. TODAY Best Sellers with Jenn Falik. Once in a Lifetime: Football is Helping the Town of Paradise, California After Devastating Fires.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Claire Foy on *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain*. Catching up with Taye Diggs. *Black in Blue* author Chief Carmen Best. Make Ahead Monday with Samah Dada.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Uzo Aduba on Netflix Book Club. America's Got Talent The Clairvoyants Perform. Making Space with Hoda Kotb Podcast featuring Sheryl Crow. TODAY Food: Masterclass Monday with Ryan Scott.

Tuesday, October 26

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Afghan Women and Children Trying to Leave Afghanistan. Halloween Horror Show-Down Brack-O'Lantern. Citi Music Series: Lady A Performance. Guest: Chrissy Teigen on cookbook *Cravings: All Together*.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Alyssa Milano. Honor Your Hometown Celebration with Ken Burns. Citi Music Series: Lady A interview and performance. The Upside: Burn Survivor Finds Love Volunteering at Burn Camp. Falling in Love with Pumpkins on National Pumpkin Day.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Chrissy Teigan on cookbook *Cravings: All Together.* Citi Music Series: Lady A performance.

Wednesday, October 27

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Halloween Horror Show-Down Brack-O'Lantern. Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Pink Power: How *I Rise Above* Foundation is Helping Young Women with Breast Cancer. Steals & Deals with Jill Martin: Fan Favorites. TODAY Food with Chef Dan Kluger.

(9-10 a.m.) Family Style with Al Roker. She Made it with Jill Martin. Kitchen Conundrums: Everything Halloween. Wellness Wednesday: Spicing Up Your Workout for Fall.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Elizabeth Banks on *My Body, My Podcast.* Justine Bateman on *Violet*. Trendsday Wednesday.

Thursday, October 28

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. TODAY Exclusive: Marion Hedges Shares Her Story of Recovery and Resilience. Halloween Horror Show-Down Brack-O'Lantern. 100 Days to Beijing with Mikaela Shiffrin, Jamie Anderson and Aja Evans.

(9-10 a.m.) 100 Days To Beijing with Shaun White. Food for Thought: Plant Based. Shop All Day: Tried and True with Chassie Post. Payne Lindsey on *Radio Rental* true crime podcast.

(10-11 a.m.) H&J Love NYC Series. Women & Small Business. Hack-O-Ween: Tik-Tok Halloween Hacks with Ashley Holt.

Friday, October 29

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. TODAY Loves Football Food: Dalla Cowboys vs. Minnesota Vikings.

(9-10 a.m.) Halloween Big Board with Steve Kornacki. Guest: Idris Elba on *The Harder They Fall*. TODAY Loves Football: Cooking with Former NFL Player Derrell Smith.

(10-11 a.m.) Hack-O-Ween: Last Minute Halloween Costumes with Barbara Majeski. TODAY Food: Halloween Cooking. Spooky Halloween Game: Trick or Treat.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 5

Monday, November 1

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Andy Cohen on *Glitter Every Day*. Huma Abedin on *Both/And: A Life in Many Worlds*. Overtime Elite: A Basketball League Where Amateur Athletes Earn an Income Before Heading to the Pros. Once in a Lifetime: Minnesota Vikings work for Social Justice.

(9-10 a.m.) Preview of 'Cooking up a Storm with Al Roker.' Catching up with Kal Penn. What to Read with Harlan Coben. Make Ahead Monday with Instagram Chef Laura Vitale.

(10-11 a.m.) Andy Cohen on *Glitter Every Day: 365 Quotes from Women I love*. Still Got it with Bodybuilder Ernestine Shepherd. TODAY Food with Joy Bauer.

Tuesday, November 2

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Vote Watch. Guest: Tracy Morgan on *The Last OG*. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Buy Now, Pay Later. Read with Jenna: November Book Club Pick. Best Sellers with Chassie Post. TODAY Food: Al Roker's Thanksgiving Podcast Launch.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Bubba Watson. Woke Up This Morning: The Definitive Oral History of the Sopranos with Michael Imperioli and Steve Schirripa. What to Watch with Gia Peppers. Style File: Sweater Weather.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Mitch Albom on *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*. Flip Your Fall. Holiday Gift Trends with Lori Bergamotto. Hosted By Hoda.

Wednesday, November 3

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Olivia Munn on *Violet*. Pickleball Popularity: TODAY Hits the Court. TODAY Climate: Climate Change Has Changed California and Farmers Can Now Grow Coffee. TODAY Food with Yotam Ottolenghi and Noor Murad.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Questlove. The Upside: How Therapy Helped War Vet Fred Minnick Launch a Bourbon Empire. Take it Off Today: Mom Loses Over 100 Pounds in 3 Step Plan. Parents Magazine Reveals The Best Toy Awards 2021.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Cody Alan on *Hear's The Thing*. Trendsday Wednesday. TODAY Food with Danny Seo.

Thursday, November 4

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. Guest: Catching UP with Ed Sheeran On His New Music, Is It His Best Ever and The Voice. Remembering Princess Diana and Kristen Stewart LIVE On Playing Diana in the New Film "Spencer" Her . Betsy West and Julie Cohen on documentary *Julia*.

(9-10 a.m.) CC Sabathia on *My Relationship with Alcohol*. Generation Next: Michael Sayman. Ellen Kalish on *The Christmas Owl*. Shop All Day: Holiday Hosting with Chassie Post.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Julie Delpy on Netflix's On the Verge. TODAY Food.

Friday, November 5

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY brings the latest news and up-to-date information on the coronavirus pandemic. A Look at How MDMA & Psychedelic Drugs Are Being Used to Treat Mental Health Issues. TODAY Commerce: Getting Ahead of the Holiday Top Shopping Season. Broadway is Back: Jeff Daniels on the Reopening of "To Kill a Mockingbird" TODAY Food: Tennessee Titans vs. Los Angeles Rams.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Colin Quinn. The Upside: Miracle Heart Attack Survivor and Lessons She's Learned. Cozy and Warm Products with Amy Goodman. Superfood Friday: Plan-Ahead Thanksgiving Sides with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Jordin Sparks on *A Christmas Treasure*. TODAY Food with Wenford Simpson. Weekend Hit List with Jeremy Parsons.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 12

Monday, November 8

(7-9 a.m.) Big Apple Circus is Back for the First Time Since the Pandemic with Nik Wallenda. Tik Tok Running Lady on After Marathon Run. Once in a Lifetime: Los Angeles Rams Captain on working with Habitat for Humanity.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Scottie Pippen on *Unguarded*. Catching up with Gal Gadot. Fall Back Sleep Solutions. Make Ahead Monday with Anthony Contrino.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Kenan Thompson on *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Canine Companions. TODAY Food with Joy Wilson.

Tuesday, November 9

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Dwayne Johnson on Nexflix's *Red Notice*. Those Who Serve: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Marks It's 100th Anniversary And Opens to Visitors for the First Time This Week. TODAY's Consumer: Sales of Air Purifiers Skyrocketed

During the Pandemic, Do They Help Against COVID and What to Look for When Buying One. Steals & Deals with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Kevin Garnett. She Made It: Evergreen Waffles. Faithful: In The Mood For Giving Thanks. Citi Music Series: James Arthur Interview and Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Dwayne Johnson on *Red Notice*. Thanksgiving Decorating TikTok Trends. Tuesday Goodnewsday.

Wednesday, November 10

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Ryan Reynolds on Netflix's *Red Notice*. Remembering Princess Diana: Tour Althorp with Princess Diana's Brother Earl Spencer. Robert F. Smith Leads Effort to Create One Millions Black and LatinX Youth Shareholders and Investors Nationwide. Radio City *Christmas Spectacular* with The Rockettes.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Alison Sweeney. America Ferrera and Karrie Martin Lachney on *Gentefied*. The Upside: Burn Survivor Finds Love Volunteering At Burn Camp. How to Adult: Art of Conversation.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Will Smith. TODAY Fashion with Melissa Garcia. TODAY Food: One & Done with Alex Guarnaschelli.

Thursday, November 11

(7-9 a.m.) Those Who Serve: Semper Fi Service Dogs Are Trained to Help Veterans with PTSD. TODAY Holiday Handbook: Consumer Reports Top Products of 2021. TODAY Food with Yotam Ottolenghi & Noor Murad.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Gary Sinise. Caitriona Balfe on *Belfast*. Shop All Day: Holiday Hosting with Chassie Post. TODAY Food: Cooking Thanksgiving with Kevin Curry.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Willie Nelson on *Sister, Brother, Family.* Flip Your Fall: Veteran Edition. To Be of Service: Veteran's Day with Marine Vet Dionisio Cucuta.

Friday, November 12

(7-9 a.m.) Guests: Will Ferrell and Paul Rudd on *The Shrink Next Door*. Refugees Create a New Business and New Lives in Rhode Island. TODAY Loves Football: Chiefs vs. Raiders.

(9-10 a.m.) La La Anthony on *The Freak Brothers*. Second Acts: TV Producer Turned Decorator Reunites Families with Heirlooms. TODAY Climate: Scotland's Greenest Whiskey. TODAY Food: Happy Hour with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Carole Baskin. Bob Mackie on *The Art of Bob Mackie*. TODAY Food with Poppy O'Toole.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' NOVEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 19

Monday, November 15

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Andrew Garfield on *Tick, Tick...Boom*. Sesame Street Exclusive Announcement.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Ernie Hudson. Gary Vaynerchuk on *Twelve and a Half*. Brotherhood: Reel Recovery. Make Ahead Monday: Migas and Crumby Cookies.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Blake Shelton. Scott Gawlik, Bonnie Overman and Tim Wyckoff on Set! Documentary. National Philanthropy Day. TODAY Food: Masterclass Monday - Holiday Wines.

Tuesday, November 16

(7-9 a.m.) The Cost of Care: The Hidden Heroes Shine a Light on Kids Who are Caring for Their Injured Veteran Parents. Welcome to Dunder Mifflin: The Ultimate Oral History of *The Office* with Brian Baumgartner & Ben Silverman. Erin French on Magnolia Network's *The Lost Kitchen*.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: WWE Superstar The Miz. Catching up with Aubrey Plaza. Brotherhood: Decade Long Dominoes Game. Citi Music Series: Teddy Swims Interview & Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Mattie Jackson on *Lemons on Fridays*. Alzheimer's Awareness Month: Eating for Brain Health with Maria Shriver and Dr. Uma Naidoo. The Gift of Gratitude: Man Donates Kidney to His Friend.

Wednesday, November 17

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Traveling, Testing, Tasting Safely. Supermodel Iman on *Love Memoir* Fragrance. How Michigan's Olympic Hockey Star Abby Roque is Using Her Platform to Bring Awareness About Her Tribe, the Wahnapitae First Nation. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: What We Love Most About the Holidays.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Kevin Hart & Eric Newman on *True Story*. Catching up with Don Johnson. *Cooking Up A Storm* with Alexander Smalls. Men's Products That Give Back for Men's Health.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Supermodel Iman. People Beauty with Jill Martin and Andrea Lavinthal. The Gift of Gratitude. TODAY Food with Melba Wilson.

Thursday, November 18

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Lin-Manuel Miranda on Tik Tok Boom. Jodi Gomes on Malfunction: *The Dressing Down of Janet Jackson* documentary. The Cost of Care: Patti Davis Shares Caring for Her Parents and How it Impacted Her. TODAY Bestsellers: Thanksgiving Must-Haves. TODAY Food: Joanne Lee Molinaro on The Korean Vegan Cookbook.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Vanessa Hudgens. Impact Thursday: The Brotherhood Sister Sol. Shop All Day: Holiday Lookbook. Thanksgiving Treat: Chili-Maple Skillet Cornbread with Priyanka Naik.

(10-11 a.m.) Guests: Jennifer Lopez and Maluma on *Marry Me*. People Beauty with Jill Martin and Andrea Lavinthal. Get Your Home Ready for Winter. Thanksgiving Tablescapes with Carmen Johnston.

Friday, November 19

(7-9 a.m.) Living Longer Today: Rediscovering the Foods of the First Thanksgiving Meal. Goodbye to Our Friend and Colleague Natalie Morales. TODAY FOOD: Steelers v. Chargers.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Rosamund Pike. At Home with Jill Martin: What Makes a Happy Home, Gifting Superlatives & Cozy Vibes.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Heather McMahan on Netflix's Love Hard. Donal Skehan on Everyday Cook: Vibrant Recipes, Simple Methods, Delicious Dishes. Weekend Hit List.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' NOVEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 26 Monday, November 22

(7-9 a.m.) Thanks & Giving: St. Jude Cancer Survivor Hayley Arceneaux Inspires Young Patients. Peacock Special: Holiday Steals & Deals with Jill Martin. Once in a Lifetime: Sing 2 Week - A Compton School That Has Been Changed by Music Education.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with June Diane Raphael. TODAY's Checklist: What You Need to Know About Diabetes. Peacock Special: Holiday Steals & Deals with Jill Martin. Make Ahead Monday with Skyler Bouchard.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Dionne Warwick on charity single *Nothing's Impossible*. Small Business Spotlight: Janie's Life Changing Baked Goods. TODAY Food with Marcus Samuelsson. Peacock Special: Holiday Steals & Deals with Jill Martin

Tuesday, November 23

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Poppy Harlow on *The Biggest Little Boy.* TODAY's Potluck Thanksgiving. TODAY Commerce: Small Business on the Plaza.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Sebastian Maniscalco. Small Business on the Plaza. She Made It: Spero + Black Paper Party. Citi Music Series: Pentatonix Interview and Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Kelly Rowland on Lifetime's *Merry Liddle Christmas Baby*. Ann Patchett on *These Precious Days*. Thanks & Giving with Marlo Thomas. Hacks-Giving: Things You Can Still Do to Take Your Thanksgiving to the Next Level.

Wednesday, November 24

(7-9 a.m.) Jenna Bush Hager sits down with Bono. NBC's *The National Dog Show* Preview. TODAY Food: Thanksgiving 2021 with 21 Chefs on the Plaza.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Andy Grammer. Thanks & Giving: Mae-Lin's St Jude Story with Marlo Thomas. How to Give Thanks with Bishop Michael Curry and Rabbi Sharon Brous. Best Thanksgiving Ever: Chef's Best Last-Minute Tips.

(10-11 a.m.) Jenna's 40th Birthday Bash with Surprise Guests. TODAY Food: Thanksgiving Day Hacks.

Thursday, November 25

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette. Cast of Girls5Eva. Butterball Turkey Line 40th Anniversary. Thanks & Giving: Cancer Survivor Who Lost an Eye Takes Up Riflery and Meets Her Olympic Hero. Steals & Deals with Jill Martin. Walmart Thanksgiving Reunion.

(9-10 a.m.) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

(10-11 a.m.) Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Friday, November 26

(7-9 a.m.) Feeding the Nation: Carversville Farm Foundation - A Non-Profit That Grows Fresh Food Specifically for Donation to Local Communities in Need. NBC's *The National Dog Show* Winning Dog + Owner. TODAY Best Sellers: Black Friday.

(9-10 a.m.) The Upside: Three Decades Homeless, an Act of Kindness and an Unshakeable Bond. Sesame Workshop New Muppets. Grit: Beautiful Fight

Woodworking. Buddy Up: Backyard Games. Superfood Friday: Hanukkah Latkes with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Bellamy Young on The CW's *The Waltons' Homecoming*. Hoda & Jenna Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping. Kristin Chenoweth Performance.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 3

Monday, November 29

(7-9 a.m.) Exclusive: Christopher Andersen on His New Book on Prince William and Prince Harry. Rita Moreno on *West Side Story*. Taraji P. Henson and Celina Smith on NBC's *Annie Live!*. Steals & Deals Holiday Week Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Julie Bowen. Make Ahead Monday with Vanessa Lachey: Holiday Brunch from *Life From Scratch*. Harry Connick Jr, Tituss Burgess, Megan Hilty and Nicole Scherzinger on NBC's *Annie Live!*. Motivational Monday: Runner Mirna Valerio. Special: Cyber Monday Deals.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Brené Brown on *Atlas of the Heart*. Brooke Shields on *Castle for Christmas*. Rob Thomas Interview and Performance.

Tuesday, November 30

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Kathie Lee Gifford on *The Jesus I Know*. Giving Tuesday: No Kid Hungry. Steals & Deals Holiday Week Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Mario Lopez. The Matzah Ball Love Story. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Food Gifts for All. Citi Music Series: Christina Perri Interview and Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Kathie Lee Gifford on *The Jesus I Know*. Vanessa Williams on *Queen of the Universe*. TODAY Food: Vegan at Times with Jessica Seinfeld.

Wednesday, December 1

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Best-Selling Author James Andrew Miller on *Tinderbox: HBO's Ruthless Pursuit of New Frontiers*. Sandra Bullock on *The Unforgivable*. Steals & Deals Holiday Week Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Wellness Wednesday. Family Style with Al Roker: Bagels & Lox with Russ & Daughters. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Best Subscriptions Boxes. What to Watch with Chris Witherspoon.

(10-11 a.m.) Trendsday Wednesday. Guest: Taraji P. Henson on NBC's *Annie Live!*. Hoda & Jenna's Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: The Hot Toys. Read With Jenna Author Naomi Krupitsky. TODAY Food with Ayesha Nurdjaja.

Thursday, December 2

(7-9 a.m.) Sneaker Culture: How the Rise in Popularity of Sneakers Became an 80 Billion Dollar Industry. TODAY's Season of Giving Toy Drive: Heritage Youth Sports Foundation in Minneapolis. TODAY Food with Mary McCartney. Steals & Deals Holiday Week Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Impact Thursday: Army Vet Phyllis Newhouse Promoting Women in Leadership in Business and More. Guests: Ana Gasteyer and Rachel Dratch on *A Clüsterfünke Christmas*. Gifts We Love: Best Kitchen Gadgets + Best Personalized Gifts with Alejandra Ramos and Jill Martin. Mind Matters with Carson Daly. What to Read with Rumaan Alam.

(10-11 a.m.) The Gift of Gratitude: Man Donates Kidney to Friend. Hoda & Jenna's Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: Style Finder and Better Basic Gifts. NYC Christmas Windows.

Friday, December 3

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Weekend Shopping Strategy. Citi Music Series: Black Shelton Interview and Performance. Steals & Deals Holiday Week Special with Jill Martin.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: JK Simmons and Nina Arianda on *Being the Ricardos*. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Best Festive Places For The Holidays. Superfood Friday with Joy Bauer. Winter Safety with Vicky Nguyen. Citi Music Series: Darren Criss Interview and Performance

(10-11 a.m.) Hoda & Jenna's Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: Personalized Gifts. Weekend Hit List. Citi Music Series: Blake Shelton Interview and Performance.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' DECEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 10

Monday, December 6

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Michael Bublé on NBC's *Michael Bublé's Christmas in the City* special. *Sex and the City* Today: The Legacy of the Show and Impact on Culture. Remembering Pearl Harbor: A Look Back at That Day in History. TODAY Holiday Kitchen: Mail Order Food for the Holidays.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Samantha Bee. Destination Holiday: Descanso Garden Lights. TODAY's Best Sellers: Holiday Fashion. Make Ahead Monday: Sweet Cajun Ham + Country Biscuits With Ham and Gravy.

(10-11 a.m.) Michelle Buteau Co-hosts. Guest: Michael Bublé on NBC's *Michael Bublé's Christmas in the City* special. Cheryl Hines on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Ben and Erin Napier on HGTV's *Home Town* and Holiday Decor. In Other Words: Christmas Carol Game!

Tuesday, December 7

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Meryl Streep and Jonah Hill on *Don't Look Up. Sex and the City* Today: Kristin Davis on *And Just Like That*. Remembering Pearl Harbor: 80th Anniversary - 99-Year-Old Survivor Returns to Pearl Harbor with His Grandson and Shares His Story of Being a Part of the Radar Team That Detected the Japanese Planes that Day. Read with Jenna December Book Announcement.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Marcus Lemonis. She Made It: Lisa Stelly, Fancy Sprinkles. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: DIY Holiday Decor. Citi Music Series: Leon Bridges Interview and Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Willie Geist Co-hosts. Guest: Chloe Grace Moretz on *Motherhood/Android*. Amanda Gorman on *Call Us What We Carry*. Hoda & Jenna Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: *Men's Health*'s Gift Guide for Guys. Ingrid Michaelson Interview and Performance.

Wednesday, December 8

(7-9 a.m.) Sex and the City Today: Cynthia Nixon on And Just Like That. Living Longer Today: Reinventing American Rice. Good Housekeeping's 2021 Gift Guide. TODAY Best Sellers: Holiday Hosting.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Kimberly Williams-Paisley and Ashley Williams on Hallmark's *Sister Swap*. Kidney Transplant Awareness – Cameraman Ron Minor's battle with Kidney Disease. How to Adult: How to Rock Any Photo Segment. TODAY Holiday Handbook: Drink Gift Guide.

(10-11 a.m.) Willie Geist Co-hosts. Trendsday Wednesday. TODAY Food: Christmas Cookies with Kristen Tomlan. Josh Turner Interview and Performance.

Thursday, December 9

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Ed Sheeran Interview and Performance.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Kathleen Turner. Take It Off Today: Woman Loses 130+ Pounds with Fitness Community and Habit Stacking. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Beauty & Grooming Gifts with Julee Wilson. Citi Concert Series: Ed Sheeran Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Justin Sylvester Co-hosts. Guests: Sara Ramirez, Sarita Choudhury, Nicole Ari Parker and Karen Pittman on *And Just Like That*. TODAY Food: All Stars with Alejandra Ramos. Ed Sheeran performance.

Friday, December 10

(7-9 a.m.) Steps You Can Take to Secure Your Home to Prevent Break-Ins and Theft. TODAY Season of Giving Toy Drive: Jump Start. TODAY's Holiday Consumer: Holiday Books. TODAY Loves Football Food: Bears vs. Packers.

(9-10 a.m.) Guests: Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor on *Chasing the Truth: Young Journalist's Guide to Investigative Reporting*. Kickoff with Kornacki - Steve Kornacki with the NFL Latest. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Stocking Stuffers. Superfood Friday: Eggnog Pancakes with Joy Bauer.

(10-11 a.m.) Willie Geist Co-hosts. Guest: Sharon Gless on *Apparently There Were Complaints: A Memoir*. Hoda & Jenna Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: Mail Order Food. Reel or Unreal Game with Justin Sylvester.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' DECEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 17 Monday, December 13

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Edward Felsenthal on *TIME*'s Person of the Year. Bono on *Sing*2. Your Health: COVID Breakthroughs 101 - Why Are Vaccinated People Getting Sick?
What You Can Expect, What You Need to Know. TODAY Style: Sex and the City Looks
For Less. TODAY Best Sellers: Last Minute Gifts for the Home.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Will Forte. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Good Housekeeping Ultimate Gift Guide. Holiday Makeup Looks. Make Ahead Monday: Roasted Chicken Thighs + Orzo Chicken Soup.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Lynda Carter. Bono on *Sing 2*. Sandra Bullock and Rob Morgan on *The Unforgivable*. Elevate Your Holiday Gift Wrapping with Monica Mangin.

Tuesday, December 14

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Dr. Rochelle Walensky. TODAY's Season of Giving: 911 Operator Helps A Woman Deliver Her Own Baby on A Highway in Philadelphia. Alicia Keys Interview and Performance.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Kel Mitchell. Living Legends: Christopher Lloyd. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Gifts Under \$25. Citi Concert Series: Alicia Keys Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Alicia Keys Interview and Performance. Hoda & Jenna Ho-Ho-Holiday Shopping: Gifts For Helpers & Stocking Stuffers with Jill Bauer.

Wednesday, December 15

(7-9 a.m.) Guest: Matthew McConaughey on *Sing 2*. TODAY's Season of Giving: How Two Former Florida College Football Players Are Helping Get Toys to Kids for the Holidays. Chasing the Cure: A Pancreatic Cancer Survivor's Story of Hope Eleven Years Later. TODAY Best Sellers: Last Minute Fashion + Beauty Gifts.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching up with Jimmie Johnson. Kitchen Conundrums: Holiday Party Solutions. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Tech The Halls. Citi Music Series: Matteo Bocelli Interview and Performance.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Norah Jones Interview and Performance. Trendsday Wednesday. TODAY Food: Michael Symon on *Fix It With Food: Every Meal Easy*. Tis the Season For Style: Kids & the Holidays.

Thursday, December 16

(7-9 a.m.) Chasing the Cure: Colon Cancer. The Mayor of Rockefeller Center. Meghan Trainor Interview and Performance.

(9-10 a.m.) Take It Off Today: Woman Loses 100 Pounds, Picks Up Running and Finishes the Marathon. Winterizing Your Home with George Oliphant. Dads Got This!: Mr. Dad's Fathers Club. Shop All Day: Last Minute Gifts. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Managing the Stress of the Holidays.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Meghan Trainor Interview and Performance. Read With Jenna December Author Lisa Harding on *Bright Burning Things*. Holiday Party Surprise. TODAY Food: Gina Homolka on *Skinnytaste Air Fryer Dinners*.

Friday, December 17

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY Holiday Takeover: Bryant Park. Delta Olympic Plane Reveal. TODAY Season of Giving Toy Drive: NYC Little Essentials. TODAY Loves Football Food.

(9-10 a.m.) How to Navigate the Airport Ahead of the Holidays. Kornacki Christmas. Family Style with Al Roker: Don Paco Lopex - Brooklyn Bakery Owned by Eight Siblings Specializing in Mexican King Cakes and Rosca de Reyes. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Holiday Hair Tricks.

(10-11 a.m.) Guest: Niecy Nash on TNT's *Claws*. Hilary Farr on HGTV's *Tough Love with Hilary Farr* and Christmas + New Year Decor. Pentatonix Performance. Holiday Party Surprise.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 24

Monday, December 20

(7-9 a.m.) Guests: Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem on *Being the Ricardos*. TikToker Who Traded a Home for a Bobby Pin. TODAY Style: Last Minute Holiday Party Looks For Everyone. TODAY Season of Giving Toy Drive: NYC Little Essentials.

(9-10 a.m.) Guest: Jeffrey Scales on *The New York Times*' '2021 Year in Pictures.' TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Books to Gift for the Holidays. Make Ahead Monday: Braised Short Ribs & Short Rib Pasta. Toy Drive.

(10-11 a.m.) Hoda & Jenna Go to Cirque. Heather McMahan with the Funniest Moments of 2021. Hot Winter Accessories. Hoda & Jenna's Year in Review.

Tuesday, December 21

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY's Consumer: Steps You Can Take to Secure Your Home to Prevent Break-Ins and Theft. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Everything You Need to Know About Holiday Get Togethers. Last Minute Holiday Travel Options. Chasing the Cure: A Pancreatic Cancer Survivor's Story of Hope Eleven Years Later. TODAY Food: Holiday Pasta for a Crowd.

(9-10 a.m.) Catching Up with Melissa Joan Hart on *Mistletoe in Montana*. *People's* 2021 Year in Entertainment. She Made It: Anastasia Beauty. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Drink Concoctions to Wow Your Guests.

(10-11 a.m.) Sheinelle Jones Co-Hosts. Julia Stiles on DreamWorks' *Dragons: The Nine Realms*. Last Minute Holiday Shopping. Christmas Cooking with Missy Robbins.

Wednesday, December 22

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY Holiday Handbook: Last Minute Toy Finds. Family Ready to Celebrate the Holidays with Their Healthy Four-Month-Old After Groundbreaking Heart Operation by the Cleveland Clinic. Renowned Sculptor of Celebrities and Icons. Citi Music Series: NYC Children's Chorus.

(9-10 a.m.) Dad's Got This: High Wheel Bikes. The Upside: Father and Son Pediatric Congenital Heart Surgeons. The Late Katherine Johnson's daughters on *My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir.* She Made It: Waeve. Digital Nomads.

(10-11 a.m.) Sheinelle Jones Co-Hosts. Dancing Fitness Workout. Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Tour. Holiday Hit List.

Thursday, December 23

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY's Holiday Handbook: Last Minute Shopping Strategies for Gifts and Entertaining. Anchors Reflect on the Holidays. TODAY Food: Christmas Dinner. Citi Music Series: Northwell Hospital Nurse Choir.

(9-10 a.m.) Tuba Player Richard Antoine. Through Mom's Eyes: Tyra Banks' Mom. Floating Post Office. Behind the Brand: Sacred Serve Sustainable Ice Cream. Creativets.

(10-11 a.m.) The Man Who Gives Away Christmas Trees. Cool School: Holiday Edition. TODAY Takes You: Antarctica. Christina Perri Performance of *Merry Christmas Little Darling*.

Friday, December 24

(7-9 a.m.) Reflections on the Holiday Season, the Year Behind Us, and the Year Ahead of Us. English Christmas Country Homes - From Blenheim Palace to the Althorp House, Owned By the Spencer Family for Five Centuries. Anchor Secret Santa. Last-Minute Holiday Gifts. Dan + Shay Performance of *Officially Christmas*.

(9-10 a.m.) Dad's Got This: Ice Cream Truck. Food For Thought: Compassion Cafe. Second Acts: Producer Turned Decorator. Buddy Up: Pottery. TODAY Food with Gaby Dalkin.

(10-11 a.m.) Mario Cantone on *And Just Like That...*.Christmas Miracle: Michigan Contractor Helps Family. TODAY Food: Special Cinnamon Buns. Carrie Underwood Performance of *All is Well*.

COMING UP ON NBC NEWS' 'TODAY' DECEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 31

Monday, December 27

(7-9 a.m.) Post Holiday Shopping & Returns. Will People Return to Movie Theaters in 2022? Mother Reunites With A Daughter Taken from Her at Birth. Year Ahead for the Royals as the Queen is Set to Celebrate Her Jubilee. TODAY's Holiday Handbook: How to Navigate Holiday Returns. TODAY Food: Holiday Week At Home.

(9-10 a.m.) Generation Next: Ruby Ibarra. Indigenous Modeling Company. The Upside: Camp Say. TODAY Climate: Saving Scotland Castle. She Made It: Cocokind. On the Job: Holistic Vet.

(10-11 a.m.) Best of Travel & Adventure. TODAY Takes You: Paris, Tokyo & Argentina. Hoda & Jenna Love NY.

Tuesday, December 28

(7-9 a.m.) TODAY's Climate: Tire Cleanup in Florida. Your Health: Cold, Flu or Covid? On The Money: What To Know About Your 2021 Taxes. Medical Breakthroughs: FDA Approved Eye Drops Could Replace Reading Glasses for Millions. TODAY Food: Joanne Lee Molinaro on *The Korean Vegan Cookbook*.

(9-10 a.m.) CC Sabathia on *My Relationship With Alcohol* campaign. Al Takes A Zero-G Flight. iHeart Dance NYC. Southside Dad Goes Viral as TikTok Historian. On the Job: Water Sommelier. Cooking With Cal: Meatballs.

(10-11 a.m.) Best of Food. TODAY Food: Sheet Pan Gnocchi with Ree Drummond. Eggplant Rollatini with Bobby Flay. Spaghetti & Meatballs with Scott Conant. Shepherd's Pie with Alex Guarnaschelli. Chocolate Bread Pudding with Sunny Anderson. Perfect Apple Pie with Maya-Camille Broussard.

Wednesday, December 29

(7-9 a.m.) Will 2021 Shortages Get Better in 2022? How Princess Diana's Home Inspired the Hit Show *Bridgerton*. Mr. Smith Goes To...A Coach for All Seasons. China's Napa Valley. TODAY Food: New Year's Eve Snacks and Appetizers.

(9-10 a.m.) Social Challenge: Decoding Your Teen's Life Online. Grit: Latinas Start Surf Community. Dads Got This!: AAPI Dad's Poetry. Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts and Blankets. Biggest Rooftop Garden in Paris. By the Book: The Human Library.

(10-11 a.m.) Hosted By Hoda: Mignon Francois & The Cupcake Collection. 79-Year-Old Vet Kenny Jary Turns Viral Moment into Help for Others. Maintaining Meghan: Woman Loses 200+ LBS. Man Rediscovers Passion For Painting After Parkinson's Diagnosis.

Thursday, December 30

(7-9 a.m.) The Year Ahead in Space. Is Your New Year's Resolution Less Stress?: How TikTok's Time Blocking Plan is Helping People Manage Stress. TODAY Consumer: Consumer Reports ReSet for 2022 With Health and Wellness Products. TODAY Food with Dan Pashman.

(9-10 a.m.) "The Three Mothers" of Civil Rights Icons. The Upside: A Green Beret's Mission with War Horses for Vets. Dad's Got This: Suni Lee's Dad. She Made It: Rowan Ear Piercing. Inside look at the Making of TODAY.

(10-11 a.m.) Leah Remini on *People Puzzler*. Jerry Seinfeld On *Seinfeld*. New Jersey Community Surprises Local Baker.

Friday, December 31

(7-9 a.m.) The Year Ahead: Politics, Markets, Health, Travel, Your Wallet and Sports. TODAY: The Fun We Had. TODAY Food: New Year's Eve Drinks & Light Bites with the Daly's.

(9-10 a.m.) The Upside: How Therapy Helped War Vet Launch a Bourbon Empire. Buddy Up: Bowling. Matthew Rhy's Boat Trip. Collectors: Museum of Toys and Memories. TODAY Food: New Year's Seafood Gumbo.

(10-11 a.m.) What a Year It's Been: A Look Back on Hoda & Jenna in 2021. Get Glam for New Years with Zanna Roberts Rassi. Create Your Vision with Maria Shriver. What to Watch in 2022.

DATELINE

All-New Dateline's "The Bridge" Airs Friday, October 1 at 9 p.m./8 p.m. CT
THE STORY: Since James Chambers' disappearance in August 2014, North Carolina detectives have searched for answers in the murder of the 28-year-old Fayetteville

construction worker. Friday's all-new *Dateline NBC* examines the twists and turns of this case, featuring Andrea Canning's exclusive interviews with James' family members and investigators at the center of the case.

REPORTED BY: Andrea Canning

INTERVIEWS WITH: James' parents Rachel Wellhauser and Pete Chambers, private investigator David Marshburn, and more.

WHERE: Fayetteville, North Carolina

<u>Dateline's "Smoke and Mirrors" Airs Saturday, October 2 at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT</u>

Due to NBC's primetime schedule, the broadcast will according to the following time zones: Eastern: airs at 9 p.m. ET on Saturday; Central: airs at 8 p.m. CT on Saturday; Pacific and Mountain: check your local listings.

THE STORY: When Nailah Franklin, a Chicago pharmaceutical rep, stops returning calls from her tight-knit family, they know something isn't right.

REPORTED BY: Keith Morrison

INTERVIEWS WITH: Nailah's mother Maria Maner, Nailah's siblings, Detective Greg Jacobson and more.

WHERE: Chicago, Illinois

DATELINE NBC EXCLUSIVE: INSIDERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT LORI ISENBERG, IDAHO MOM CONVICTED OF MURDERING HUSBAND AFTER CLAIMING HE DIED IN A BOAT ACCIDENT

Isenberg's Daughter Amber Barnes tells 'Dateline': 'We Do Not Support Her. We Do Not Stand By Her'

All-New Two-Hour Broadcast Features Never-Before-Seen Bodycam Footage & Jailhouse Video

'Kill Switch' Airs Friday, October 8 at 9pm ET/8pm CT

October 5, 2021 – On Friday's all-new Dateline *NBC* at 9pm ET/8pm CT, insiders close to Idaho mother Lori Isenberg speak out for the first time on television after she was convicted earlier this year of murdering her husband Larry Isenberg. The case gained national attention after Isenberg previously claimed Larry had died in a boat accident.

During the broadcast, Lori Isenberg's daughter, Amber Barnes, opens up in an exclusive interview about her mother's crimes, which included involving her in an embezzlement scheme. Barnes tells *Dateline NBC*'s Keith Morrison, "I regret not saying more in the beginning. I regret not talking to the investigators. I regret not standing up for Larry." She added, "We do not support her. We do not stand by her."

Click here to watch the exchange.

The two-hour broadcast, *Kill Switch*, also features new details in the case, as well as never-before-seen bodycam footage and jailhouse video from the investigation.

Additionally, Morrison speaks with Larry's son Dean Isenberg, Lori's daughter Chrislyn Woolston, Detective Brad Maskell and Lori's former managers Amy Evans and Kerri Thoreson.

DATELINE NBC EXCLUSIVE: FAMILY MEMBERS & INVESTIGATORS SPEAK OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME ON NETWORK TV SINCE DEATH OF AMY CARLSON, KNOWN AS "MOTHER GOD"

On Discovering Carlson's Mummified Body, Sheriff Dan Warwick tells NBC News' Keith Morrison: 'I Used To Say I've Seen It All. I Don't Say That Anymore.' All-New Two-Hour 'The Ascension of Mother God' Airs Friday at 9pm ET/8pm CT

October 13, 2021 – On Friday's all-new *Dateline NBC* at 9pm ET/8pm CT, family members and investigators speak out for the first time on network television since the death of "Love Has Won" spiritual leader Amy Carlson, known to her followers as "Mother God." The case gained worldwide attention after deputies found her mummified body covered with Christmas lights in a Colorado house where members of the group stayed.

Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick tells *Dateline*'s Keith Morrison that when he arrived at the house, the group's followers were worshipping Carlson's corpse and putting essential oils on it to "keep the odor down." He tells Morrison, "Wow, I mean, it's just [you] shake and go wow. There's not much more I can say. I've been doing this for 26 years. I used to say I've seen it all. I don't say that anymore."

To watch the exchange, <u>click here</u>. The transcript of the interview excerpt is below.

During the two-hour broadcast, *The Ascension of Mother God*, Morrison also speaks with Carlson's mother, sisters and children, District Attorney Alonzo Payne and former followers of Mother God.

Interview Excerpt

SHERIFF DAN WARWICK: They were burning sage in the room, putting essential oils on the --

KEITH MORRISON: On the corpse?

SHERIFF DAN WARWICK: In the room and on the corpse to keep the odor down.

KEITH MORRISON: They were in effect worshiping that corpse.

SHERIFF DAN WARWICK: Yes.

KEITH MORRISON: What was your visceral reaction, immediately, when you saw that?

SHERIFF DAN WARWICK: Wow, I mean, it's just [you] shake and go wow. There's not much more I can say. I've been doing this for 26 years. I used to say I've seen it all. I don't say that anymore.

ALL-NEW TWO-HOUR FRIDAY DATELINE NBC ON THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE IN THE MURDER OF A 27-YEAR-OLD MICHIGAN SINGER Click Here to Watch Preview of 'The Wrong Door'

All-New Dateline's "The Wrong Door" Airs Friday, October 22 at 9 p.m./8 p.m. CT

THE STORY: After 27-year-old woman Egypt Covington is found murdered in her home, investigators in Michigan quickly identify a person of interest, but years pass without an arrest. Friday's all-new *Dateline NBC* examines the search for answers in the aspiring singer's death and features Andrea Canning's exclusive interviews with Egypt's friends, as well as never-before-heard audio from the family's private investigator.

REPORTED BY: Andrea Canning

INTERVIEWS WITH: Egypt's parents Chuck and Tina Covington, her brother D'Wayne Turner, her boyfriend Curtis Meadows and others.

WHERE: Van Buren, Michigan

DATELINE NBC EXCLUSIVE: FAMILY OF MURDAUGH HOUSEKEEPER BREAKS THEIR SILENCE IN FIRST INTERVIEW SINCE HER DEATH

'Dateline' Special Goes Beyond the Headlines, Features Exclusive Interviews & New Details in Murdaugh Saga

All-New Two-Hour 'Dateline' Block Starts at 9pm ET on Friday & Will Also Spotlight New Developments in Kristin Smart Disappearance

October 27, 2021 – In a *Dateline NBC* exclusive, family members of Gloria Satterfield, a housekeeper employed by prominent South Carolina lawyer Alex Murdaugh, speak out for the first time about her death after she fell at the Murdaugh's household, and the recent indictment of Alex for allegedly misappropriating insurance money meant for Gloria's family. The interview is part of an all-new two-hour *Dateline NBC* block airing Friday, October 29 at 9 pm ET/8pm CT.

During Friday's special, Gloria's brother tells NBC News' Craig Melvin "it isn't about the money," explaining, "It's like [Gloria] was a nobody, as much as she's done for him." Gloria's sister also tells Melvin, "Did [Alex] have that going through his mind that day when we buried Gloria, and thinking 'Oh, how much money am I going to get? How can I get this?'" Alex's lawyer says he is presumed innocent at this point.

<u>Click here</u> to watch the exchanges. A transcript is below.

The broadcast will go beyond the headlines in the Murdaugh family saga and will feature in-depth reporting on the murders of Alex's wife, Maggie, and his son, Paul. Melvin will also speak with Curtis "Eddie" Smith, the man accused of shooting Alex in September in an insurance scheme. Smith denies all charges. Additionally, *Dateline* will reveal new details in the death of Stephen Smith, who was found dead in 2015 after an alleged hit and run. Stephen's mother and his twin sister speak out to Melvin for the first time on network TV after police recently announced they would look into his death again in the wake of the murders of Maggie and Paul.

During the two-hour block, *Dateline* will also report on new developments in the disappearance of California Polytechnic State University freshman Kristin Smart, who vanished after leaving a party in 1996. In network TV exclusive interviews, Kristin's brother and a former student who was at the party Smart attended will speak with *Dateline* correspondent Josh Mankiewicz. Mankiewicz also interviews insiders close to the case, including *Your Own Backyard* podcast host Chis Lambert and San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Ian Parkinson. **Click here** to watch a preview.

INTERVIEW EXCERPTS

Gloria's brother, Eric Harriott, Jr.: And, you know, now it isn't about the money.

Gloria's sister, Ginger Harriott Hadwin: It's not.

Eric Harriott, Jr.: It isn't about the money.

Craig Melvin: What's it about?

Eric Harriott, Jr.: It's like she was a nobody, as much as she's done for him.

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Ginger Harriott Hadwin: Did he have that going through his mind that day when we buried Gloria, and thinking, "oh, how much money am I gonna get? How can I get this?"

Craig Melvin: Do you think he planned to keep the money from the beginning?

Ginger Harriott Hadwin: Why would we not think that?

Click Here to Watch a Preview of 'Horror at the Lake'

PLUS: 'Even the Devil Went to Church' to Air Saturday

All-New Dateline's "Horror at the Lake" Airs Friday, November 5 at 10 p.m./9 p.m. CT

THE STORY: Investigators desperately search for a killer after Florida teacher Denise Hallowell is found murdered in her own home. Friday's all-new *Dateline NBC* examines the Hallowell family's tumultuous past and features an exclusive interview with Denise's son and insiders close to the case.

REPORTED BY: Dennis Murphy

INTERVIEWS WITH: Denise's son Carlos Hallowell, Detective Chris Holloway, Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast, Denise's friends and more.

WHERE: Inverness, Florida

Dateline's "Even the Devil Went to Church" Airs Saturday, November 6

Due to NBC's primetime schedule, the broadcast will according to the following time zones: Eastern: airs at 9 p.m. ET on Saturday; Central: airs at 8 p.m. CT on Saturday; Pacific and Mountain: check your local listings.

THE STORY: When rumors begin to swirl after a Morris, Alabama man is murdered, the truth ends up turning the community upside down.

REPORTED BY: Andrea Canning

INTERVIEWS WITH: Sergeant Detective Brian Streit, Sergeant Ellen Scheirer, Defense Attorney John Robbins, the victim's friends and others.

WHERE: Morris, Alabama

DATELINE NBC REVEALS NEW DETAILS IN LORI VALLOW & CHAD DAYBELL CASE WITH EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS, RECENTLY RELEASED EVIDENCE & MORE IN

November 10, 2021 – Friday's all-new *Dateline NBC* at 9pm ET/8pm CT will reveal new details and an in-depth look at Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell, the Idaho couple charged in the murders of Lori's children JJ & Tylee. The two-hour special, entitled *The Doomsday Files*, features exclusive interviews, secret recordings, text messages, new evidence and more that shine a light on Lori and Chad's true motivations.

During the broadcast, the brothers of Lori's ex-husband, Charles, speak out in their first interview since he was shot and killed by Lori's own brother, who claimed it was self-defense. Charles's brother tells Keith Morrison, "That was not self-defense. That was an ambush. There's a lot of inconsistencies about that story."

To watch the exchange, click here.

Additionally, *The Doomsday Files* will report on Lori and Chad's inner circle, including Lori's niece Melani's alleged involvement with the couple's fringe religious group that

believed doomsday was near. The broadcast will also include never-before-heard secret audio recordings obtained by *Dateline* of Melani speaking about the attempted murder of her husband. Melani has denied any involvement with the shooting and being part of their religious group.

Chad and Lori have both been charged with murder in the deaths of JJ and Tylee. Chad has pleaded not guilty. Lori is also facing conspiracy to commit shooting charges in the death of her ex-husband. Her trial is currently on hold after a judge found her not competent to stand trial.

Friday's *Dateline* marks the fifth broadcast on Lori and Chad from *Dateline*, which has covered the case since the beginning. Morrison also reported on the case for *Dateline*'s #1 podcast, *Mommy Doomsday*.

On Finding Out Charles Had Been Killed

Keith Morrison: What was that like?

Gerry: Being thumped, being hit in the chest with a cannonball or something.

Keith Morrison: They said it was self-defense.

Bobby Vallow: That was not self-defense. That was an ambush. There's a lot of inconsistencies about that story.

Keith Morrison Voice Over: Then again, they'd been worried for a while, given the things Charles had been telling them about Lori's spiritual 180.

Bobby Vallow: He said she had chosen a different path, but maybe he didn't know the extent of the path she chose.

DATELINE NBC TO AIR 'A PERFECT SPOT' ON SATURDAY

Click Here to Watch Preview

Dateline's "A Perfect Spot" Airs Saturday, November 13 at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT

Due to NBC's primetime schedule, the broadcast will according to the following time zones: Eastern: airs at 9 p.m. ET on Saturday; Central: airs at 8 p.m. CT on Saturday; Pacific and Mountain: check your local listings.

THE STORY: A romantic Valentine's Day evening at the park turns into a crime scene for a married couple.

REPORTED BY: Keith Morrison

INTERVIEWS WITH: Hall County Detective Dan Franklin and more.

WHERE: Hall County, Georgia

DATELINE NBC EXCLUSIVE: CONVICTED MURDERER DREW PETERSON SPEAKS OUT IN FIRST NETWORK TV INTERVIEW IN OVER A DECADE

Pressed by 'Dateline,' Peterson Maintains Innocence: 'Everyone's Twisting It to Make Me Look Bad'

'Infamous' Airs Friday at 9pm ET/8pm CT

November 17, 2021 – Convicted murderer Drew Peterson will speak out in his first network TV interview in over a decade to *Dateline NBC* this Friday at 9pm ET/8pm CT about the murder of his third wife Kathleen Savio, and the disappearance of his fourth wife Stacy Peterson.

When challenged by *Dateline* as to why he blames everyone but himself for his conviction for the murder of Kathleen, Peterson responded, "Everybody's twisting it to make me look bad, okay? They're twisting it to make their prosecution or what they're trying to say against me work." Peterson, who continues to maintain his innocence, tells *Dateline* he was a "loving husband." To see the exchange, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>. The transcript is below.

During the two-hour special, *Dateline* correspondent Natalie Morales also speaks with Stacy Peterson's sister Cassandra, who continues to search for Stacy since she disappeared in 2007. Cassandra tells *Dateline*, "You don't realize the love that I lost... I will find her. And I'll bring her home. And that's my promise." *To see the exchange*, *click here*. Drew Peterson has never been charged in relation to Stacy's disappearance but remains the prime suspect.

Additionally, the broadcast, entitled *Infamous*, will feature Drew Peterson's brother breaking his silence for the first time. Morales also speaks with key players in the case, including Kathleen's sister Sue Doman and Will County State's Attorney Jim Glasgow. Peterson was also convicted for solicitation for murder after attempting to hire a hitman to kill Glasgow.

Exchange Transcript

NATALIE MORALES: At the end of the day, you're saying then, everybody else is lying. Everybody else is making up facts, the jury didn't do their job. It seems everybody else but you is to blame here, Drew.

DREW PETERSON: The prosecution is making up facts. The prosecution staged a prosecution with Kathy. They took an accident and staged a prosecution. Everybody's twisting it to make me look bad, okay? They're twisting it to make their prosecution or what they're trying to say against me work.

NATALIE MORALES VOICE OVER: PETERSON CONTINUES TO DENY HE EVER ABUSED HIS TWO WIVES.

NATALIE MORALES: You weren't a controlling husband? You weren't threatening? You weren't abusive to both Kathleen and Stacy?

DREW PETERSON: Correct.

NATALIE MORALES: What kind of husband were you?

DREW PETERSON: I was a loving husband, okay? I was, what can I say? I was a good husband, a good provider.

NATALIE MORALES: If you were such a good husband and such a good provider, in interviews that we did with you, you talked about Kathleen having mood swings. Stacy, you said, had mood swings that were tied to her menstrual cycle.

DREW PETERSON: Yes.

NATALIE MORALES: How about the way you talk about women? How do you justify talking about – these are the mothers of your children, the way you did?

DREW PETERSON: Right.

NATALIE MORALES: You don't see anything wrong with that?

DREW PETERSON: Everybody complains about their wives.

DATELINE NBC TO AIR THE DEAD OF NIGHT ON SATURDAY

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Dateline's "The Dead of Night" Airs Saturday, November 20

Due to NBC's primetime schedule, the broadcast will air according to the following time zones: Eastern: airs at 9 p.m. ET on Saturday; Central: airs at 8 p.m. CT on Saturday; Pacific and Mountain: check your local listings.

THE STORY: When LaJoya McCoy goes missing, her friends and family reveal that she feared she was being stalked.

REPORTED BY: Josh Mankiewicz

INTERVIEWS WITH: LaJoya's aunt and uncle Alicia and David Clark, Detective Chad Harvey, Detective Eddie Brown and more.

WHERE: Monrovia, California

DATELINE NBC EXCLUSIVE: INSIDERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT MAURIZIO GUCCI'S MURDER IN ALL-NEW FRIDAY SPECIAL

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TRANSCRIPT

PINA AURIEMMA: She was in pain, but what I realized was that she was more sad and sorry about losing her name.

NATALIE MORALES: So, she didn't cry tears because she lost her husband, it was more she was enraged and mad because she was losing the Gucci name and the power of being a Gucci?

PINA AURIEMMA: Of course. That was what triggered her.

NATALIE MORALES VOICE OVER: AND PINA TESTIFIED, THAT'S WHAT LED PATRIZIA TO ASK HER TO LOOK FOR A TRIGGER MAN.

NATALIE MORALES: And why would you do that for her?

PINA AURIEMMA: Listen, it was absolutely not my intention to do such a thing. I knew how stubborn she was, so I thought I would introduce her to some people I knew who were not capable of ever killing someone, but who certainly were capable of making money off of her.

DATELINE NBC INVESTIGATES INTERNATIONAL SEX TRAFFICKING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FASHION MOGUL PETER NYGARD IN ALL-NEW FRIDAY SPECIAL

Features Exclusive Interviews With Nygard's Accusers

PLUS: Son of Nygard and Supermodel Beverly Peele Breaks His Silence

The Secrets of Nygard Cay Airs Friday at 9pm ET/8pm CT

December 8, 2021 – *Dateline NBC* will investigate allegations against fashion mogul Peter Nygard, accused of sex trafficking dozens of women over several decades, in Friday's all-new special at 9pm ET/8pm CT. Through exclusive interviews with Nygard's accusers, former employees and his own children, the two-hour broadcast, *The Secrets of Nygard Cay*, will reveal new details in the case.

During Friday's broadcast, Nygard's former treasurer, Maridel Carbuccia, speaks out in her first interview about allegations that Nygard drugged and sexually assaulted her. Carbuccia tells *Dateline*, "I started getting fuzzy vision and really, really dizzy. And I couldn't feel my hands. I just hear him talking to me and talking to me and then all

of a sudden I just wasn't functional anymore. And I tried, like mentally, I was trying to get up. But, I couldn't get up. He was just on top of me. And I kept trying to push away. I was like, 'Peter, get off me. What are you doing?'" She added, "When I woke up in the morning, I was just there by myself. Nobody was there." To watch the exchange, click here.

Additionally, the son of Nygard and supermodel Beverly Peele breaks his silence about encouraging his mother to speak out about allegations Nygard sexually assaulted her, resulting in his birth. Trey Peele tells *Dateline* correspondent Natalie Morales, "I was like, Mom, we need to speak up about it... And I think I'm okay with it as long as you're okay with it." To watch the exchange, <u>click here</u>. The transcript is below.

The special investigative edition of *Dateline* also features interviews with Nygard's former employees, including his videographer, as well as with Beverly Peele and Nygard's oldest son Kai. Nygard denies all allegations.

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TRANSCRIPT

Trey Peele: I was like, mom, we need to speak up about it. Like, you need to tell your story and make sure other people are not scared to come out, because if you come out, many will follow many, many, many will follow. And I think I'm okay with it as long as you're okay with it. And we could just go through this together. That's how I kind of described it to her.

DATELINE NBC TO AIR THE EASTLAKE CONSPIRACY ON SATURDAY

Click Here to Watch Preview

Dateline's "The Eastlake Conspiracy" Airs Saturday, December 11

Due to NBC's primetime schedule, the broadcast will air according to the following time zones: Eastern: airs at 9 p.m. ET on Saturday; Central: airs at 8 p.m. CT on Saturday; Pacific and Mountain: check your local listings.

THE STORY: When an Eastlake, Ohio resident is offered \$50,000 to kill someone, he calls the police. Acting quickly, investigators set up an elaborate sting operation.

REPORTED BY: Andrea Canning

INTERVIEWS WITH: Chief of Police Larry Reik, Detective Christopher Bowersock and

others.

WHERE: Eastlake, Ohio

DATELINE - TONIGHT

DATELINE NBC TO AIR THE OVERLOOK ON FRIDAY

Dateline's "The Overlook" to Air Friday, December 17 at 10 p.m. ET/9 p.m. CT

Two young women are shot and left for dead on a beach in Texas. After one miraculously survives, she is determined to find out who the attacker is. When a young man is eventually convicted, the long road to justice seems to be complete until a stunning twist raises a question - could the wrong man be in prison? Josh Mankiewicz reports.

4th QUARTER 2021 TALENT APPEARANCES

- Charlotte Lab School
- You and Me Furever
- Congregations for Kids
- Magical Toy Drive
- Carolina Metro Red
- Knothole Foundation of the Carolinas
- Wreaths across America
- Windsor Park Elementary
- ❖ Jackson Elementary

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605	10/02/21	3:45:08 XM	1:00	BRK	PRO	Vets Saving Pets	Kids Network	CH70366	AD COUNCIL
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412	10/04/21	3:13:07 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70367	AD COUNCIL
448	10/05/21	3:48:54 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 330-4p	CH70367	AD COUNCIL
423	10/08/21	3:13:54 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70370	AD COUNCIL
447	10/08/21	3:49:18 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 330-4p	CH70371	AD COUNCIL
401	10/11/21	3:10:19 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70369	AD COUNCIL
437	10/11/21	4:12:51 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Local News @ 4p	Local News @ 4p M-F	CH70367	AD COUNCIL
410	10/12/21	3:10:47 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70370	AD COUNCIL
429	10/12/21	3:42:14 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 330-4p	CH70371	AD COUNCIL
539	10/12/21	6:10:29 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Local News @ 6p	Local News @ 6p M-F	CH70367	AD COUNCIL
412	10/13/21	3:08:17 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70370	AD COUNCIL
551	10/13/21	6:11:26 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Local News @ 6p	Local News @ 6p M-F	CH70369	AD COUNCIL
361	10/15/21	1:58:30 PM	:10	BRK	PRO	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives	CH70381	AD COUNCIL
406	10/15/21	3:11:28 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 3-330p	CH70370	AD COUNCIL
428	10/15/21	3:42:02 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Judge Judy	Judge Judy 330-4p	CH70367	AD COUNCIL
447	10/15/21	4: 13:09 PM	:30	BRK	PRO	Local News @ 4p	Local News @ 4p M-F	CH70371	AD COUNCIL
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