

Quarterly Report
January 1 – March 31, 2005

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

Description of Typical and Illustrative Programs

GOOD DAY ATLANTA: “GDA” is a daily program with local and national news, as well as interviews that address topical issues and the people affected by them.
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FOX5 NEWS: In-depth local and national news.
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Wednesday’s Child: The goal of this project is to give difficult-to-adopt children a fighting chance. The Wednesday’s Child program is nationally known and nationally successful in placing children in need of homes. FOX5 News is now taking part in that success with a series of stories, benefiting the kids and the community.

Education

1/5 10pm 0:42

Governor Sonny Perdue has included a pay raise for teachers in his 2005 budget proposal. Under the governor's plan, Georgia teachers will receive a two percent raise in September 2005.

1/13 12pm 0:53

A federal judge has ruled that Cobb County schools must remove stickers calling evolution a theory from science textbooks. A group of parents went to court, claiming that the stickers amount to a government endorsement of religion.

1/18 5pm 2:38

The Cobb County school board has voted to appeal a federal judge's ruling ordering the removal of stickers that describe evolution as a theory from science textbooks. Because of the appeal, the stickers will remain in the textbooks for now.

1/18 6pm 1:46

State lawmakers are reviewing education spending as they prepare the new state budget. After two rounds of spending cuts, an improving economy means more money is available for schools. Plans call for increased spending on new school construction.

1/19 5pm 2:02

The DeKalb County school board has decided not to renew a contract with a charter school in Lithonia. The school has an enrollment of nearly five hundred. The board's decision means the school will no longer receive public funding, and may have to close.

1/19 6pm 0:47

The chancellor of Georgia's public university system says he is pleased with the governor's proposed budget for higher education. The spending plan includes fewer cuts than college and university leaders had feared.

1/25 5pm 0:21

Georgia education leaders say they are pleased with the performance of the state's students on advanced placement exams. The state is one percentage point behind the national average when it comes to the number of students who pass at least one of the AP exams. That is better than Georgia fares in many national education comparisons.

1/26 10pm 0:45

One Atlanta-area school has set a national standard when it comes to one measure of student performance. 26 of the 27 students at Southwest DeKalb High School who passed the advanced placement history exam were African-American. That is the highest percentage of any school in the nation.

1/27 10pm 2:14

Governor Sonny Perdue hosted a town hall meeting with educators, parents and students from across Georgia. He and other state education leaders were seeking input on how Georgia schools can be improved. The governor says he is tired of Georgia's education system getting poor marks in nationwide comparisons.

1/28 10pm 2:04

The Cherokee County school board has held an emergency meeting to discuss a controversy over the name selected for the county's new high school. The board plans to establish a committee of students and teachers to come up with a recommendation for a new name for the school.

2/9 12pm 1:58

Cobb County's school superintendent has proposed giving a laptop computer to every student in the county's school system. The idea has generated controversy among parents, in part because of its expense. But the school board has taken a step toward approving the plan.

2/15 5pm 2:15

A charter school building that burned two years ago has now reopened. Students at the Neighborhood Charter School in Atlanta had attended classes in portable buildings ever since the fire. Parents, teachers and other staff members worked to rebuild the school.

2/17 5pm 2:13

A new student club at White County High School is at the center of controversy. Organizers say the "Gay-Straight Alliance" is intended to promote diversity. Critics say it promotes an unacceptable lifestyle. School leaders say they do not want to spend public money to fight the club in court.

2/21 5pm 1:48

A Douglas County middle school has been recognized as a school of excellence. Chapel Hill Middle School will be one of eight schools nationwide featured in a video recognizing outstanding schools.

2/22 5pm 1:42

State lawmakers are considering new limitations on the state's popular HOPE scholarship program. Under the proposal, students in degree programs that take longer than most to complete may lose their scholarship money before they graduate.

3/10 5pm 2:25

The Pike County school superintendent has been arrested. The superintendent is accused of soliciting an underage girl for sex over the Internet. Peachtree City police made the arrest during what they describe as a sting operation.

3/17 5pm 1:55

Some Georgia elementary school students went to the State Capitol to exert some political influence. About fifty students met with lawmakers to oppose budget cuts in a program that provides foreign language instruction at their school.

Drugs and Alcohol

1/7 10pm 2:16

Clayton County investigators have made two major illegal drug seizures in two nights. In the latest operation, narcotics officers intercepted a shipment of marijuana worth more than a million dollars.

1/10 10pm 2:14

Police officers now have a new way to train for the dangerous assignment of raiding illegal labs where methamphetamines are produced. A computer simulator uses video to put officers in realistic situations, where they could be exposed to potentially harmful chemicals.

2/3 12pm 1:40

Federal drug agents say a successful operation has led to the seizure of large amounts of illegal drugs. Two people were arrested on conspiracy charges. Agents say they uncovered cocaine and twelve million dollars worth of a drug known as ice.

2/4 10pm 2:12

The University of Georgia has implemented a new policy to deal with drug and alcohol abuse involving students. School leaders will now contact parents of students who demonstrate a dangerous pattern of drug or alcohol abuse.

2/10 10pm 1:48

Three men have appeared in court after a raid at a Cobb County home where agents seized more than thirty pounds of a drug known as crystal meth.

2/11 5pm 1:38

State lawmakers are considering a proposal that supporters say would make it more difficult for people to produce illegal methamphetamine. A chemical used to manufacture meth is found in some over-the-counter cold medicines. Under the proposal, those medicines would be moved behind store counters.

2/14 5pm 1:12

Cobb County police have conducted an undercover operation to target businesses selling alcohol to people below the legal age. As a result of the operation, more than a dozen businesses have been charged with selling alcohol to minors.

2/14 6pm 2:12

Federal agents are revealing more information about the discovery of what they call a "super methamphetamine lab" inside a Smyrna home. Agents say the lab in the basement of the home was capable of producing more than ten pounds of meth every day.

2/17 6pm 1:23

State lawmakers are debating new measures to combat the problem of underage drinking. A bill being considered at the Capitol would penalize underage drinkers by revoking their drivers' licenses.

2/22 10pm 2:30

A small-town Georgia police department is using federal grant money to combat the flow of illegal drugs into the metro Atlanta area. Grantville police have seized thousands of dollars worth of illegal drugs in just a few days. Officers have made those seizures during patrols of a stretch of Interstate 85 in Coweta County.

2/23 12pm 1:46

Bartow County investigators have raided what they describe as a large methamphetamine lab. They made the discovery in a home on a busy road just off Interstate 75. Two suspects were arrested.

2/26 6pm 1:57

Angry residents met with federal and local authorities about the recent discovery of a meth lab in their neighborhood. They are concerned about the lasting environmental effects of the drug lab.

3/4 5pm 2:01

Walton County authorities have raided a home they describe as a marijuana factory. Inside the home, deputies found nearly four hundred plants, worth more than half-a-million dollars. Three people were arrested on manufacturing and drug trafficking charges.

3/9 10pm 0:26

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration says its agents have made the largest meth bust ever on the east coast in the metro Atlanta area. Agents searched two homes in the area, finding a million dollars in cash, and 16 million dollars of crystal meth.

3/15 5pm 2:03

Douglas County leaders are trying to help children who were living in homes that police have identified as meth labs. In many cases, those children are placed in foster care after their parents are arrested. All of their belongings have to be destroyed because of chemical contamination. The program provides the children with backpacks filled with new clothes, shoes, toys and coloring books, among other items.

3/23 6pm 2:37

Drug agents in metro Atlanta are searching for two fugitives, after an illegal drug shipment to a home owned by a professional basketball player. Former Atlanta Hawk Jason Terry has met with investigators several times. He is not facing charges.

3/24 10pm 2:04

Police in Monroe have arrested one man in an illegal prescription drug operation that they say has ties to other states. Officers say the suspect lied to doctors he found on-line to get prescriptions, then had them filled by on-line pharmacies. Police say they found thousands of pills when they arrested him.

Racial Tension/Prejudice/Discrimination

1/7 6pm 2:22

A forty-year-old murder case involving the deaths of three civil rights workers is now being re-tried in Mississippi. Georgia Congressman John Lewis led an effort to have the case re-opened. One man is now on trial for those killings, and there was a disturbance outside the courtroom.

1/14 5pm 2:14

Georgia's constitutional amendment defining marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman is being challenged in court. Gay rights advocates claim the amendment was drawn illegally, and should be overturned. Critics say the amendment discriminates against homosexuals.

1/15 10pm 2:46

Civil rights leaders in Atlanta are celebrating the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young was a close associate of Dr. King. Young describes him as an ordinary man who did extraordinary things.

1/16 6pm 2:29

Two nationally known civil rights leaders are using the King Holiday weekend to issue a new call for social justice. Joseph Lowery and Jesse Jackson say people must resist the temptation to become complacent, and instead continue the struggle for equality.

1/17 5pm 2:45

Atlanta played host to a number of celebrations connected to the Martin Luther King holiday. Ebenezer Baptist Church was the site of the annual commemorative service honoring Dr. King. The theme of the celebration, "Remember, Celebrate, Act", challenged Americans to serve others as Dr. King did.

1/18 10pm 0:45

A restaurant chain based in the Atlanta area is the target of a racial discrimination lawsuit. Plaintiffs in several states claim that Waffle House workers refused to serve black customers. The restaurant says it trains employees to treat all customers equally.

1/21 5pm 0:26

Atlanta's city solicitor says he will not enforce a fine against a golf club penalized for refusing to grant spousal benefits to the partners of homosexual members. The solicitor says he cannot proceed with the fine, because he is named as a defendant in a lawsuit the club filed challenging the fine.

1/31 6pm 1:35

State lawmakers are planning an effort to repeal a number of laws still on the books in Georgia remaining from the era of segregation. The measures, known as Jim Crow law, are no longer enforced, but have not been overturned. Legislative leaders are planning an unusual Saturday session to repeal those laws, so families who are at work or school during the week can witness the General Assembly in action.

2/7 5pm 1:54

The Georgia House has approved legislation that would prevent local governments from penalizing private clubs that refuse to extend spousal benefits to the partners of homosexual members. The proposal comes following a dispute between the city of Atlanta and a private golf club.

2/10 10pm 1:57

A new display at the University of Georgia is intended to honor the students who desegregated the school 44 years ago. But some critics are calling the display racist, and they want it to be changed.

2/18 6pm 5:46

A Georgia congressman is talking about the efforts to find justice in the murders of three civil rights activists forty years ago in Mississippi. John Lewis says three decades went by after the killings, before he could return to Mississippi himself. But he says now, Mississippi has more black elected officials than any other state.

3/7 5pm 2:15

More than three dozen demonstrators protested outside a north Georgia high school, where students have formed a club known as the "Gay-Straight Alliance". Some demonstrators came from Kansas to show their opposition to the club. But a group of counter-demonstrators say those protestors promote hatred and discrimination.

3/28 5pm 2:31

Protestors say the organizers of Atlanta's Dogwood Festival are discriminating against African-American vendors. But organizers say the festival accepts applications from vendors of all races and cultures. They say the charges of racism are coming from a vendor who has a history of violating festival rules.

3/28 10pm 2:13

Riverdale city leaders have rejected a proposal to extend anti-discrimination protections to transgendered city employees.

The Economy

1/1 10pm 0:25

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has begun making job cuts that could affect up to 6,900 employees. The job cuts were announced a few months ago, and will be made over the next year and a half. The cutbacks are part of an effort by the airline to cut costs and return to profitability.

1/2 10pm 0:24

A published report indicates that Delta Air Lines is planning to cut fares soon. According to the report, Atlanta-based Delta will also reduce fees for making changes to tickets, and add flights from its Atlanta hub.

1/5 10pm 2:14

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines has confirmed plans to cut some fares by as much as fifty percent. But some industry analysts are questioning which travelers will be in a position to benefit from the reduced fares.

1/10 10pm 2:18

The chief executive of Delta Air Lines is speaking with state business leaders. He is talking about the company's efforts to avoid bankruptcy. Flight attendants at Delta say they have been told to expect more cutbacks affecting them.

1/18 5pm 2:12

Atlanta Gas Light is asking state regulators to approve a rate increase that would cost natural gas customers more than a dollar more each month. The Georgia Public Service Commission is expected to decide on the rate hike in late April.

1/18 10pm 2:45

State regulators have approved a plan to eliminate late fees charged to certain natural gas customers. The Public Service Commission says natural gas marketers may only charge the fees to customers with unpaid balances of thirty dollars or more.

1/24 5pm 0:28

Gasoline prices are going up. Industry analysts say this is the first increase in three months. They say higher crude oil prices have led to the increase in the cost of gasoline.

1/25 5pm 1:39

Hundreds of people living at an Atlanta apartment complex have been told they must find a new place to live. The Highlands at Briarcliff apartments have thirty days to move out. The apartments will be demolished to make way for the construction of new condominiums.

2/1 12pm 2:03

Plans for a new Wal-mart in Cobb County have led to controversy. The company is asking the planning commission to rezone property to allow for the construction of the new store. Many people living in the area oppose the rezoning request.

2/1 10pm 2:15

Many Hapeville residents have banded together to oppose plans for a new development in the city. The council meeting where the proposal was to be considered was cancelled at the last minute.

2/8 10pm 2:13

State lawmakers are considering a proposal that could provide economic assistance to Delta Air Lines. The proposal would cap state and local taxes on jet fuel purchased by the airline. But Clayton County leaders say the proposal could cost the county money it badly needs for its budget.

3/8 12pm 2:15

Machinists at the Lockheed Martin plant in Marietta have gone on strike. The striking workers say federal defense budget cutbacks could be bad for their futures. They have rejected a contract proposal from the company.

3/10 12pm 2:02

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines says it expects to suffer substantial losses again this year. The company says those losses will result from low profit margins, and the increasing costs of jet fuel.

3/15 10pm 0:19

Machinists at the Lockheed Martin plant in Marietta have approved a new contract. Local union members went on strike after rejecting an earlier three-year contract proposal. Representatives of the two sides reached a new agreement shortly after the strike began.

3/25 12pm 1:56

Gasoline prices are continuing to increase. Those prices have reached record levels, both in the Atlanta area and around the country. Analysts say continuing increases in the price of crude oil are to blame.

3/30 5pm 2:03

City leaders say a new development will change the way many people in Atlanta live their lives. Ground has been broken on hundreds of new apartments that are being built adjacent to a MARTA station. The Uptown Square development is intended to promote the use of mass transit.

Health/ Health Care

1/2 10pm 0:25

State health leaders are changing the policy governing who is eligible to receive flu shots. The shots will now be recommended for adults aged 50 to 65, out of home caregivers, and for people who live with those considered high risk. Experts had previously recommended that healthy adults not get flu shots this year.

1/3 5pm 3:02

Volunteer pilots take critically ill patients to get the treatment they need more than fifty times a day nationwide. Thousands of patients need specialized care, but cannot afford the cost of traveling hundreds of miles to get it. The volunteer service known as "Angel Flight" helps those in need, including large numbers of children.

1/7 5pm 1:55

Piedmont Hospital has donated one hundred automated external defibrillators to the city of Atlanta. Those devices can save lives when people suffer heart attacks in public places.

1/7 10pm 2:46

A hospital in southwest Atlanta that has served the community for decades is preparing to close its doors. Southwest Hospital and Medical Center has had financial problems for years. Now, executives say a delay in federal reimbursement payments leave the hospital with no choice but to shut down.

1/10 5pm 2:02

Federal health officials are preparing to decide whether the so-called "morning-after pill" should be sold over the counter to anyone over age 16. The pill has been available in the U.S. for about five years, but only with a doctor's prescription.

1/12 5pm 2:45

The federal government has issued new dietary guidelines for Americans. The guidelines call on people who are trying to lose weight to increase their level of physical activity. Dieticians say for people to lose weight, they need to burn more calories than they consume.

1/25 5pm 2:45

Doctors and dentists have a new technique to help treat nervous patients. The music therapy can reduce blood pressure, lower heart rate, and even help ease pain.

1/27 5pm 2:25

Depression during pregnancy is a problem many women are reluctant to discuss. Using antidepressant medication during pregnancy does carry some risk. But many doctors say leaving depression untreated is more dangerous.

1/31 5pm 3:25

Many hospitals are using robot technology to help treat patients. Robots are common in hospital pharmacies. But now, some hospitals are using robots to deliver medications to patient rooms, and to assist in operating rooms.

2/2 5pm 2:38

A Florida doctor and two other people are facing criminal charges, accused of marketing and misusing a dangerous knockoff of the wrinkle-fighter Botox. Four people were paralyzed after being injected with the toxic drug. Two of them are now recovering in an Atlanta hospital.

2/8 5pm 2:36

Childhood obesity is a growing problem in America. Experts say children are eating too much junk food and getting too little physical activity. Now, some companies that have been blamed for contributing to the problem say they will try to help overweight children.

2/8 6pm 2:19

A Forsyth County man who has been paralyzed will travel to Portugal for a surgery that he hopes will help him walk again. Doctors will use the man's own stem cells in an attempt to treat his problem. The procedure has not been approved for use in the United States.

2/11 5pm 2:23

Thousands of American women die each year from heart attacks. Many of them never make it to a hospital. They are victims of what doctors call "sudden cardiac death". Now, an Atlanta celebrity is launching a program designed to call attention to the problem of heart disease among women.

2/14 10pm 2:48

A new study suggests that flu shots do not save the lives of the elderly. Researchers say the findings show that the nation's strategy of determining who should receive flu shots needs to be reviewed. But experts at the Centers for Disease Control say the research is flawed.

2/16 5pm 2:31

A new cancer treatment called tomotherapy allows doctors to target cancer cells, while leaving healthy tissue alone. The treatment involves carefully targeted radiation applied directly to cancerous tissue.

2/21 5pm 2:12

Health experts say flu activity is now widespread in Georgia. That means flu cases have been confirmed in more than half of the counties in the state. Doctors say patients who get the flu will need from seven to ten days to recover.

2/28 5pm 2:54

Depression is a difficult condition for doctors to treat. Now, new research suggests that stimulating the brain with a device similar to a pacemaker can help patients with severe depression.

3/1 5pm 2:24

Doctors commonly use the drug Tamoxifen to treat breast cancer. But the drug leads to a number of serious side effects. Now, a new drug is showing similar effectiveness in treating cancer patients, without the side effects.

3/3 5pm 3:28

A drug that has been used in the treatment of multiple sclerosis has been withdrawn from the market. About five thousand people have been taking the medication, which was approved in November. Now, critics say the Food and Drug Administration should have done more to make sure the drug was safe.

3/4 5pm 1:53

An imported Asian delicacy is raising concerns about the possible spread of bird flu in the United States. Chickens have spread the illness in three Asian countries. Now, inspectors in several states, including Georgia, are watching for thousands of pounds of boneless chicken feet imported from the region.

3/9 5pm 3:15

Experts have a warning for people about a hidden health danger. More than five hundred Americans die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. Firefighters say warming up your car inside your garage can allow carbon monoxide to get into your house, even if the garage door is open.

3/10 5pm 3:00

Obesity is commonly blamed for causing a variety of health problems. But now, some critics say the scope of the obesity problem in America is being exaggerated. Still, experts say it is a health risk. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that more than half of the adults in Georgia are obese.

3/17 5pm 2:40

Thousands of medical students are going through "match day", when they learn whether they have been accepted into the residency program of their choice.

3/20 10pm 2:12

More than a thousand people gathered for a community meeting intended to find a way to re-open a southwest Atlanta hospital that closed because of financial problems. Southwest Hospital and Medical Center could soon be put up for auction.

3/21 6pm 2:12

Georgia's governor is encouraging state residents to lead healthier lifestyles. The governor says more than half of all deaths in Georgia result from chronic disease, and many of those are preventable. The governor's campaign calls on people to be active, eat healthy, be smoke free, get medical checkups and stay positive.

3/28 6pm 3:20

Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in older Americans. Patients can lose their sight in a matter of months. Now, new research suggests that the condition may be caused by a genetic defect.

3/29 5pm 2:41

A new survey shows that about half of all Americans do not get enough sleep. Doctors say most people need about eight hours of sleep a night to feel well-rested. Those who get too little sleep are at risk of injury, illness and problems in their relationships.

3/30 5pm 3:41

New research at Emory University shows that aspirin can be effective in the prevention of stroke. The research suggests that aspirin is safer and more effective than a commonly used prescription blood thinner.

Homeless/Hunger

1/11 5pm 0:24

The Atlanta Community Food Bank has moved into a new facility. Hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the dedication of the new building. The food bank mounted a three-year fundraising campaign to collect the eleven million dollars needed to build its new home.

1/17 5pm 0:30

The Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless program hosted a dinner for the needy of metro Atlanta at Turner Field. Thousands of people received free meals and other personal services at the event. This is the fifth annual dinner put on by the organization on the Martin Luther King holiday.

3/27 6pm 1:36

Thousands of the needy in the Atlanta area received free meals and other services at the Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless Easter dinner. The program was put on at City Hall East, and involved hundreds of volunteers.

Weather/Disasters

1/1 6pm 2:15

A number of local organizations are leading efforts to collect assistance for victims of the Asian tsunami. Many of those organizations are groups that have ties to the hardest-hit regions.

1/4 10pm 2:29

A DeKalb County doctor is preparing to travel to Asia to help survivors of the deadly tsunami. She wants to do whatever she can to help displaced women and children in her homeland of India. A Cobb County community group is also preparing to ship donated goods to tsunami victims.

1/10 10pm 2:54

UNICEF is teaming up with former President Bill Clinton to help children whose lives have been affected by the Asian tsunami. One primary goal is to restore clean water and sanitation to badly damaged areas, to prevent the spread of disease.

1/13 5pm 1:19

Stormy weather is moving through the metro Atlanta area. Rain fell through much of the afternoon, causing problems during the evening rush hour. The same storm system has generated severe weather elsewhere in the southeast, including a deadly tornado in Arkansas.

1/22 6pm 3:26

A major snowstorm is blanketing the northeastern United States. That storm is causing major delays at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Many flights have been cancelled, and a number of passengers are stranded.

1/27 6pm 1:45

A winter storm watch is in effect for north Georgia. The big threat appears to be icing, which could lead to problems on the roads and with power lines.

1/28 12pm 8:45

A winter storm is bearing down on north Georgia. Highway workers are preparing to clear the roads. Electric companies are getting ready to restore power to customers who lose it. And shoppers are buying supplies in case they are stuck inside their homes.

1/29 6pm 5:00

The first winter storm of the season has brought freezing rain, sleet and snow to north Georgia. Icy conditions have forced many roads to close. A number of accidents have been reported, and at least two people have been killed.

2/2 5pm 2:15

People in northeast Georgia are bracing for the threat of another winter storm. Hall County residents are concerned about a repeat of icy conditions.

2/21 5pm 2:10

Severe storms have caused damage in parts of metro Atlanta. Hail, high winds and damage have been reported. Downed trees knocked out power to people in one Cobb County neighborhood, and a nearby home caught fire after it was hit by lightning.

2/23 10pm 1:15

Heavy thunderstorms are moving through metro Atlanta. The storms are producing heavy rain and dangerous lightning.

3/1 5pm 2:15

Winter weather was reported in parts of north Georgia. Very cold temperatures set in, along with strong winds. Light snow was reported in Atlanta and the north Georgia mountains.

3/8 5pm 1:30

Strong winds are bringing very cold temperatures to the area. At the same time, there is a possibility of wintry precipitation in parts of the South.

3/16 10pm 0:55

A cold rain is falling in much of north Georgia. There is a possibility that the rain could turn over to sleet and snow in parts of the north Georgia mountains.

3/22 5pm 3:20

Strong storms have brought rain and lightning to the metro Atlanta area. Lightning strikes have sparked a number of house fires. One of those fires destroyed a home in Grayson.

3/27 6pm 3:29

Two rounds of storms have moved through north Georgia. The first brought heavy rain and lightning in the overnight hours. The second round of storms is causing problems for travelers, and is raising the risk of flash flooding.

3/28 12pm 2:04

Some rain showers are falling, the day after heavy storms dumped several inches of rain around metro Atlanta. Six people had to be rescued when floodwaters surrounded one Atlanta home.

3/31 12pm 7:45

Strong thunderstorms pounded the metro Atlanta area in the overnight hours. The storms caused intense lightning that sparked a fire at a Rockdale County monastery. Heavy rain led to flooding on area roadways during the morning rush hour.

Government Operation and Organization

1/2 10pm 2:56

Governor Sonny Perdue is preparing for the start of the 2005 legislative session. Republicans will control both houses of the General Assembly, as well as the governor's office. The governor is preparing his budget proposal, which is expected to include about 17 billion dollars in spending.

1/3 10pm 2:19

The new Clayton County sheriff has fired 27 high-ranking members of his department. The chairman of the county commission says the action was not only wrong, but also illegal. But the sheriff says a reorganization was necessary.

1/5 12pm 1:54

The state Board of Transportation has voted to postpone a decision that could lead to a Georgia highway becoming a toll road. The proposal would help pay for safety improvements to the heavily traveled highway that leads to Athens.

1/6 6pm 1:50

Georgia's governor is backing a proposal he says will shorten long lines at driver's license offices around the state. The governor's plan includes more than one million dollars to pay to hire more license examiners.

1/7 5pm 1:46

The Georgia legislature is about to convene for its new session. This will be the first time in more than a century that Republicans control both houses of the General Assembly.

1/10 12pm 2:01

The state legislature has convened, with both houses under Republican control for the first time since 1870. GOP lawmakers say they have a plan to wrap up the session in a timely fashion.

1/11 12pm 0:25

Clayton County will soon be taking over the responsibility for fighting fires in the city of Jonesboro. The city council there has voted to disband its volunteer fire department. Supporters of the change say it will save the city several hundred thousand dollars a year.

1/11 6pm 2:11

Governor Sonny Perdue is taking action to put more child welfare caseworkers on the street. The staff of the Division of Family and Children's Services is burdened with increasing caseloads. The governor says he also wants to spend more money to reduce the backlog of cases at the state crime lab.

1/12 10pm 2:58

Governor Sonny Perdue has delivered his third State of the State address to the General Assembly. The governor took an upbeat tone, saying that the state's economy is rebounding from a slowdown. Democrats say the governor should be focusing more on the state of Georgia's families, rather than the state of the government.

1/13 6pm 2:15

A legal fight is growing between the Clayton County sheriff and 27 deputies he fired just after taking office. The deputies were told to come back to work, but refused to do so, because they would not have returned to their old positions. Now the sheriff says they failed to show up for work without a legitimate excuse.

1/14 6pm 1:43

Republican lawmakers say they will move forward with a proposal that could allow the Sandy Springs area of north Fulton County to become its own city. Critics say the change would hurt other areas of unincorporated Fulton County, by depriving them of access to much-needed tax revenue.

1/24 6pm 1:43

Governor Sonny Perdue is proposing legislation that would increase privacy protections for cell phone users. The Wireless Privacy Act would give cell phone service providers 60 days to respond to consumers who revoke their consent to allow their names and telephone numbers to be published.

1/27 6pm 2:15

DeKalb County leaders are planning to install new traffic cameras to monitor roadways. The cameras will not be used to write tickets. Instead, they are part of a plan to improve the flow of traffic.

1/28 5pm 1:40

The governor is moving forward with a plan that would allow faith-based groups that provide social services to compete for state funding. The governor's proposal would lead to a statewide referendum on a constitutional amendment.

1/31 10pm 2:35

Controversy is swirling around the Alpharetta city council. The council voted to censure one of its own members. R.J. Kurey has been accused of abuse and making disparaging remarks about city employees. Kurey has rejected calls for his resignation from the council.

2/4 5pm 1:50

State lawmakers are considering a proposal to extend the period for early voting in Georgia. Advance voting proved to be popular in the November election. But some lawmakers are opposed to the extension of the early voting period.

2/9 10pm 2:51

Eight employees of the Department of Corrections are under investigation for using state computers to access Internet pornography. Those employees face possible disciplinary action.

2/16 5pm 2:21

Pike County government is facing a fiscal crisis, because the county failed to pay many of its bills for more than a year. The new county manager recently discovered the problem. As a result of the unpaid bills, some county employees have lost their health insurance coverage.

2/21 6pm 2:16

A long-running dispute over a proposed pay raise for Atlanta firefighters has come to an end. The city council has voted to give firefighters a four percent pay raise, over the objections of the mayor.

2/25 6pm 1:25

State lawmakers are considering a proposal that would allow the state government to keep more secrets about the incentives it offers businesses as incentives to recruit them to base their operations in Georgia. But the plan is running into heated opposition from people who advocate more openness in government.

3/8 6pm 1:49

Supporters of the effort to establish a city in the Sandy Springs area of north Fulton County are moving closer to their goal. The Georgia House is preparing to vote on the proposal. It is expected to pass. If lawmakers agree, voters will have the final say on establishing the city of Sandy Springs.

3/9 6pm 1:46

State lawmakers are close to shelving a proposal to allow for more secrecy in government efforts to recruit more businesses to Georgia. But Republican leaders, including Governor Sonny Perdue, say the legislation is needed to create jobs in the state.

3/27 10pm 2:15

More than two weeks after a gunman went on a shooting rampage at the Fulton County Courthouse, security problems remain at the facility. Some doors into the courthouse are secured with nothing but plastic ties at night, because the locks are not functioning properly.

3/24 6pm 1:47

State lawmakers are debating a proposal to require voters to show a photo ID before casting ballots. Critics are rallying at the Capitol to demonstrate their opposition to the proposal. They say it would discourage many Georgians from voting. But supporters say they are trying to prevent election fraud.

3/28 10pm 2:07

The Fulton County sheriff's department is responding to calls for improved security at the county courthouse, in the aftermath of a deadly shooting rampage. Potential jurors are expressing concerns about their safety. In response, the sheriff's department is posting more deputies in courtrooms where potentially violent defendants appear.

3/30 5pm 2:12

State lawmakers have approved a plan that could lead to the dismantling of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. The change is part of an effort to improve services at drivers' license offices around the state.

3/31 10pm 1:46

State lawmakers are working late into the night in an attempt to wrap up the business of the 2005 legislative session. One of the issues holding up plans for adjournment is a dispute over proposed ethics reform legislation. One issue that has been settled is a proposed statewide smoking ban. Lawmakers accepted a compromise that includes exemptions for bars and restaurants.

Crime/Violence

1/3 5pm 2:00

DeKalb County police are searching for the gunman involved in an early-morning shooting along Interstate 20. The victim says he was driving when another car pulled alongside and the people inside that car opened fire.

1/4 5pm 2:26

Fayette County investigators have arrested a suspect in a two-year-old double murder case. The suspect is a friend of the two victims who had been shot to death.

1/5 5pm 2:19

A grand jury is hearing evidence in the case against a Dacula dentist accused of killing his wife. Police have described Barton Corbin as the prime suspect in the death of Jennifer Corbin.

1/6 5pm 2:19

Atlanta police are searching for the person who shot and killed a 15-year-old boy. The victim was found dead in a subdivision still under construction in southeast Atlanta.

1/7 5pm 2:00

The suspects in the shooting death of a newspaper carrier have appeared in court. Police have not revealed a possible motive in the attack. There is no indication that the victim knew any of the people accused of killing him.

1/7 10pm 2:15

Investigators say a fire that destroyed an Athens home may be a case of arson. Investigators say the family involved in this case lost just about everything in another fire that happened just four months ago.

1/8 10pm 2:34

Police have arrested a suspect in the death of a homeless Riverdale woman. Officers say a major break in their investigation came at a vigil in memory of the victim.

1/9 10pm 2:20

Police are looking for a killer after the murder of an Acworth woman. Officers are searching for a car they believe was stolen from the victim's home.

1/10 5pm 2:30

A tow truck driver accused in a hit and run accident that killed a young boy has been denied bond. Prosecutors say the suspect has a history of convictions for driving with a suspended license.

1/11 6pm 1:35

A high school coach is in jail on charges of sexually assaulting one of his players. The former girls' basketball coach at Bowdon High School is expected to have a bond hearing soon.

1/12 10pm 2:24

Investigators say an apparent case of road rage in Coweta County ended with one driver in the hospital, and another in jail. Officers say one driver cut off another at an intersection, and then stopped to apologize, only to be stabbed.

1/14 5pm 2:20

A young boy accused of strangling an eight-year-old Carroll County girl has appeared at a Juvenile Court hearing. Lawyers for the boy want the case against him to be thrown out.

1/17 6pm 1:45

A teenager has been shot at a Gwinnett County home. Police are trying to determine the circumstances that led to the shooting at a home in Buford.

1/20 6pm 2:00

Cobb County police are searching for two people after a Pebblebrook High School student was raped while walking away from the school. Police say the attack happened during daylight hours.

1/24 5pm 2:20

A man accused of killing four people and kidnapping three children has appeared in court. Jerry Jones shot himself just before his capture nearly a year ago. He does not have a lawyer, and no trial date has been set in his case.

1/25 10pm 2:33

Police say an attempted robbery led to gunfire inside a small store in Oglethorpe County. Officers say the two store owners shot two would-be teenage robbers. The owners say they would have been killed, if they had not defended themselves.

1/27 5pm 2:11

A Cobb County woman has told police she was sexually assaulted inside her own apartment. Now, police are searching for her attacker.

1/28 5pm 2:23

A man convicted of raping six women has been sentenced to ten life sentences. Defense attorneys say they are making plans to appeal the man's conviction.

2/1 5pm 2:06

Cobb County police are reviewing surveillance videotape as they investigate an assault in a mall parking lot. A teenager was attacked outside Towne Center Mall.

2/1 5pm 2:22

A Henry County woman has pleaded guilty to trying to hire a hit man to kill her husband. An undercover agent posed as a hit man to develop a case against the woman.

2/3 6pm 2:39

Police have released a videotape of their interview with a woman who admitted beating her own mother with a hammer. The woman says she snapped during a visit with her parents. She blames her actions in part on an abusive childhood.

2/4 5pm 1:52

Clayton County police are investigating a deadly shooting in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant. The victim was shot three times following an argument. The accused gunman is in custody.

2/6 10pm 1:57

Investigators in Lumpkin County have arrested the husband of a woman who has been missing for more than a decade. The man was arrested after the discovery of skeletal remains believed to be those of the missing woman. Her relatives have long suspected that her husband was responsible for her disappearance.

2/8 5pm 2:15

A man accused of hiring a hit man to kill his socialite wife has appeared in court in Fulton County. James Sullivan was a fugitive for years following the killing of his wife Lita. He was ultimately arrested in Thailand.

2/10 5pm 1:48

A new defendant has appeared in court in connection with corruption charges against Georgia's former state school superintendent Linda Schrenko. Schrenko is about to be arraigned on charges of diverting federal education funds to her unsuccessful campaign for governor.

2/10 10pm 2:16

Clayton County police say a young boy was shot and killed by a robber who forced his way into the boy's home. Officers say the shooting in Forest Park followed an attempt to steal tax refund money from the victim's family.

2/11 5pm 2:15

A man appeared in court, prepared to plead guilty to charges of attacking a girl with a hammer inside a Gwinnett County school. But the man's attorney withdrew his guilty plea, after the defendant told the judge that voices in his head told him to kill.

2/11 10pm 2:06

People in a small Fulton County town are watching out for a group of men wanted in a series of home invasions. Drawings of the suspects have been posted throughout the town of Palmetto.

2/12 10pm 1:53

Police in Clayton County are searching for at least one person in an apparent drug-related gun battle. Investigators have arrested two teenagers after a chase that followed the shootout.

2/16 10pm 2:29

A Gainesville family is offering a reward for information, after a loved one was shot during a robbery at his appliance store. Police say they have few clues in the shooting.

2/19 6pm 2:18

An elderly Lawrenceville man was shot and killed during an apparent home invasion. Police say the homeowner tried to fight back against his attacker. His wife was in the home at the time, but was not injured.

2/24 12pm 1:28

A Coweta County woman was robbed and raped while she worked at an apartment complex. Police have not made an arrest in her assault.

2/25 5pm 2:15

Federal authorities are trying to catch up with a group of people they describe as a robbing crew. Agents say the group has been responsible for dozens of restaurant robberies across north Georgia in the last two years.

2/25 5pm 2:17

A Douglas County sheriff's deputy was shot and killed while trying to serve an arrest warrant. Deputies say the officer was killed by the stepfather of the man he was attempting to arrest.

2/28 5pm 2:15

Police in Gwinnett County are investigating the deaths of an elderly brother and sister who lived in the same home. Authorities are describing the deaths of the two as suspicious.

3/2 12pm 2:01

A man has been arrested and charged with shooting and killing his wife outside a nursing home in Barnesville. Police say the victim worked at the nursing home, and the shooting apparently resulted from a domestic dispute.

3/3 6pm 2:17

Two men are facing murder charges after the deaths of two people on a roadside in rural Haralson County. Investigators say the suspects lured the victims to the isolated area where they were shot to death.

3/11 9am 10:00:00

A gunman went on a shooting spree inside the Fulton County courthouse. Three people were killed, including a judge, a court reporter and a sheriff's deputy. The suspected gunman is a man who was on trial for rape. Investigators say he overpowered a deputy and got hold of her gun. He ran from the courthouse, carjacked several vehicles and escaped, leading to a citywide manhunt.

3/12 10pm 10:00

The suspect in a courthouse shooting rampage has been captured in Gwinnett County. Brian Nichols is accused of killing four people. He was arrested following a tip from a woman who police say was held hostage by the suspect, then let go.

3/15 12pm 2:25

The man accused in the Fulton County courthouse shootings has appeared in court for the first time since his arrest. Brian Nichols has not been formally charged in connection with the courthouse killings. Instead, he is being held on the rape charges for which he was on trial at the time of the shooting rampage.

3/23 12pm 2:08

DeKalb County police say a man escaped after the robbery of an armored truck. This is the second time in a week that an armored truck from the same company has been the target of robbers.

3/27 6pm 2:08

Forest Park police have arrested three suspects in a murder at an apartment complex. Police say the killing happened during a party at the apartments. The suspects include a postal worker, a high school student and a juvenile.

Family/Youth/Student

1/3 5pm 2:21

Two teenagers were killed and four others injured in a crash in DeKalb County. Investigators believe high speed was a factor in the crash.

1/8 6pm 2:17

A high school wrestling coach and his son who were shot to death during a home invasion have been honored at their school. DeKalb County's high school wrestling tournament has been named in honor of the coach, Bill Venable.

1/14 5pm 2:10

A science and technology museum designed for children has closed its doors. Now, everything inside the SciTrek museum is being sold at auction.

1/14 5pm 2:34

Children who are unusually short often experience emotional problems, because they have difficulty interacting with other young people. Now, more of those children are using growth hormones to get taller. That trend has some ethicists concerned.

1/14 10pm 2:11

Some local families who have loved ones serving in Iraq have been able to talk to them, using computer and satellite technology. The free calls are being donated to families who otherwise would have little contact with their loved ones overseas.

1/18 5pm 0:36

A Cobb County school is the first in the state to receive the designation of "heart-safe". The school has an automated external defibrillator, and people who have been trained to use it in medical emergencies.

1/19 5pm 2:18

Grief counselors have been made available to students at a Hall County high school, following a crash that killed two teenagers and left a third badly injured. All three of the crash victims had attended Flowery Branch High School in the last couple of years.

1/21 5pm 2:29

Investigators have new clues in the search for a missing Florida boy. A car belonging to a man suspected of kidnapping the boy has been discovered in north Georgia.

1/21 5pm 2:22

Clayton County police have arrested eleven students in connection with a school brawl that was caught on videotape. Investigators say at least twenty students were involved in the fight. All the students involved also face possible school disciplinary action.

1/24 5pm 1:47

A family is raising money for cancer treatments for a 14-year-old girl by selling engraved bracelets. The girl has a rare form of the disease.

1/25 10pm 2:16

A metro Atlanta family is hoping that a loved one who has been missing for a week will be found safe. The missing woman was last seen on her houseboat. Police say they have no reason to believe foul play is involved in the woman's disappearance.

1/26 6pm 1:48

State lawmakers are involved in an effort to tighten restrictions on teen drivers in Georgia. The proposal would put new limits on the number of passengers in cars driven by young people.

1/27 6pm 2:20

Police have new information about a crash near an Atlanta high school that left several teenagers injured. Officers say an SUV crashed through a fence before landing on its roof. The vehicle had been stolen from its owner shortly before the crash.

2/1 5pm 0:29

A number of students involved in the "Semester at Sea" program had a scare when their ship ran into some rough water. A large wave tossed the ship around, and left some students injured.

2/1 10pm 2:17

Some state lawmakers are calling for the installation of traffic cameras in school zones, after a recent test caught a number of people speeding through the area near an Atlanta school.

2/2 10pm 2:05

Georgia lawmakers are considering more ideas to tighten restrictions on teenage drivers. One proposal would give parents the right to suspend their own child's license to drive.

2/5 10pm 2:06

More than a million students took the SAT college entrance exam last year; fewer than a thousand managed a perfect score. One of those is a Cobb County student.

2/7 5pm 1:53

The cafeteria at one Atlanta high school now offers vegetarian meals to students. School officials say if the meals prove popular, the vegetarian meals could be offered at more schools in the area.

2/18 10pm 0:46

Lawmakers are considering a proposal that would require 16-year-olds in Georgia to complete a driver's education course before receiving a driver's license. Teens who do not complete driver's education would not be allowed to get a license until age 17.

2/20 10pm 2:07

A Hall County family is hoping for the safe return of a missing man. Sheriff's deputies are asking for the public's help in locating the man. He disappeared after leaving for a short trip to a store near his Gainesville home.

2/28 6pm 2:27

Two 14-year-old students from Rome have been found dead after they disappeared during a kayaking trip to the Gulf of Mexico. The bodies of the teens were found alongside their overturned kayak, after they were separated from other students on the school trip.

3/19 10pm 1:29

Some juvenile offenders in DeKalb County are part of a new program designed to teach them to give back to the community. The teens spent hours cleaning up graffiti in one neighborhood.

Wednesday's Child

1/2 10pm 1:53

Repeat: Zachary at Malibu Grand Prix.

1/05 6pm 2:56

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

15-year-old Tiesha has her eyes on a cosmetology career... she gets some hands-on experience in beauty when we take her to the Salon at Castleberry.

1/09 10pm 2:56

Repeat: Tiesha at the Salon at Castleberry.

1/12 6pm 2:41

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

Sisters Bianca and Ashley put their creativity into high gear... making colorful mosaic tiles.

1/16 10pm 2:41

Repeat: Bianca and Ashley make mosaic tiles.

1/19 6pm 3:00

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins Quint, J.J., and Missy for a VIP tour of popular Atlanta radio station Hot 107.9.

1/23 10pm 3:00

Repeat: Quint, J.J., and Missy at Hot 107.9.

1/26 6pm 2:35

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

Belinda reaches new heights with her favorite activity... jumping on a trampoline.

1/30 10pm 2:35

Repeat: Belinda jumps on a big trampoline.

2/02 6pm 4:20

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis reunites with brothers Chris and Lennord. More than one year after we first featured them... they're still waiting for parents, and growing older in foster care.

2/06 10pm 4:20

Repeat: Chris and Lennord still wait for a family.

2/09 6pm 2:30

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis joins aspiring artist Sandra for an up-close look at Vincent Van Gogh's masterpieces, at Atlanta's High Museum of Art.

2/13 10pm 2:30

Repeat: Sandra sees Van Gogh's masterpieces.

2/16 6pm 2:30

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis and Brad head to The Little Gym for gymnastics fun.

2/20 10pm 2:30

Repeat: Brad at The Little Gym.

2/23 6pm 2:00

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

Randy learns the challenging new sport of racquetball... and he's looking like a pro in no time.

2/27 10pm 2:00

Repeat: Randy learns to play racquetball.

3/2 6pm 2:23

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis and Quan kick things into high gear during his first karate lesson.

3/6 10pm 2:23

Repeat: Quan takes a karate lesson.

3/9 6pm 2:30

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda joins sisters Annette and Lanette to meet a boxing legend - Laila Ali!

3/13 10pm 2:30

Repeat: Annette and Lanette meet Laila Ali.

3/16 6pm 2:46

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis and train-enthusiast Tristan ride the rails at the Southeastern Railway Museum.

3/20 10pm 2:46

Repeat: Tristan at the Southeastern Railway Museum.

3/23 6pm 1:55

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis hits the bowling lanes with brothers Eric and Chad at U.S. Play, hoping they win the big prize -- a loving family.

3/27 10pm 1:55

Repeat: Eric and Chad at U.S. Play.

3/30 6pm 3:00

Wednesday's Child: featuring children available for adoption.

FOX5 anchor Amanda Davis and Justin jump at the chance to check out the Fernbank Museum's newest exhibit, "Frogs: A Chorus of Colors."

Community Affairs-Issue-Oriented Community Projects

January – March 2005

JANUARY

Project Overcoat

An annual coat and blanket drive for homeless and needy families. Over 55 agencies serving this population signed up as recipients as distribution sources for their clients. Eight public housing communities participated in this year's drive. More than 12,000 items of clothes for men, women, and children were collected. Donations were slower during the initial four days of the drive resulting in fewer items. The drive was extended over the weekend resulting in larger donations.

FOX5 produced and aired PSAs, provided on-air live mentions during news and weathercasts and the morning show. Key partners included Lowe's Home Improvement stores, The Atlanta Union Mission, Metro Atlanta United Way, Radio Station 104.7 and Federal Express.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Commemorative Service

This year and including the past 37 years FOX5 has provided a live broadcast of this annual Community Service. The program commemorates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speakers and commentators from all walks of life participate in acknowledgement of King's work and ideals.

The broadcast, presented direct from Ebenezer Baptist Church, consist of 2 ½ hours of live programming hosted by FOX5 News Anchor Amanda Davis. Participants and attendees include, national and international dignitaries, civic, business, government and religious leaders.

CareForce - Tsunami Relief

In response to the Tsunami Disaster, through CareForce the station's Community Emergency Response Plan, FOX5 partnered with the American Red Cross and Publix Super Markets to raised over \$195, 177.00 for victims affected by the powerful earthquake that shook the island of Sumatra.

In addition to continuous PSA announcements urging the community to donate funds at their local Publix Super Markets, FOX5 also provided appearances on Good Day Atlanta morning show and conducted live cut-ins at the donation sites during weather and newscasts.

Issue –oriented PSAs

Mentoring

In recognition of National Mentoring Month, FOX5 aired a PSA schedule focusing on the importance of mentoring. The campaign encouraged individuals to make a positive difference in the life of a child.

Drunk Driving

Georgia continues to see elevated incidences of highway related deaths especially among youth and young adults most of which are alcohol and drug related. FOX5 produced and aired a PSA schedule to raise awareness of driving responsibly.

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

In recognition of excellence in Education, FOX5 produced and aired a series of vignettes featuring African American Presidents of metro Atlanta colleges and universities. Featured were Spelman College, Atlanta Technical College, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Perimeter College, Morehouse College, and Morris Brown College.

The individuals featured shared how they overcame barriers in striving for a quality education and their commitment to shape future leaders through their respective schools.

Atlanta is renowned as a cultural magnet in attracting students and academicians seeking to achieve academic excellence from its quality schools.

Issue-oriented PSAs

Diabetes

To help focus on the health crisis and the incidence of diabetes-related deaths in Georgia, FOX5 aired a PSA schedule featuring FOX Sports announcer, James Brown, to encourage frequent checks for diabetes.

Fatherhood

Based on research indicating that fatherlessness correlates closely with crime, educational problems and adolescent difficulties, FOX5 aired PSAs to help raise the awareness of the importance of parental involvement in a child's early life.

MARCH

Issue-Oriented PSA

Education

Aired PSA sponsored by the National PTA encouraging parents to find simple ways to become actively involved in their child's school.

Jr. Achievement of Atlanta – Groundhog Shadow Day

In partnership with Jr. Achievement of Atlanta the station participates in Groundhog Shadow Day which provides a half day of learning and mentoring for high school students.

This year twenty students from Meadowcreek High School spent a half day shadowing FOX5 staff in various departments including, Operations, Engineering, News, Programming, Sales & Marketing, Accounting and Traffic. The employee-mentors shared with the students unique aspects of their jobs while providing valuable information regarding job and career success.

The day ended with lunch for the students where they were able to debrief their experiences and pose questions. The day concluded with comments from the station's Vice President & General Manager.