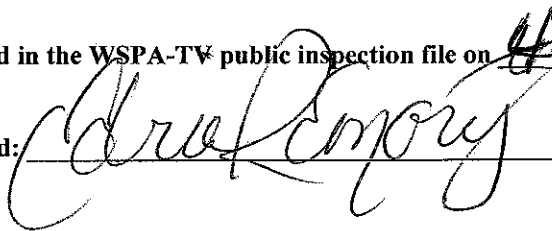


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1st Quarter 2013
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**Covering the period beginning January 1, 2013
Ending March 31, 2013**

**Media General Communications Holdings, LLC
WSPA-TV, SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Station WSPA-TV is a CBS Network affiliate in its service area. In carrying out its responsibilities as a public trustee the station deals with and is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community on a continuing basis. A variety of specials, public service announcements, public affairs programs and broadcasts on matters of concern to our community are supplemented, in some cases, with in-community projects.

Our most significant programming which has dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period are set forth below.

ATTACHMENT A

DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following programs are locally produced live programs that present a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related stories and segments. The issue responsive program segments are usually two minutes in duration, unless otherwise noted

| <u>PROGRAM</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 7 On Your Side DAYBREAK @ 5am, 5:30am & 6am | Monday - Friday | 5:00 - 7:00am |
| 7 On Your Side @ NOON | Monday - Friday | 12:00-12:30pm |
| 7 On Your Side @ 5 | Monday -Friday | 5:00 - 5:30pm |
| 7 On Your Side @ 5:30 | Monday-Friday | 5:30 - 6:00pm |
| 7 On Your Side @ 6 | Monday- Sunday | 6:00 - 6:30pm |
| 7 On Your Side @ 7 | Monday-Friday | 7:00 - 7:30pm |
| 7 On Your Side @ 11 | Monday -Sunday | 11:00 -11:35pm |
| 7 On Your Side Daybreak Saturday | Saturday | 6:00 - 8:00am |
| 7 On Your Side Daybreak Sunday | Sunday | 6:00 - 8:00am |

CARING FOR THE CAROLINAS - Once a Month

WSPA News Channel 7 will highlight our community outreach events under one umbrella we call *Caring for the Carolinas*. Each month we highlight a new community service project.

CRIME TRACKER: - Monday-Friday

You can track crime in your neighborhood on our web page www.wspa.com. There's a map where you can type in your address and pick the crime, you can then see how often it has occurred in your area.

MEDICAL WATCH: Monday-Friday 5:00 - 7:00 a.m., 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Medical information provided by area hospitals and medical centers that airs three times a week as a mini-feature in the 5 PM News program. Viewers can get additional information by logging on www.wspa.com.

PROBLEM SOLVER AND COMMUNITY WATCHDOG: Monday – Friday All Newscasts

A program designed to help people in the community with problems they have tried to resolve on their own, but with little to no results, News Channel 7 identifies the problem and helps that person get resolution to their problem.

PET OF THE WEEK: Mondays 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Weekly news series focusing on pet healthcare and pet adoption.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS Daily Various Times

WSPA-TV broadcasts local and national public service announcements of varying lengths throughout its broadcast schedule. Some of the announcements are part of campaigns on one subject.

VOICE OF THE VOTER: During Elections

The Community is able to email www.wspa.com or call 1-800-207-6397, include their name, hometown and questions for the candidates and News Channel 7 will ask the candidate directly.

CBS news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related stories and segments. The issue responsive program segments are usually two minutes in duration, unless otherwise noted

60 MINUTES

Sundays

7:00 - 8:00pm

This is a CBS public affairs program featuring investigative reporting on issues facing the American public. The program usually has three segments, each approximately fifteen minutes in length.

48 HOURS

Saturday

10:00 - 11:00pm

This CBS public affairs program is an hour-long investigation of current issues with a different topic for each program.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sundays

9:00 - 10:30am

Produced by CBS News, this program presents news and current issue stories as well as human-interest features.

FACE THE NATION

Sundays

10:30 - 11:00am

Produced by CBS, this weekly half-hour program discusses a spectrum of national and international issues.

CBS THIS MORNING

Monday - Friday

7:00 - 9:00am

This daily, two-hour, CBS news program features news, weather, issue -oriented stories, health tips and general interest items.

CBS NEWS

Monday - Sunday

6:30 - 7:00pm

1st Quarter 2013 Issue Summary

WSPA-TV has ascertained the following issues of importance to the viewing community.

Some examples of the ways WSPA-TV used news programs to address issues of concern to the public in its service area are included in this report. Duration of report is 30 seconds to 2:00 minutes.

**GOVERNMENT
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEALTH
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME**

GOVERNMENT

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: JANUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS RETURN TO COLUMBIA THIS MORNING WITH A BIG "TO-DO" LIST. THERE'S ALSO A PUSH FOR NEW LAWS ON COMPUTER SECURITY FOLLOWING THE HACKING SCANDAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: JANUARY 9, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS MAY HAVE A FIX FOR A LAW THAT KICKED HUNDREDS OF CANDIDATES OFF THE BALLOT. A SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVED A BILL TO AMEND THE LAW. THE PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE WORKERS VERIFY A CANDIDATE'S PAPERWORK AGAINST A CHECKLIST. THE CANDIDATE WOULD GET A GRACE PERIOD. TO FIX ANY ERRORS INSTEAD OF BEING KICKED OFF THE BALLOT. THE PROPOSAL ALSO SHORTENS THE MARCH FILING PERIOD FROM TWO WEEKS TO ONE WEEK. THE PLAN NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: JANUARY 10, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA'S TOP COP WANTS AN WELL-TRAINED, ARMED OFFICER IN EVERY SCHOOL. HE SAYS IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THE STATE CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION CHIEF MARK KEEL TOLD THAT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TODAY. RIGHT NOW, MOST MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE HAVE OFFICERS, BUT MOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS DO NOT. KEEL SAYS JUST HAVING A PATROL CAR PARKED IN FRONT OF A SCHOOL IS A DETERRENT. BUT THE VISIBILITY OF THE OFFICERS AROUND THE SCHOOLS IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT THEY DO.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: JANUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WOULD IT COST SOUTH CAROLINA MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS OR CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND MEAN BETTER HEALTH? THAT'S THE FIGHT AT THE STATEHOUSE OVER EXPANDING MEDICAID. TODAY HOUSE DEMOCRATS CALLED ON THE REPUBLICANS IN CONTROL TO ACCEPT MEDICAID EXPANSION THAT'S PART OF OBAMACARE. THEY SAY THAT WOULD MEAN A QUARTER-MILLION MORE SOUTH CAROLINIANS WOULD HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. THEY ALSO SAY EXPANSION WOULD CREATE 44-THOUSAND NEW JOBS. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THE EXPANSION WOULD COST THE STATE AN ADDITIONAL ONE BILLION DOLLARS BY THE YEAR 2020.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM
DATES: JANUARY 16, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: OFFICIALS AT SOUTH CAROLINA'S PROBATION AND PAROLE AGENCY SAY THEY'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING REPEAT OFFENDERS. BUT THEY NEED MORE AGENTS TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRESS. OFFICIALS SAY THE 2010 SENTENCING REFORM LAW IS DECREASING THE NUMBER OF NONVIOLENT PRISONERS. BUT THE PAROLE AGENTS THAT OVERSEE THEM ARE OVERWHELMED WITH ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST CASELOADS. THE AGENCY'S DIRECTOR KELA THOMAS SAYS EACH AGENT HAS AN AVERAGE OF 93 CASES. GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY HAS RECOMMENDED LAWMAKERS FUND AN ADDITIONAL 25 PAROLE AGENTS.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM
DATES: JANUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS REFORM COMMISSION MEETS TODAY TO DISCUSS THEIR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORT. THE GROUP IS LIKELY TO CALL FOR GETTING RID OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES SO LAWMAKERS WON'T BE POLICING THEMSELVES.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **JANUARY 28, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WE NOW KNOW HOW A BI-PARTISAN GROUP OF LAWMAKERS WANTS TO FIX THINGS. THE GROUP LED BY TWO FORMER ATTORNEY GENERALS RELEASED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY. IT INCLUDES 23 PROPOSALS, INCLUDING GIVING MORE POWER TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE STATE LAWMAKERS. PUBLIC OFFICIALS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO DISCLOSE WHETHER THEY GET ANY MONEY FROM PRIVATE SOURCES. PENALTIES WOULD ALSO BE TOUGHER FOR ETHICS LAW VIOLATIONS.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A BILL TO SET UP EARLY VOTING FOR YOU COULD BE IN JEOPARDY. THAT BILL WOULD ALLOW 7 DAYS FOR YOU TO CAST YOUR BALLOT BEFORE ELECTION DAY. IT WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE "STRAIGHT TICKET" VOTING AND MAKE IT HARDER TO VOTE ABSENTEE. TODAY, A HOUSE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED DEBATE ON THE BILL BECAUSE OF WORRIES ABOUT IT. REPRESENTATIVE ALAN CLEMMONS, WHO SPONSORED THE BILL, WANTS TO GET RID OF "STRAIGHT PARTY" VOTING BECAUSE OF WHAT'S CALLED "FUSION VOTING". THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER BILLS AT THE STATEHOUSE TO SET UP EARLY VOTING. 34 STATES AND THE "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA" ALREADY HAVE IT INCLUDING GEORGIA AND NORTH CAROLINA. LAST YEAR OVER 40 PERCENT OF NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS EARLY OR ABSENTEE.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FREE "IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION" FOR A DECADE: THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE OF A NEW BILL FILED TODAY. THE 10-YEAR PROTECTION PLAN WOULD EXTEND TO ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE" SECURITY BREACH. AS YOU'LL REMEMBER, A HACKER STOLE 3-POINT-8 MILLION SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS LAST YEAR. TODAY'S BILL WOULD ALSO CREATE A CABINET LEVEL POSITION TO OVERSEE STATE CYBER SECURITY.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FROM FIGHTING TERRORISTS OVERSEAS TO HERE ON AMERICAN SOIL, DRONES HAVE BEEN THE CENTER OF CONTROVERSY. NOW ONE UPSTATE LAWMAKER SAYS HE'S FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY WHEN IT COMES TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USING UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS TO WATCH YOU. IN THIS NEW 7 ON YOUR SIDE "STATEHOUSE WATCH", OUR RACHEL KENT DIGS INTO THE ISSUE OF DRONES AND PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY STRINGER FROM GREER WANTS TO SIMPLIFY PART SOUTH CAROLINA'S TAX CODE. RIGHT NOW THE TAX RATE VARIES FOR THE FIRST 14- THOUSAND 5- HUNDRED YOU MAKE. AFTER THAT IT'S A 7 PERCENT TAX RATE. STRINGER WANTS TO COMBINE TAX BRACKETS SO EVERYONE PAYS ONE RATE ON THE FIRST 14 THOUSAND DOLLARS THEY MAKE. THAT MEANS YOU SAVE ABOUT 86 DOLLARS A YEAR. GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY PROPOSED A SIMILAR PLAN. HER PLAN WOULD SAVE YOU 26 DOLLARS A YEAR.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY FOUR STATES WHERE RAFFLES ARE ILLEGAL, BUT THAT COULD BE CHANGING. A SENATE COMMITTEE HAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A BILL TO ALLOW RAFFLES FOR CHARITY.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU MAY SOON BE ABLE TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS. A SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE PANEL APPROVED A BILL TO DO JUST THAT TODAY. THERE

ARE THREE IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS THOUGH. YOU MUST HAVE A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, THE BUSINESS OWNER MUST ALLOW IT, AND YOU CAN'T DRINK ALCOHOL. GUN OWNERS PUSHED BACK AGAINST THAT LAST PART, SAYING THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A DRINK WITH DINNER. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: FEBRUARY 14, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: STATE SENATORS ARE WAITING FOR A COST ESTIMATE BEFORE THEY MOVE AHEAD WITH A BILL TO PUT A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN EVERY SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL. EARLY ESTIMATES ARE THAT IT WOULD COST AT LEAST 50 MILLION DOLLARS. THE BILL REQUIRES THE STATE TO PAY FOR IT. RIGHT NOW LOCAL DISTRICTS ARE PAYING FOR THEM. MOST DISTRICTS HAVE OFFICERS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS BUT NOT ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. LAWMAKERS DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: FEBRUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF JUST SIX STATES THAT DOESN'T RESTRICT THE MENTALLY ILL FROM BUYING GUNS. BUT REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE TALLON IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT IN THE WAKE OF RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS. HE'S DRAFTED A BILL THAT'LL MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR COURTS TO REPORT PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO A NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM. ALSO, PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE A MENTAL DEFECT BY A COURT WILL ALSO BE PUT ON THE REGISTRY. HE STRESSED THIS ISN'T ABOUT TAKING GUNS AWAY FROM LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF 12 STATES THAT DOESN'T CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL REGISTRY. AND ONE MORE NOTE: TALLON SAYS THE BILL WILL PROTECT PEOPLE'S PRIVACY AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET TAKEN OFF THE LIST IF THEY CAN PROVE TO A COURT THEY'VE BEEN TREATED AND AREN'T A THREAT TO THEMSELVES OR THE PUBLIC.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: FEBRUARY 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: AS THE POPULARITY OF MOPEDS REVVS UP, OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SLOW DOWN THE NUMBER OF WRECKS. MOPED DRIVERS ARE CURRENTLY EXEMPT FROM THE STATE'S D-U-I LAW. THAT'S BECAUSE MOPEDS AREN'T CONSIDERED TO BE A "MOVING VEHICLE." NOW SPARTANBURG REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE TALLON IS PUSHING A BILL THAT WOULD CHANGE THE DEFINITION, ALLOWING POLICE TO CHARGE A PERSON OPERATING A MOPED UNDER THE INFLUENCE. ANOTHER BILL WOULD REQUIRE MOPED DRIVERS TO WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING. THIS SPRING, TROOPERS WILL BEGIN STOPPING MOPED DRIVERS TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT WAYS THEY CAN BETTER PROTECT THEMSELVES.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON
DATES: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU COULD SOON HAVE A SMOOTHER RIDE ON SOUTH CAROLINA ROADS. A HOUSE PANEL APPROVED A BILL MOVING MONEY FROM THE STATE SALES TAX ON CARS TO ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR. THE MORE THAN 80 MILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO D-O-T WOULD BE PHASED IN OVER TWO YEARS. THAT MEANS 41 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD GO TOWARD FIXING ROADS IN THE COMING YEAR. THE AGENCY SAYS IT NEEDS AN EXTRA ONE- AND- A- HALF BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS JUST TO BRING ROADS INTO GOOD CONDITION.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY SAYS SHE WANT TO RESTRICT ITEMS THAT CAN BE BOUGHT WITH FOOD STAMPS. SOUTH CAROLINA RANKS 8TH IN THE NATION IN THE RATE OF OBESITY AND HALEY SAYS PREVENTING THAT PROBLEM WOULD SAVE THE STATE BIG MONEY. THE GOVERNOR FAVORS RESTRICTING FOODS LIKE CHIPS, COOKIES AND SODAS THAT COULD BE BOUGHT UNDER THE "SNAP" PROGRAM. HALEY SAYS TAXPAYERS SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SHELL OUT MONEY TWICE - BUYING UNHEALTHY FOOD NOW AND HEALTHCARE LATER.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TODAY LAWMAKERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA ARE TAKING STEPS TO MAKE IT HARDER TO GET SOME COLD MEDICINES. A BILL WOULD REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR ANY MEDICINES CONTAINING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, THE KEY INGREDIENT TO MAKING METH. WE TALKED TO JOHN MANUS, A FORMER METH USER FOR TWO- AND- A- HALF YEARS. HE'S NOW CLEAN AND SAYS WHILE RESTRICTING COLD MEDICINE IS A GOOD STEP. HE ALSO BELIEVES DRUG ADDICTS WILL FIND A WAY AROUND THE LAW IF PASSED.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **MARCH 5, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DOES THE SECOND AMENDMENT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO OPENLY CARRY A GUN WITHOUT A PERMIT? SPARTANBURG STATE SENATOR LEE BRIGHT SAYS IT DOES AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU COULD DO UNDER A BILL HE'S SPONSORING. THE BILL WOULD GET RID OF CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS. ANYONE WHO CAN LEGALLY BUY A GUN COULD CARRY IT OPENLY. BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS WOULD BE ABLE TO BAN GUNS. THE STATE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION IS AGAINST THE BILL SINCE IT WOULD GET RID OF THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT FOR A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT - TO HAVE TRAINING.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **MARCH 6, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A PLAN TO MAKE YOU PAY MORE AT THE PUMP. THERE ARE NOW 2 BILLS TO RAISE SOUTH CAROLINA'S GAS TAX. GREENVILLE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY STRINGER HAS NEVER EVEN VOTED FOR A TAX INCREASE. HE'S READY TO NOW. STRINGER SAYS THE STATE MUST RAISE THE GAS TAX 5 CENTS A GALLON TO BRING IN ENOUGH MONEY TO FIX OUR ROADS. AND PICKENS REPRESENTATIVE B-R SKELTON INTRODUCED A BILL TODAY TO RAISE THE GAS TAX BY 10 CENTS A GALLON. UNDER HIS BILL YOU GET THAT MONEY BACK AS AN INCOME TAX REBATE FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS. THE STATE D-O-T SAYS IT NEEDS ALMOST ONE- AND- A- HALF -BILLION- DOLLARS A YEAR JUST TO RING OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES UP TO "GOOD" CONDITION.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **MARCH 7, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NO MORE JUNK FOOD IN SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS. THAT'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A NEW BILL BECOMES LAW. IT WOULD PLACE NEW LIMITS ON THE CALORIES, FAT, AND SUGAR THAT SCHOOLS COULD SERVE CHILDREN EACH DAY. JUNK FOOD WOULD BE BANNED FROM SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES, AND SO WOULD REGULAR SODAS. THE ONLY SODAS ALLOWED WOULD BE DIET DRINKS AND ONLY IN HIGH SCHOOLS. REPRESENTATIVE BAKARI SELLERS, THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SAYS IT WOULD CUT DOWN ON HEALTH PROBLEMS LATER IN LIFE AND WHAT THAT COSTS THE STATE.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **MARCH 8, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A BILL IN WASHINGTON WOULD LET STATES COLLECT THE SALES TAX FROM ALL ONLINE RETAILERS. RIGHT NOW THE STATE DOESN'T GET SALES TAXES FROM COMPANIES THAT DON'T HAVE A PHYSICAL LOCATION HERE. IF THAT BECOMES LAW, A BILL JUST FILED AT THE STATEHOUSE IN COLUMBIA WOULD USE ALL OF THAT NEW MONEY FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE STATE. IT'S ESTIMATED TO BRING IN AT LEAST 70-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

PROGRAM: **STATEHOUSE WATCH**
DATES: **MARCH 11, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: HOUSE DEMOCRATS SAY THEIR NEW PLAN WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO EXPAND MEDICAID AT NO COST. HERE'S THE BOTTOM LINE: THE HOUSE STARTED WORKING TODAY ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, AND THEIR PLAN DOES NOT INCLUDE OBAMACARE AND EXPANDING MEDICAID. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PAY 100- PERCENT OF THE COST OF MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR THE FIRST 3 YEARS. HOUSE DEMOCRATS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE STATE SHOULD TRY IT FOR 3 YEARS SINCE IT WOULD NOT COST THE STATE ANY MONEY.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH
DATES: MARCH 13, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A BILL TO GIVE YOU MORE CHOICES ON WHERE YOUR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL. THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PASSED A BILL TODAY THAT WOULD ALLOW PARENTS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOLS IN OTHER DISTRICTS. THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL SAYS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED. THOSE DETAILS HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. TO KEEP STUDENTS FROM TRANSFERRING TO BE ON SPORTS TEAMS, A STUDENT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY SPORTS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER TRANSFERRING. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH
DATES: MARCH 14, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW BILL COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. IT'S CALLED THE READ TO SUCCEED ACT. IT WOULD REQUIRE ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT READING AT GRADE LEVEL BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE TO BE HELD BACK. THOSE STUDENTS WOULD GET INTENSIVE READING INSTRUCTION TO GET CAUGHT UP. THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HARVEY PEELER OF GAFFNEY. HE MODELED THE BILL AFTER ONE IN FLORIDA THAT BOOSTED STUDENTS TEST SCORES ABOUT 13 POINT IN 10 YEARS.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH
DATES: MARCH 20, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW BILL COULD MAKE NEW RULES IF DOCTORS ASK PATIENTS IF THEY OWN GUNS. ANDERSON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE JOSHUA PUTNAM INTRODUCED THE MEASURE MAKING QUESTIONS FROM DOCTORS ABOUT WEAPONS ILLEGAL. THAT'S IN CASE THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REQUIRES DOCTORS TO ASK PATIENTS ABOUT GUNS. HE DOESN'T WANT DOCTORS KEEPING LOGS OF WHO OWNS GUNS AND WHAT KINDS. DOCTORS SAY THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT GUN SAFETY. PUTNAM SAYS HE WILL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO HIS BILL TO CLARIFY THAT DOCTORS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TALK TO PATIENTS ABOUT GUN SAFETY, BUT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO KEEP RECORDS OF WHO HAS GUNS IF A FEDERAL LAW DOES EVENTUALLY REQUIRE THAT.

PROGRAM: STATEHOUSE WATCH
DATES: MARCH 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A PLAN AIMED TO KEEP THE MENTALLY ILL FROM BUYING GUNS MOVES FORWARD. A HOUSE PANEL ADVANCED THE BILL TODAY. IT ENSURES THE NAMES OF THOSE DETERMINED MENTALLY INSANE BY A SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ARE PUT INTO A FEDERAL DATABASE FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN PURCHASES. IT'S ALREADY ILLEGAL TO SELL GUNS TO THOSE WITH KNOWN MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT THE LACK OF REPORTING MEANS GUN SHOPS DON'T GET THAT INFORMATION WHEN THEY RUN A CHECK.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 1, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT'S NO SURPRISE, 2012 WAS THE WORST YEAR EVER FOR PRICES AT THE PUMP. GAS PRICES AVERAGED THE HIGHEST LEVELS LAST YEAR AT 3-DOLLARS AND 60-CENTS A GALLON. THAT'S UP NINE CENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS HIGH WHICH WAS SET IN 2011. TRIPLE-A BLAMES HURRICANES, REFINERY OUTAGES AND TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. REMEMBER YOU CAN FIND THE CHEAPEST GAS WHERE YOU LIVE AT W-S-P-A DOT COM. SEARCH THE KEYWORD "GAS."

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON

DATES: JANUARY 2, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE NEW YEAR MEANS LIGHTS OUT FOR 75-WATT LIGHT BULBS. UNDER FEDERAL LAW THE 75-WATT INCANDESCENT BULBS CAN NO LONGER BE PRODUCED OR IMPORTED. THE GOVERNMENT IS GRADUALLY PHASING OUT THE BULBS, REPLACING THEM WITH MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS. RETAILERS CAN STILL SELL EXISTING STOCK UNTIL THEY RUN OUT. THE 100-WATT INCANDESCENT BULBS WERE RETIRED LAST YEAR AND THE 60 AND 40-WATT BULBS WILL BE PHASED OUT IN 2014.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: JANUARY 2, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOUR SMARTPHONE MAY HAVE BEEN HACKED AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT. MOBILE EXPERTS WARN SOME APPS THAT SEEM LEGIT CAN INSTALL HIDDEN CODE AND TAKE OVER YOUR PHONE. WITH THE GOOD, THERE IS A DARK SIDE - APPS THAT APPEAR TO OFFER ONE THING, BUT TAKE MUCH MORE WITHOUT YOU KNOWING. THE ONLY WAY TO FIX IT, IS TO DO A FULL FACTORY RESET, WHICH ERASES EVERYTHING ON YOUR PHONE. NOT IDEAL. IF THE APP ASKS FOR TOO MANY PERMISSIONS, OR HAS A "NO-NAME" PUBLISHER YOU MIGHT WANT TO PASS. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR PHONE HAS BEEN HACKED?

- LOOK ON YOUR BILL FOR CALLS YOU NEVER MADE**
- TEXTS YOU NEVER SENT**
- AND WATCH TO SEE IF YOUR PHONE IS ESPECIALLY SLOW OR ACTIVE WHEN YOU'RE NOT USING IT.**

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOUR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS OR YOU MIGHT LOSE SOME MONEY YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT. IF YOU NOTICE CHARGES YOU DIDN'T MAKE, FIRST CONTACT THE COMPANY. THEN CALL YOUR BANK OR CREDIT CARD COMPANY. SOMETIMES THOSE COMPANIES WILL RETURN YOUR MONEY WHILE THEY INVESTIGATE. OTHER TIMES YOU'LL HAVE TO FILE A POLICE REPORT TO GET THE COMPANY TO RELEASE THE PAPER TRAIL SO YOU CAN PROVE YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE PURCHASE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATES: JANUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT'S TIME TO WATCH YOUR WALLET. EXPERTS SAY YOU'LL BE PAY MORE FOR EVERYTHING FROM FOOD TO AN EDUCATION THIS NEW YEAR. ACCORDING TO ECONOMIS, THE FIRST PLACE YOU'LL PROBABLY FEEL THE PINCH IS THE GROCERY STORE. THE PRICE OF MILK AND POULTRY IS EXPECTED TO RISE IN 2013. GRAINS FOR THINGS LIKE CEREAL WILL ALSO GO UP. THE "DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE" ESTIMATES MOST OF US WILL PAY AN EXTRA 40- DOLLARS A MONTH ON OUR GROCERY BILL. OTHER COSTS EXPECTED TO SO: TUITION ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE AND SHIPPING PRICES AT PLACES LIKE "FED-EX" AND "U-P-S-."

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DIANE LEE HIGHLIGHTS THE TOP SEVEN THINGS THAT WILL BE CHEAPER THIS YEAR IN THIS SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE CONSUMER WATCH.

NUMBER 7: STREAMING VIDEO

NUMBER 6: EBOOKS

NUMBER 5: SMARTPHONES

NUMBER 4: SHOPPING ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

NUMBER 3: HARD DRIVES

NUMBER 2: 60 INCH LCD HDTV'S

NUMBER 1: GAS PRICES

SURE, THEY'RE GOING UP FROM THEIR HOLIDAY LOW. BUT AAA SAYS OVERALL, WE'RE LIKELY TO PAY SLIGHTLY LESS THIS COMING YEAR. A FEW MORE ITEMS THAT MAY GO DOWN THIS YEAR: SOLAR ENERGY. THE COST OF PRODUCING THOSE SOLAR MODULES YOU SEE IN FRONT OF B-M-W ARE ON TRACK TO DROP AS LOW AS 50 CENTS PER WATT. THE GAMING INDUSTRY IS ALSO LIKELY TO SEE CHEAP ONLINE VERSIONS THAT HAVE NO DISC BUT OPERATE FROM THE CLOUD. AND MICROSOFT'S NEW SURFACE "R-T" TABLET WILL SOON BE SOLD AT PLACES LIKE WALMART FOR A REDUCED PRICE. FOR OUR STORY ON PRICE INCREASES IN 2013 GO TO WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: JANUARY 7, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY A NEW YEAR AND A NEW RESOLUTION - TO BE DEBT FREE. EXPERT ADVICE TO SET A BUDGET YOU CAN STICK TO IN A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE "CONSUMER WATCH" NEXT.

NUMBER ONE: SET A GOAL: WHETHER IT'S PAYING DOWN DEBT OR SAVING FOR A CAR -- DESIGNATE HOW MUCH YOU NEED AND BY WHAT DATE.

NUMBER 2: CREATE A SPENDING PLAN THAT INCLUDES YOUR MONTHLY FIXED EXPENSES LIKE HOUSING, AND YOUR DAY TO DAY PURCHASES.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE RETAIL GIANT NOW MATCHING PRICES ALL YEAR LONG. IT'S A SALES TACTIC SOME RETAILERS ONLY RESERVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, BUT TARGET SAYS IT WILL MATCH "ONLINE" PRICES OF RIVALS WALMART, AMAZON, BEST BUY AND TOYS R US ALL YEAR ROUND. THAT MEANS IF YOU BUY AN ITEM AT A TARGET STORE AND THEN FIND THE SAME ITEM FOR LESS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AT A COMPETING RETAILER'S WEBSITE TARGET WILL MATCH THE PRICE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: JANUARY 10, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING: DON'T GET TAKEN BY TAX REFUND LOAN SCAMS. WITH A DELAY IN FILING THIS YEAR, YOU MAY BE MORE DESPERATE THAN EVER FOR AN ADVANCE. BUT TAX EXPERTS SAY SCAMMERS ARE BANKING ON THAT. EXPERTS SAY DON'T TRUST AN ONLINE LOAN OFFER JUST BECAUSE IT HAS A COMPANY'S NAME. IF YOU MUST GET A LOAN, DEAL WITH A COMPANY IN PERSON, AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF ALL THE FEES. ALSO, MAKE SURE YOU FIND OUT THE TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DAY YOU GET THE LOAN CHECK AND THE DAY YOU WOULD GET YOUR ACTUAL REFUND. IF IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS, CONSIDER PASSING. WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THESE TYPES OF LOANS AT WSPA.COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: JANUARY 11, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: GAS PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO FALL. THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT IS PREDICTING THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF REGULAR WILL FALL FIVE-PERCENT NATIONWIDE TO THREE-DOLLARS-44-CENTS. THAT'S THE BIGGEST DROP IN FOUR YEARS. FORECASTERS SAY IT'S BECAUSE OF AMPLE SUPPLIES AND WEAK DEMAND. RIGHT NOW THE AVERAGE PRICE HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS 3-DOLLARS AND 21-CENTS. YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND THE CHEAPEST GAS WHERE YOU LIVE AT W-S-P-A DOT COM. JUST USE THE KEYWORD GAS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: JANUARY 16, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING ABOUT A SCAM SURGE. THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS SAYS THIS TIME OF YEAR FAKE DEBT COLLECTORS ARE BUSY TRYING TO GET YOUR MONEY. IF YOU GET A CALL, LETTER OR TEXT, DON'T PAY UP BEFORE MAKING SURE IT'S THE REAL DEAL.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: JANUARY 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NOWADAYS IT PAYS TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN. THE LIST OF DISCOUNTS FOR PEOPLE OVER 60 AND SOMETIMES EVEN OVER 50 IS GROWING. WE WANT TO HELP YOU STAY ON TOP OF HOW YOU CAN SAVE. CATHY BAIER-ROGERS DIRECTOR OF SENIOR CENTERS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY SAYS THERE ARE LOT OF PROGRAMS THAT HELP SENIORS WITH BILLS. AT CENTERS LIKE THIS, YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING FROM FREE MEALS TO EXERCISE CLASSES. FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO SENIORS. AND HERE'S ONE YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT: FREE CLASSES AT SOME COLLEGES. AND DON'T FORGET, PHARMACY DISCOUNTS. THE RULE OF THUMB: ASK, AND YOU VERY WELL MAY RECEIVE. HERE ARE A FEW MORE DISCOUNTS TO KEEP IN MIND. SOME LEGAL SERVICES OFFER FREE HELP TO SENIORS FOR NON- CRIMINAL MATTERS. SOME CITIES ALSO OFFER "WORK- OFF" PROGRAMS WHERE YOU CAN PAY SOME OF YOUR TAX BILL THROUGH HOURS ON THE JOB. WE HAVE INFORMATION ON HOW TO FIND MORE DISCOUNTS. JUST LOOK FOR THIS STORY ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, THERE'S A JOB FAIR SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW YOU'LL WANT TO CHECK OUT. M-A-U WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO FILL POSITIONS AT THE G-E IN GREENVILLE. THEY'RE HIRING HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS, MANUFACTURING PROCESS OPERATORS AND WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATES. JUST STOP BY S-C- WORKS GREENVILLE IN MCALISTER SQUARE CENTER. TOMORROW FROM NINE A-M TO ONE P-M.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: JANUARY 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SCAM ARTISTS CLAIMING THEY'LL REPAVE YOUR DRIVEWAY FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST. INSTEAD, THEY TAKE YOUR MONEY AND LEAVE A MESS BEHIND. ONE LOCAL MAN SAYS HE LOST THOUSANDS AND WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T. KEEP THIS IN MIND: YOU CAN CHECK UP ON A COMPANY BY CALLING THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IF THE CONTRACTORS REFUSE TO WAIT, THAT'S A CLUE THEY MAY NOT BE LEGITIMATE. POLICE SAY THESE PAVING SCAMS TEND TO PICK UP IN THE SPRING AND THE SUMMER. LOOK FOR THIS STORY ON WSPA.COM WITH MORE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATES: JANUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE IS UPPING THE COST OF A STAMP BY A PENNY TO 46-CENTS FOR A LETTER AND 33-CENTS FOR A POSTCARD. THE CHANGE TAKES EFFECT THIS SUNDAY. IF IT SEEMS LIKE THE PRICE OF STAMPS JUST WENT UP RECENTLY, YOU'RE NOT FAR OFF. IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK WHEN WE SAW THE LAST ONE-CENT BUMP.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: JANUARY 23, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NO ONE SAID PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT WOULD BE EASY, BUT KNOWING THE RULES BEHIND SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS CAN HELP YOU MAXIMIZE THOSE CHECKS WHEN YOU GO TO CASH IN. FINANCIAL PLANNER BEAU SHULER SAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO INCREASE YOUR PAYMENT IS WORK AT LEAST 35 YEARS. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO BOOST YOUR SALARY, WHETHER IT'S ASKING FOR A RAISE OR TAKING A SECOND JOB CAN HELP ELEVATE THAT AVERAGE. YOUR CHECK WILL JUMP BY 8% FOR SEVERAL YEARS IF YOU WAIT TO UNTIL AGE 70. MANY ARE HESITANT TO WAIT UNTIL AGE 70 BUT HERE'S SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND. IF BOTH SPOUSES HAVE WORKED MORE THAN 10 YEARS, BOTH CAN DRAW SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. SO THE BEST STRATEGY IS TO DRAW ON THE LESSER AMOUNT AT AGE 62 AND WAIT UNTIL AGE 70 TO DRAW ON THE HIGHER AMOUNT. AND GET THIS - YOU CAN DRAW ON YOUR SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY AND GET UP TO 50

PERCENT WHILE YOU WAIT FOR YOURS TO KICK IN. THAT WON'T AFFECT HOW MUCH YOUR SPOUSE CAN TAKE OUT. WE HAVE MORE SOCIAL SECURITY BOOSTING TECHNIQUES AT WSPA.COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 25, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE COUNTDOWN TO THE SUPER BOWL IS ON, AND IF A NEW BIG SCREEN FOR THE BIG GAME IS OUT OF YOUR PRICE RANGE, YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CURRENT T-V A PRE-GAME TUNEUP INSTEAD. START BY REVIEWING THE MENU OF PRE-SET PICTURE MODES. FOR FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS, SET BLACK AND WHITE SETTINGS, BEFORE COLOR AND TINT. COLORS SHOULD LOOK VIVID AND REALISTIC, WITHOUT A GLOWING EFFECT. FLESH TONES SHOULD LOOK NATURAL. AND FOR SHARPNESS, RESIST THE URGE TO SET IT TOO HIGH -- EDGES CAN CREATE AN UNNATURAL EFFECT. AND IF YOU FIND YOU'VE OVERADJUSTED SIMPLY HIT YOUR TV'S RESET BUTTON TO GO BACK TO FACTORY SETTINGS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 25, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR HOME OR CAR IS DAMAGED DURING THE STORM? THE SOUTH CAROLINA INSURANCE NEWS SERVICE SAYS FIRST, SURVEY THE DAMAGE AND NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OF ANY LOSSES. TAKE PICTURES OR VIDEO DOCUMENTATION OF THE DAMAGE. KEEP ALL RECEIPTS FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS SO YOU CAN BE REIMBURSED BY YOUR INSURANCE. ALSO DON'T HAVE PERMANENT REPAIRS MADE UNTIL YOU'VE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE TOTAL COST WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 28, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE NEXT TIME YOU SWIPE YOUR CARD YOU MIGHT SAVE MONEY IF YOU CHOOSE "DEBIT" RATHER THAN "CREDIT." AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN VISA, MASTERCARD, AND 9 BANKS, STORES CAN NOW PASS ON THE FEES CREDIT CARD ISSUERS MAKE THEM PAY. THAT MEANS YOU COULD BE CHARGED UP TO 3 PERCENT MORE ON YOUR PURCHASE. THE FEES DO NOT APPLY TO DEBIT CARD TRANSACTIONS. MASTERCARD SAYS IT DOESN'T EXPECT MOST MERCHANTS TO ADD THE SURCHARGE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO DRIVE AWAY BUSINESS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 28, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: VALENTINE'S DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. BUT BEFORE YOU BUY THOSE DOZEN ROSES, WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW COULD COST YOU. YOU COULD BE HIT WITH EXTRAS FEES IF YOU BUY YOUR FLOWERS THROUGH THE WRONG SOURCE. THE "FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION" SAYS BUYERS ARE GETTING DUPED BECAUSE THEY DON'T REALIZE THEY'RE NOT BUYING LOCAL. HOW CAN MAKE SURE YOUR BUY YOUR FLOWERS LOCALLY? FIRST, LOOK FOR AN ADDRESS. ALSO ASK TO SPEAK WITH THE PERSON WHO IS DOING THE ARRANGEMENT. YOU MAY END UP WITH A BETTER ORDER. THE NON-PROFIT "CONSUMERS CHECKBOOK" FOUND THE LEAST EXPENSIVE PLACE TO BUY FLOWERS ARE BIG BOX STORES LIKE WALMART AND SAM'S CLUB. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T DELIVER.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 29, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO CLAIM CERTAIN EDUCATION CREDITS ON YOUR TAXES, THIS YEAR YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT AWHILE. IF YOU USE FORM 8863, THE I-R-S SAYS DON'T FILE YOUR RETURN UNTIL MID-FEBRUARY. THAT'S BECAUSE THE SERVICE SAYS IT NEEDS TO UPDATE PROCESSING SYSTEMS BEFORE THE FORM CAN BE ACCEPTED. THIS IMPACTS ANYONE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE "AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY" TAX CREDIT OR THE "LIFETIME LEARNING" CREDIT. OTHER EDUCATION BENEFITS LIKE TUITION AND FEES AND STUDENT LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTIONS CAN STILL BE CLAIMED STARTING TOMORROW.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 30, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING ABOUT A SCAM TARGETING STUDENTS. CALLERS HAVE BEEN TRACKING DOWN PHONE NUMBERS OF CO-EDS TRYING TO GET THEM TO MEET UP. THEY USE SNEAKY

TACTICS TO BUILD TRUST AND HIT THEM WITH A PLEA FOR MONEY. IT'S A SCAM THAT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE. FURMAN SAYS SO FAR NO STUDENTS HAVE ACTUALLY MET UP WITH THE CALLERS. WE ASKED WHY THE CALLERS WOULD RISK MEETING IN PERSON. OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE SCAMMERS HAVE FOUND IT EASIER TO GET MONEY FROM PEOPLE FACE TO FACE. LOOK FOR THIS STORY ON WSPA.COM FOR MORE DETAILS ON PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM THIS SCAM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM
DATES: JANUARY 31, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ANOTHER SCAM THAT POPS UP AROUND THE SUPER BOWL: TICKET SCAMS. THE B-B-B SAYS TO KNOW THE GOING RATE. THAT GOES FOR ANY GAME YOU'RE BUYING FOR. AND IF THE PRICE SOUNDS GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS. AVOID OFFERS THAT REQUIRE WIRE TRANSFER OF FUNDS. AND AGAIN, WHEN YOU'RE PUTTING IN YOUR PAYMENT INFORMATION, LOOK FOR THAT HTTPS TO MAKE SURE THE SITE IS SECURE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO CUT YOUR CABLE OR SATELLITE BILL JUST THROUGH NEGOTIATING. WITH GROWING COMPETITION, THE COMPANIES ARE MORE WILLING TO OFFER SPECIAL DEALS EVEN TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS. IF THE D-V-R ADVANTAGE IS KEEPING YOU FROM MAKING THE SWITCH KEEP THIS IN MIND: A ONE-TIME INVESTMENT IN YOUR OWN D-V-R COULD PAY OFF IN THE END. THEY COST ABOUT 400 DOLLARS, BUT YOU'LL MAKE UP THAT COST IN A YEAR OR LESS IF YOU DROP YOUR T-V SERVICE. WE ALSO MET ROBIN UPTON WHO SAYS SHE CUT HER 90-DOLLAR-MONTHLY BILL WITH A 70-DOLLAR A-YEAR APP CALLED "JETFLIX". ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HOOK UP YOUR SMART PHONE OR TABLET TO YOUR T-V. YOU CAN WATCH LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS FOR FREE WITH AND H-D ANTENNA AND THE SIGNAL SHOULD BE CRYSTAL CLEAR.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON
DATES: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FEWER ONLINE TAX RETURNS COULD ADD TO THE COST OF THE BREACH AT SOUTH CAROLINA'S DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. A HACKER STOLE NEARLY FOUR MILLION SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM THE AGENCY IN OCTOBER. THE STATE MADE SECURITY CHANGES. THEY SAY IT IS SAFE TO E-FILE YOUR RETURN. TO HANDLE THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN "PAPER" RETURNS, THE D-O-R WILL HIRE ABOUT 25 WORKERS. ADD TO THAT THE EXTRA POSTAGE, PAPER, AND PRINTING COSTS - THAT COULD COST THE DEPARTMENT AN ADDITIONAL 300 OR 400 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM
DATES: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: 100 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH AMERICANS PAY TO GET THEIR TAXES DONE EACH YEAR. BUT HERE'S SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW: 70 PERCENT OF THEM QUALIFY FOR FREE TAX ASSISTANCE. HOUSEHOLDS OR INDIVIDUALS EARNING LESS THAN \$51,000 QUALIFY. THEY'LL GET FREE IN-PERSON HELP FROM VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS. MEANWHILE, THERE'S ALSO FREE IN-PERSON HELP FOR PEOPLE 60 AND OLDER THROUGH AARP. AND YOU CAN GET FREE ONLINE PREP AND FILING IF YOU EARN LESS THAN \$57,000 THROUGH THE FREE FILE ALLIANCE. YOU'LL FIND THAT INFO ON WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOUR DRIVING RECORD ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT SETS YOUR CAR INSURANCE RATES. A NEW SURVEY BY THE "CONSUMER FEDERATION OF AMERICA" SAYS YOU'LL PAY MORE IF YOU'RE SINGLE, POOR, AND LESS EDUCATED NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU DRIVE. THE GROUP WANTS INSURANCE COMPANIES TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY BELIEVE THOSE FACTORS ARE BETTER PREDICTORS OF LOSSES THAN ACCIDENTS. THE ONLY COMPANY THAT CONSISTENTLY DIDN'T SET RATES ON EDUCATION LEVEL WAS "STATE FARM" WHICH PUT MORE WEIGHT ON YOUR RECORD. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE ENTIRE STUDY ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM UNDER 'LINKS WE MENTIONED.'

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE CATTLE INDUSTRY IS SHRINKING BECAUSE OF A DROUGHT THAT DRIED UP GRASS AND MADE FEEDING COWS MORE EXPENSIVE. JUST THIS WEEK THIS MEAT PROCESSING PLANT IN TEXAS CLOSED AND PEOPLE PRAYED FOR NOW-JOBLESS WORKERS. ANALYSTS SAY PRICES FOR THE CATTLE AVAILABLE COULD CLIMB ANOTHER 4 TO 5 PERCENT THIS YEAR AND GROCERY STORES ARE LIKELY TO PASS THOSE COSTS ON TO YOU.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: PARENTS, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO STOCK UP ON THINGS FOR YOUR CHILD AT A FRACTION OF THE COST. YOU CAN SAVE A LOT OF MONEY ON EVERYTHING FROM CLOTHES TO TOYS. THE "SWITCH-A-ROOS CONSIGNMENT SALE" KICKS OFF TOMORROW IN GREENVILLE AT THE "T-D CONVENTION CENTER." WE CAUGHT UP WITH A SAVVY DADDY WHO SAYS A LITTLE TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP YOU PIN-POINT THE BEST DEALS. BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU THROW IN YOUR BUGGY. SOME AREAS HAVE NEW PRODUCTS AT THEIR FULL PRICE. IF YOU MISS THE SALE CHECK THE LOCAL CONSIGNMENT SHOPS IN THE WEEKS FOLLOWING. THE ITEMS THAT DON'T SELL TEND TO END UP THERE AT THE SAME LOW PRICE. THE "SWITCH-A-ROO" SALE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW THROUGH SUNDAY AT THE "T-D CONVENTION CENTER" IN GREENVILLE. IT RUNS FROM 9 A-M TO 7 P-M FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. SUNDAY IT'S FROM 10 A-M UNTIL 5 P-M AND MANY OF THE ITEMS WILL BE HALF OFF. FOR MORE CONSIGNMENT SHOPPING ADVICE, LOOK FOR THIS STORY ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DRIVE DOWN YOUR RATE AND PUT THE BRAKES ON THAT HIGH PREMIUM. HOW YOU CAN SAVE CASH ON YOUR CAR INSURANCE. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO PUT THE BREAKS ON RISING CAR INSURANCE PREMIUMS, YOU'VE PICKED THE RIGHT MONTH TO START. TAKING A DRIVER SAFETY COURSE CAN REDUCE YOUR RATE BY 15%. AND THIS MONTH ONLY, AARP IS OFFERING THE ONLINE COURSE FOR JUST \$5 DOWN FROM ABOUT \$30. BILL JENKINSON WITH STATE FARM SAYS IF YOUR CAR IS OLD IT MAY NOT MAKE SENSE TO PAY FOR COMPREHENSIVE AND COLLISION WHICH ONLY COVERS THE CAR'S REPLACEMENT VALUE. AND THEN THERE ARE STUDENTS LIKE NICHOLE BIRCH, WHO GET DISCOUNTS JUST FOR HAVING GOOD GRADES. IT'S UP TO YOU TO SWITCH GEARS AND ASK FOR THE DISCOUNTS, SO YOU PAY FOR THE COVERAGE YOU NEED AND NOT A PENNY MORE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 9, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT'S A NEW TREND IN SHOPLIFTING. LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS MORE PEOPLE ARE TAKING "TO SELL" INSTEAD OF STEALING "OUT OF NEED". TONIGHT, BUSINESSES ARE TAKING EXTRA STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T BUYING SOMETHING STOLEN. E-Z MONEY IN SPARTANBURG GOES THE EXTRA MILE. THEY SCAN ITEMS AND TAKE A PHOTO OF EVERYONE WHO SELLS TO THEIR STORE. THEY TELL ME THEY WORK CLOSELY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CHECK THAT THEIR ITEMS AREN'T STOLEN. CUSTOMERS LIKE TOBY PRUITT COME HERE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THIS STORE DOES THEIR HOMEWORK. HE ALSO LOOKS CAREFULLY AT THE ITEM, WHERE IT CAME FROM AND THE CONDITION FOR A GOOD BUY. OFFICIALS TELL US THE MOST COMMON PLACES YOU'LL FIND STOLEN GOODS ARE ONLINE STORES WHERE PEOPLE CAN BUY AND SELL NEW AND USED ITEMS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TO ADD TO ALL THE OTHER THINGS YOU MUST REMEMBER - BRINGING YOUR I-D AND THE RIGHT FORMS - EXPERTS SAY TAX SCAMS ARE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF. BUT WE FOUND OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW SO YOUR CASH DOESN'T GO TO WASTE. REMEMBER TAX PREPARERS WILL ASK FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, NOT JUST YOUR NUMBER. AND EXPERTS SAY THERE ARE SOME COMPANIES THAT DO OFFER LEGIT FREE SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE LIBERTY TAX DOES VETERAN'S TAXES FOR FREE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING WHEN YOU FILE YOUR TAXES: A PHOTO I-D, A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN, AND YOUR W-

2 FORM FROM YOUR EMPLOYER. OF COURSE IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CALL AHEAD TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WE GET A LOT OF CALLS ASKING FOR HELP AFTER PEOPLE BUY USED CARS WITHOUT WARRANTIES. YOU TELL US THEY BREAK DOWN OR HAVE MECHANICAL ISSUES SHORTLY AFTER YOU GET THEM HOME. WE TOOK YOUR CONCERNS TO STATE LEADERS TO FIND OUT IF THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE PROTECTION FOR USED CAR BUYERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. A FEW YEARS AGO, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEVELOPED A MOTOR VEHICLES ADVISORY BOARD TO DISCUSS THE LACK OF PROTECTION FOR USED CAR BUYERS. BUT BEFORE ANY LAWS WERE CREATED THE AGENCY HAD STAFFING CUTS AND WAS ASKED TO TURN ITS RESOURCES TO THE MORTGAGE CRISIS. LAWMAKERS HAVE TOLD US THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE BOARD BACK UP AND RUNNING. YOU'LL FIND INFORMATION ON THE UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES LAW AND HOW YOU CAN HOLD DEALERS ACCOUNTABLE AT WSPA.COM. SEARCH THE KEYWORD: "RIDE".

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SAYS PEOPLE ARE GETTING CALLS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE WITH DUKE ENERGY, TELLING THEM THEIR POWER WILL BE CUT OFF IF THEY DON'T MAKE AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT WITH A PREPAID DEBIT CARD. DUKE ENERGY NEVER CONTACTS CUSTOMERS TO DEMAND A PREPAID DEBIT CARD PAYMENT TO AVOID DISCONNECTION. ANOTHER PHONE SCAM YOU'VE TOLD US ABOUT: SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE A MEDICAID REPRESENTATIVE CALLING TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. ONE VIEWER TOLD US HE HUNG UP AND VERIFIED WITH MEDICAID THAT THE CALLER WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. REMEMBER TO NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE OR EMAIL. INSTEAD, YOU CALL THE COMPANY OR AGENCY TO VERIFY IF THE CALL WAS LEGIT.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE 42- MILLION AMERICANS WITH A MISTAKE ON THEIR CREDIT REPORT. THAT REPORT AFFECTS THE RATES YOU PAY ON EVERYTHING FROM CAR LOANS TO CREDIT CARDS LIKE THESE. NOW'S THE TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR CREDIT. BY LAW YOU GET A FREE REPORT EACH YEAR FROM EACH OF THE 3 MAJOR REPORTING AGENCIES. EXPERTS SAY IT'S BEST TO STAGGER THOSE REQUESTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. YOU WANT TO LOOK FOR THINGS THAT PULL YOUR SCORE DOWN. THAT INCLUDES OPEN LINES OF CREDIT YOU'RE NOT USING AND CREDIT INQUIRIES YOU DID NOT MAKE. IF YOU FIND AN ERROR, CONTACT THE REPORTING AGENCY. THEY'RE REQUIRED TO INVESTIGATE WITHIN 30 DAYS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU PLAN TO CLAIM AN EDUCATION CREDIT ON YOUR TAXES, YOU NOW HAVE A VALENTINE'S DATE. FEBRUARY 14TH IS THE FIRST DAY THE I-R-S WILL ACCEPT RETURNS WITH FORM 8863, THE "EDUCATION CREDIT FORM." WHEN THE FILING SEASON KICKED OFF JANUARY 30TH THE I-R-S WAS STILL UPDATING THE SYSTEM THAT PROCESSES THOSE FORMS. BUT IT WILL BE UP AND RUNNING BY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ACCEPT THE "AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT" AND THE "LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT."

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TEXT MESSAGES FROM SMAMMERS CAN COST YOU MONEY AND USE UP YOUR DATA PLAN. BUT HOW DO YOU STOP THE MESSAGES FROM COMING AND HELP PUNISH THE SENDER? WE'RE MAKING IT EASIER FOR YOU TO REPORT A TEXT MESSAGE YOU BELIEVE IS SPAM. IF YOU'RE A CUSTOMER OF AT&T, T-MOBILE OR VERIZON, JUST SEND THE TEXT TO SPAM OR 7726. YOU'LL THEN GET ANOTHER TEXT ASKING FOR THE SENDER'S PHONE NUMBER. NEITHER TEXTS WILL INCUR A CHARGE. WE HAVE ALL THE LINKS WE MENTIONED ON HOW TO BLOCK SPAM ON WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MISTAKES ON YOUR TAX RETURN: IT HAPPENS MORE THAN YOU THINK AND IT COULD COST YOU. IT MAY DELAY YOUR REFUND OR EVEN FLAG YOU FOR AN AUDIT.

NUMBER 7: HIGH CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS

NUMBER 6: MISSING FORMS

NUMBER 5: WRONG BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

NUMBER 4: BAD MATH

NUMBER 3: WRONG FILING STATUS

NUMBER 2: UNSIGNED RETURNS

NUMBER 1: MISSPELLED NAMES

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE NEW "COLLEGE SCORECARD" IS A "ONE-STOP SHOP" FOR STUDENTS TO CHECK OUT AND COMPARE THE COST OF SCHOOLS. YOU CAN ALSO FIND GRADUATION RATES, LOAN DEFAULT RATES, AND THE TYPICAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HAS TO BORROW. YOU CAN ALSO SEE WHAT KIND OF JOBS STUDENTS GET WHEN THEY GRADUATE. WE HAVE A LINK FOR YOU ON W-S-P-A DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 15, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING FOR ANY OF YOU WHO ARE DATING ONLINE: YOU COULD BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH A SCAMMER AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT. SWEETHEART OR CATFISH SCAMS, AS THEY'RE CALLED, HAVE HIT CLOSE TO HOME. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT NORTE DAME FOOTBALL PLAYER MANTI TE'O AND HOW HE SAYS HE WAS DUPED INTO BELIEVING HIS ONLINE GIRLFRIEND WAS REAL. NOW A WOMAN IN OUR AREA SAYS SHE WAS FOOLED BY A SIMILAR SCAM. SOMEONE CONTACTED HER ONLINE AND MADE HER BELIEVE HE WAS HER PERFECT MATCH. THIS WOMAN AGREED TO SPEAK WITH US IN HOPES OTHERS WON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS WEB OF LIES. SHE ASKED US NOT TO USE HER NAME. THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SAYS BE CAREFUL OF ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO LEAVE A DATING WEBSITE TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION THROUGH EMAIL OR INSTANT MESSAGE. BE CAUTIOUS OF ANYONE WHO SAYS THEY LIVE LOCALLY BUT ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. BE ON GUARD AND DON'T SEND MONEY TO A PERSON YOU DO NOT KNOW WELL.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 15, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED CASH IN SOUTH CAROLINA OR ANY STATE, WE HAVE LINKS ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM. THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE SAYS THE ONLY WAY TO SEARCH YOUR NAME IS ON-LINE. NO NEED TO CALL THE OFFICE. IF YOU FIND YOU'RE OWED MONEY, FILL OUT THE FORM ON-LINE, PRINT IT, GET IT NOTORIZED, AND SEND IT TO THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE. RIGHT NOW THE AGENCY SAYS IT HAS A BACK-LOG OF REQUESTS. SO YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE FOR THE CHECK.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 18, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WE FOUND GAS FOR 3.39 TODAY AT THIS "FAST FUEL" HERE IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY. RIGHT NOW THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR IN THE UPSTATE IS ABOUT 3.51 A GALLON. THAT'S ABOUT 22-CENTS LESS THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE AT 3.73. THE AVERAGE PRICE TODAY IN ASHEVILLE IS 3.72. DON'T FORGET YOU CAN FIND THE CHEAPEST GAS WHERE YOU LIVE ON WSPA.COM. SEARCH KEYWORD: "GAS."

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: **FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FROM SHODDY CONSTRUCTION WORK TO DIVORCE, YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET FREE LEGAL ADVICE STARTING TODAY. IF YOU HAVE A "SMALL CLAIM" UNDER 75- HUNDRED

DOLLARS, YOU CAN GO INTO MAGISTRATE'S COURT WITHOUT A LAWYER. ATTORNEY ANDREW HART SAYS FILING A COMPLAINT WITH "SMALL CLAIMS COURT" IS SIMPLE AND JUDGES ARE USUALLY A LITTLE MORE LENIENT WITH THE RULES.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TAX SEASON TENDS TO BRING OUT THE SCAMMERS. SOME TRY TO STEAL YOUR RETURN. OTHERS ARE THE ONES PREPARING IT. IF YOU KNOW YOU'RE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, TELL THE I-R-S. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS SAYS IDENTITY THIEVES CAN USE YOUR INFORMATION TO FILE YOUR TAXES AND GET THE REFUND. ALSO, WATCH OUT FOR EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES ASKING FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THE I-R-S SAYS IT DOES NOT USE TEXT OR EMAIL TO GET INFORMATION. WE HAVE MORE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF DURING TAX TIME ON WSPA.COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WE'RE HEARING FROM MORE OF YOU WHO SAY YOU'VE BEEN THE TARGET OF A JOB SCAM. STATE LEADERS SAY IT'S AN ON-GOING PROBLEM. RONALD LINDSEY SAW A "SECRET SHOPPER" JOB OFFER IN HIS IN-BOX BUT HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT AT "WESTERN UNION" RAISED SOME RED FLAGS: LINDSEY WAS SUPPOSED TO CASH A 23- HUNDRED- DOLLAR CHECK, KEEP 200 DOLLARS AND WIRE THE REST. INSTEAD HE CALLED THE BANK AND FOUND OUT THE CHECK WAS BOGUS. THE "DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS" SAYS BEING ASKED TO WIRE MONEY IS THE BIGGEST WARNING SIGN OF A SCAM. THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S VIRTUALLY UNTRACEABLE. OTHER RED FLAGS INCLUDE A HEFTY CHECK AND PRESSURE TO ACT FAST.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU COULD QUALIFY FOR A FREE CELL PHONE. IT MAY SOUND TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE BUT WITH A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CALLED LIFELINE ASSISTANCE, FREE REALLY MEANS FREE. WHEN PEOPLE GIVE THEIR OLD PHONES BACK TO CARRIER COMPANIES, MANY OF THEM END UP IN THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION'S LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM USED TO JUST HELP PAY LANDLINE BILLS. NOW YOU CAN GET A FREE PHONE AND FREE MONTHLY SERVICE INCLUDING 250 MINUTES OF TALK TIME PER WEEK. SO ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? YOU HAVE TO BRING IN A PICTURE ID. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A FOOD STAMP CARD AND MEDICAID CARD AND THE NAMES HAVE TO MATCH. IF YOUR CHILDREN GET FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH, YOU QUALIFY, BUT YOU MUST HAVE PROOF. WE CHECKED AND YOU CAN PAY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL MINUTES YOU NEED BEYOND THE FREE 250. YOU CAN ALSO BUY A TEXTING PLAN. IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FREE PHONE. YOU MAY ALSO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED INTERNET ACCESS. FOR JUST 10 DOLLARS A MONTH YOU CAN GET A FAST CONNECTION. AND YOU COULD ALSO BE ABLE TO BUY A REDUCED PRICE REFURBISHED LAPTOP. WE HAVE INFORMATION ON BOTH PROGRAMS FOR YOU AT WSPA.COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 25, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DON'T LET YOUR UN-USED COUPONS GO TO WASTE. YOU CAN TURN THEM INTO CASH! ONE SITE WANTS TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER THAT'S HARD TO REFUSE. FOR EVERY 10 "DAILY DEALS" BOUGHT ON-LINE FROM "DAILY DEAL" SITES LIKE "GROUP-ON" AND "LIVING SOCIAL", 2 ARE NEVER USED. COLLEEN MOORE, WHO YOU SEE HERE, ADMITS SHE'S LOST OUT. BUT NOW PEOPLE LIKE MOORE HAVE A PLACE TO TURN TO SELL THOSE DAILY DEALS BEFORE THEY EXPIRE. IT'S CALLED "COUP-FLIP." THE SITE SELLS YOUR DEAL FOR UP TO 98- PERCENT OFF. "COUP-FLIP" GUARANTEES THE VOUCHER IS GOOD AND TRANSFERABLE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 26, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICIALS SAY SCAMMERS ARE POSING AS LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GET YOUR MONEY. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS. THE SCAMMER CALLS AND ASKS FOR YOU BY NAME. THE CALLER WILL CLAIM TO REPRESENT POLICE AND SAY THERE'S A CASE AGAINST YOU. THE SCAMMER WILL SAY POLICE ARE ON THE WAY TO ARREST YOU, BUT YOU CAN AVOID TROUBLE IF YOU CALL A

DIRECT LINE AND PAY A FEE. AUTHORITIES ADVISE YOU NOT TO CALL THAT NUMBER. HERE ARE SOME OTHER POPULAR SCAMS POLICE ARE WARNING YOU ABOUT. OFFICIALS SAY SCAMS THAT PROMISE EASY WEIGHT LOSS WILL OFTEN ONLY SHRINK YOUR WALLET. ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR VACATION SCAMS. THEY SAY SOMEONE MAY CONTACT YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON WINNING A "FREE" VACATION EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T ENTER A CONTEST, THEN TRY TO TAKE YOUR MONEY. PYRAMID SCHEMES ARE ANOTHER COMMON SCAM. IT STARTS WITH A FEW PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP OTHERS TO INVEST IN A FAKE OR ILLEGAL BUSINESS. THOSE INVESTORS THEN SIGN UP MORE PEOPLE AND THE PYRAMID GROWS.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 1, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IDENTITY THEFT TOPS THE LIST OF YOUR COMPLAINTS TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. THE AGENCY GOT MORE THAN TWO MILLION CONSUMER COMPLAINTS LAST YEAR, COSTING AMERICNS NEARLY A BILLION AND- A- HALF DOLLARS. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REPORTS WERE FOR IDENTITY THEFT AND DEBT COLLECTION, PLUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT BANKS AND SWEEPSTAKES. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REMINDS YOU TO SHRED SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS AND NEVER REPLY TO EMAILS, CALLS, OR TEXTS ASKING FOR PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 1, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU RENT YOUR HOME, YOU PROBABLY REPORT PROBLEMS TO YOUR LANDLORD. BUT WHEN THE PROBLEM IS THESE CREEPY CRITTERS CRAWLING AROUND IN YOUR BED, IS YOUR LANDLORD RESPONSIBLE OR ARE YOU ON YOUR OWN? WHAT CAN YOU DO IF WHERE YOU RENT IS INFECTED? EXPERTS SAY THE FIRST STEP IS WRITING YOUR LANDLORD REQUESTING REMOVAL. A WRITTEN REQUEST IS REQUIRED. IF YOUR LANDLORD REFUSES TO EXTERMINATE, YOU CAN ALWAYS SEEK LEGAL ACTION OR TRY TO GET OUT OF YOUR LEASE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 4, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: LOOKING TO LOWER YOUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT? REFINANCING COULD BE THE ANSWER. IF YOU PLAN TO REFINANCE, BE PREPARED FOR A BUNCH OF CREDIT HISTORY CHECKS. YOU'LL WANT TO PREPARE BY UNFREEZING YOUR CREDIT IF IT'S FROZEN. AND DON'T OPEN ANY ADDITIONAL LINES OF CREDIT DURING PROCESS LIKE A NEW CREDIT CARD. ALSO WHEN SEARCHING FOR LENDERS, BE CAREFUL NOT TO ENTER TOO MUCH PRIVATE INFORMATION ONLINE TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT SCAMS. WE HAVE MORE ADVICE ON REFINANCING AT WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING ABOUT THIEVES TARGETING YOU ABOUT GRANTS. HERE'S HOW THE SCAM WORKS: FRAUDSTERS CALL AND TELL YOU YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE A GOVERNMENT GRANT RANGING FROM 9-THOUSAND TO 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS. YOU'RE THEN ASKED TO WIRE TRANSFER A PAYMENT OR GIVE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT INFO SO THE SCAMMER CAN DIRECT DEPOSIT THE GRANT MONEY. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS SAYS DON'T BE FOOLED BY FAKE NAMES OF AGENCIES THAT SOUND LEGIT. ALSO ASK YOURSELF - DID YOU EVEN APPLY FOR A GRANT? AND A REAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WOULD NEVER ASK FOR MONEY UP-FRONT.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THERE'S A WARNING OUT ABOUT A NEW AND EXPENSIVE TAX REFUND LOAN. CONSUMER ADVOCATE GROUPS SAY TAX PREPARERS AND CASH ADVANCE STORES ARE OFFERING LOANS THAT HAVE A TYPICAL INTEREST RATE OF 36-PERCENT. ADVOCATES SAY THESE LOANS AREN'T WORTH IT. THEY SAY MOST TAXPAYERS GET THEIR REFUNDS IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS IF THEY FILE ONLINE AND CHOOSE DIRECT DEPOSIT. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME TAXPAYERS. YOU CAN FIND RESOURCES AT W-S-P-A DOT COM. JUST USE THE KEYWORD "TAX."

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 7, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NUMBER OF YOU HAVE TOLD US YOU'VE BEEN HIT WITH DECEPTIVE CHARGES ON YOUR CELL PHONE BILL FOR SERVICES YOU NEVER WANTED. IT STARTS WHEN YOU SIGN UP FOR SOME COUPONS OR GIVE-AWAYS. "MOBILE MESSENGER" THE COMPANY THAT HANDLES THE BILLING SAYS MOST PEOPLE DON'T READ THE FINE PRINT. A MAJORITY OF THEM CANCEL WHEN THEY FIND OUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE CHARGED. THE F-C-C CALLS THESE MISLEADING CHARGES "CRAMMING." YOU'RE PROTECTED FROM BEING BILLED FOR SERVICES YOU NEVER INTENDED TO SIGN UP FOR. HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU FIND THOSE CHARGES ON YOUR PHONE BILL. FIRST, CALL "MOBILE MESSENGER." THEY WILL REIMBURSE YOU IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 30 DAYS. SECOND, YOUR MOBILE PROVIDER MAY ALSO REVERSE THE CHARGES. THIRD, CALL YOUR PHONE COMPANY AND GET A "PURCHASE BLOCKER" INSTALLED ON YOUR ACCOUNT. WE HAVE OTHER OPTIONS FOR YOU RIGHT NOW ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FOR ALL YOU SAVVY SHOPPERS OUT THERE, HERE'S THE DEAL ON GETTING DISCOUNTS THIS MONTH. MARCH IS FROZEN FOOD MONTH. ACCORDING TO PRICE TRACKERS AT DEALNEWS, MANUFACTURERS ARE TRYING TO GRAB NEW CLIENTS. IT'S ALSO A GOOD MONTH TO STOCK UP ON CHOCOLATE, BUT AVOID THE HIGHER PRICED EASTER CANDY. T-Vs ARE ALSO ON SALE RIGHT NOW, INCLUDING BIG SCREENS THAT DIDN'T SELL AROUND SUPER BOWL TIME. ONE THING TO AVOID BUYING THIS MONTH - LINGERIE. HERE'S A FEW MORE FOR YOU. DEALNEWS SAYS TRY TO HOLD OFF ON SPRING CLOTHING FOR AT LEAST A MONTH IF YOU WANT THE BEST SALES. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE A KNIDLE FIRE, DON'T BUY ANY APPS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE AMAZON PLANS TO HAND OUT FREEBIES IN MAY. LOOK FOR MORE PRICE TRACKING ADVICE ON WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 11, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: GAS PRICES ARE DOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. TRIPLE-A LISTS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR REGULAR AT 3-DOLLARS 70-CENTS A GALLON. DOWN A NICKEL COMPARED TO LAST WEEK. UPSTATE PRICES ARE SITTING AT TO 3-42 A GALLON. THAT'S A DROP OF 3 CENTS IN JUST A FEW DAYS. TO LOOK UP GAS PRICES IN YOUR AREA GO TO W-S-P-A.COM KEYWORD "GAS."

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 12, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD SPENDS ON GROCERIES EVERY YEAR. BUT YOU CAN CUT THAT BILL IF YOU HAVE A STRATEGY. TRACY BELCHER OF GREENVILLE HAS MAPPED OUT WHICH STORES IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE THE BEST PRICES ON CERTAIN ITEMS. PRICE EXPERTS SAY YOU'LL FIND SOME OF THE CHEAPEST MILK AT DRUGSTORES, AND SOME OF THE LOWEST PRICED CANNED GOODS AND CAKE MIXES AT DOLLAR STORES. IF YOU PREFER BIG NAME SUPERMARKETS, SITES LIKE COUPON SHERPA NOW ALLOW YOU TO LINK COUPONS RIGHT TO YOUR LOYALTY CARD SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO CLIP. ALSO, CHECK UNIT PRICES ON DIFFERENT SIZED CONTAINERS OF MILK AND CHEESE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE GETTING THE BEST DEAL.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 13, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE "FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION" HAS A WARNING ABOUT THE MEDICINE BEST KNOWN AS THE "Z-PAK." THE F-D-A SAYS IT CAN CAUSE AN IRREGULAR HEART RHYTHM IN SOME PATIENTS. YOU'LL NOW SEE AN UPDATED WARNING LABEL IF YOU GET THIS MEDICINE. THE AGENCY NOTED THAT OTHER ANTIBIOTICS IN THE SAME CLASS HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR THE SAME PROBLEM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH
DATES: MARCH 13, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ABOUT 600 THOUSAND TAX RETURNS MAY BE DELAYED THANKS TO A COMPUTER SNAG. H-AND-R BLOCK, THE NATION'S LARGEST TAX PREPARER, SAYS A SOFTWARE GLITCH FAILED TO FILL IN A MANDATORY FIELD ON A STUDENT CREDIT FORM. THE PROBLEM ONLY AFFECTS RETURNS FILED BEFORE FEBRUARY 22ND. ACCORDING TO THE I-R-S, THOSE TAXPAYERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UP TO SIX WEEKS BEFORE THEY GET THEIR TAX REFUND.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: MARCH 13, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A SCAM THAT'S MADE NATIONAL HEADLINES IS HITTING CLOSE TO HOME. THE JAMAICAN LOTTERY SCAM HAS CLAIMED LOCAL VICTIMS. THE CON ARTISTS TRICK THEM INTO SENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OVERSEAS. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS THESE SCAMMERS OFTEN ASK YOU TO WIRE MONEY. THAT METHOD IS VIRTUALLY UNTRACEABLE, SO VICTIMS RARELY GET THEIR MONEY BACK. THE SCAMMERS HAVE ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO FOLLOW UP WITH HARASSING PHONE CALLS WHEN VICTIMS STOP SENDING MONEY. YOU SHOULD KNOW YOU NEVER HAVE TO PAY UP-FRONT TO COLLECT ON WINNINGS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JAMAICAN LOTTERY SCAMS AND A LINK TO THE NATIONAL STORY, LOOK FOR THIS REPORT ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: MARCH 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOUR PASSWORD IS PROBABLY NOT AS SAFE AS YOU THINK. ACCORDING TO THE APP DEVELOPER SPLASH DATA, THE TWO MOST POPULAR PASSWORDS ARE "1-2-3-4-5-6" AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, "PASSWORD." YOU KNOW THOSE FOUR-DIGIT PINS AT THE BANK? 1 IN EVERY 10 IS SIMPLY "1234," MAKING IT MUCH EASIER FOR CRIMINALS TO STEAL YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. MOST EXPERTS RECOMMEND MORE COMPLICATED PASSWORDS, PERHAPS ONES THAT COME FROM ABBREVIATING SENTENCES: FOR EXAMPLE, THE SENTENCE, "THE BEST TV SHOW WAS SANFORD AND SON," WOULD TRANSLATE TO THE PASSWORD: "TbTVswS&S." EXPERTS ALSO CAUTION AGAINST USING ACTUAL WORDS, YOUR BIRTHDAY, OR OTHER NOTABLE DATES. BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE PASSWORD RESET QUESTIONS, LIKE WHAT'S YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, OR WHO WAS YOUR CHILDHOOD BEST FRIEND? THOSE TOO CAN PUT YOU AT RISK--IN FACT, THAT'S HOW SCARLETT JOHANSSON'S EMAIL GOT HACKED. EXPERTS SAY THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF WHEN IT COMES TO THESE QUESTIONS IS SIMPLY JUST TO MAKE STUFF UP--SAY THAT YOUR FATHER'S MIDDLE NAME IS SUPERMAN, FOR EXAMPLE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: MARCH 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE MOST POPULAR SITES TO SELL YOUR STUFF ON ARE AMAZON, CRAIGSLIST, AND EBAY. BUT CONSUMER REPORTS ALSO SUGGEST GAZELLE DOT COM FOR OFFLOADING GADGETS AND TECHN STUFF , OR GLYDE DOT COM FOR MOVING OLD VIDEO GAMES. IF YOU *DO* CHOOSE TO SELL YOUR STUFF ONLINE, BE CAREFUL ABOUT POSTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. AND IF YOU ARE MEETING FACE TO FACE WITH A PROSPECTIVE BUYER, TRY TO PICK A PUBLIC PLACE FOR YOUR MEETING.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: MARCH 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF GAS IS 3-68, ONE CENT LESS THAN LAST WEEK. IN THE UPSTATE, IT'S A LITTLE LESS, AVERAGING 3-DOLLARS AND 39 CENTS A GALLON. EXPERTS SAY AS MORE PEOPLE HIT THE ROAD FOR SPRING BREAK TRAVEL, THE PRICES WILL GO UP. YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND THE CHEAPEST GAS WHERE YOU LIVE BY GOING TO W-S-P-A DOT COM AND LOOKING UNDER THE "BIG BLUE BOX" ON OUR HOMEPAGE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: MARCH 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DUKE ENERGY HAS REQUESTED A RATE HIKE. DUKE SAYS THE AVERAGE CUSTOMER PAYING ABOUT 100 DOLLARS A MONTH WOULD PAY AN EXTRA 18 DOLLARS ON THEIR BILL. DUKE ENERGY SAYS IT SERVES ABOUT 540-THOUSAND HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA. THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE IS NEEDED TO BEGIN PAYING BACK MONEY IT ALREADY INVESTED IN POWER PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING UPGRADES TO THE PLANT IN OCONEE COUNTY. SPOKESPERSON RYAN MOSIER SAID THE RATE INCREASE IS A MUST HERE'S A LOOK AT THE TIMELINE

FOR THIS. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAS SIX MONTHS TO MAKE A DECISION. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE SET FOR YOU TO SPEAK OUT BEFORE THEN. THOSE ARE EXPECTED TO HAPPEN THIS SUMMER. DUKE ENERGY HAS ALSO SET UP A WEBSITE FOR THE PROPOSAL. WE HAVE A LINK FOR YOU AT WSPA.COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: MARCH 19, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MORE COUPON USERS ARE CLICKING INSTEAD OF CLIPPING WITH DIGITAL COUPONS. MAJOR RETAILERS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE VALUE. MOST RECENTLY PUBLIX LAUNCHED A SYSTEM THAT LETS SHOPPERS BROWSE SAVINGS ONLINE, VIRTUALLY SNIP COUPONS OUT, AND REDEEM THE DISCOUNTS AUTOMATICALLY IN THE CHECKOUT LANE. YOU CAN ACCESS COUPONS ON YOUR COMPUTER OR SMART PHONE. RETAILERS DO HAVE A WARNING: BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU DOWNLOAD BECAUSE NOT ALL COUPONS ARE LEGIT. THEY SUGGEST YOU LOOK FOR ONES THAT COME DIRECTLY FROM THE STORE'S WEBSITE OR MANUFACTURER.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: MARCH 19, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE "GREENVILLE NEWS", NEW LENDING RULES KICK IN IN JANUARY. THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU WILL DO MORE CHECKING TO MAKE SURE A BORROW CAN PAY THE LOAN. THE CHALLENGE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS IS TAKE HOME PAY MAY NOT BE CLEAR AND BUSINESS DEBT MAY SHOW UP AS PERSONAL LIABILITIES. EXPERTS SAY PLAN TO HAVE A LARGER DOWN PAYMENT AND PLAN TAXES CAREFULLY SO YOUR INCOME IS SUFFICIENT TO COVER PAYMENTS.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM
DATES: MARCH 19, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE MAIN DANGER BEHIND THE LATEST RECALL MAY ONLY BE EMBARRASSMENT, BUT IT STILL COULD BE COSTLY. LULULEMON HAS TAKEN ITS BLACK YOGA PANTS OFF THE SHELVES BECAUSE THE SHEER MATERIAL REVEALS TOO MUCH. THE COMPANY SAYS IT IS NOT SURE WHY THE PANTS ARE SO SHEER SINCE THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THE MATERIALS BUT IT IS TALKING TO ITS SUPPLIERS. SHOPPERS CAN RETURN THE PANTS FOR A REFUND.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM
DATES: MARCH 19, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SALVATION ARMY OF ANDERSON COUNTY SAYS SCAMMERS GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR ASKING FOR DONATIONS. THE GROUP SAYS IT'S GOTTEN CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY WERE ASKED FOR MONEY. THEY ARE WARNING YOU - DON'T FALL FOR IT. THE ORGANIZATION NEVER ASKS FOR DONATIONS DOOR- TO- DOOR. YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL POLICE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: MARCH 20, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NEXT WEEK T-MOBILE WILL LIKELY ANNOUNCE IT'S DITCHING "SMARTPHONE" SUBSIDIES ALTOGETHER. THAT MEANS NO MORE DISCOUNTED PHONES WHEN YOU SIGN A NEW 2-YEAR CONTRACT AT STORES LIKE THIS ONE. THE IDEA IS THAT YOU WOULD PAY FULL PRICE FOR A PHONE, WHICH COULD BE AS MUCH AS 600 OR 700- DOLLARS. THEN YOU PAY A LOWER MONTHLY BILL.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM
DATES: MARCH 20, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WHEN YOU PAY WITH PLASTIC, YOU'RE LIKELY TO HEAR THOSE WORDS FROM THE CASHIER "MAY I HAVE YOUR ZIP CODE, PLEASE? YOU MAY THINK IT'S NEEDED FOR THE TRANSACTION TO THROUGH. BUT IT'S NOT. TURNS OUT, REVEALING YOUR ZIP CODE MAY ACTUALLY LEAD TO MORE JUNK MAIL AND MORE DISRUPTIONS FROM TELEMARKETERS. SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? JUST KINDLY SAY, "NO."

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATES: MARCH 20, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT SEEMS WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING AROUND THE HOUSE THAT WE ONLY USE A COUPLE TIMES A YEAR. NOW A LOCAL MAN HAS COME UP WITH A WAY FOR YOU COLLECT MONEY INSTEAD OF THOSE ITEMS COLLECTING DUST. JODY BURGESS STARTED THE WEBSITE "LENDLOCKED" AFTER HEARING ABOUT CITY'S BIKE SHARING PROGRAM. HE EXPANDED ON THAT IDEA AND STARTED THE SITE. YOU CAN POST THE ITEMS YOU'RE WILLING TO LEND. PEOPLE CAN PAY A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND A SMALL FEE TO USE THEM. FROM LEAF BLOWERS TO GENERATORS, HE HOPES PEOPLE WILL BE WILLING TO SHARE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATES: **MARCH 21, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SELLERS LISTEN UP: A NEW SURVEY SHOWS WHAT BUYERS WANT IN A HOME. ACCORDING TO "C-B-S MONEYWATCH", 65 PERCENT SAY AIR CONDITIONING IS MOST IMPORTANT. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A MASTER BEDROOM AND A HOME THAT'S EQUIPPED FOR CABLE AND INTERNET. NEW APPLIANCES AND GRANITE COUNTER TOPS ARE ALSO RANKED HIGH. BUYERS ARE WILLING TO PAY MORE MONEY FOR A HOME ON THE WATERFRONT, ONE THAT HAS AN EAT-IN KITCHEN, AND ONE THAT IS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: **MARCH 21, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU THINK A CAR DEALERSHIP REALLY NEEDS TO CHECK YOUR CREDIT, THINK AGAIN. IT'S NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY AND IT CAN HURT YOUR SCORE. EDMUNDS DOT COM SAYS THE BEST THING TO DO IS SHOP AROUND FOR A LOAN FROM ANOTHER SOURCE, LIKE A BANK OR CREDIT UNION. THAT WAY YOU KNOW THE INTEREST RATE YOU QUALIFY FOR. THEN ONCE YOU'RE AT THE DEALERSHIP, YOU CAN CONSIDER ANY OFFERS THAT MAY BEAT THAT RATE. ONLY GIVE THEM PERMISSION IF YOU DECIDE TO FINANCE THROUGH THE DEALERSHIP.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATES: **MARCH 23, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THERE'S A NEW I-PHONE EXPLOIT HACKERS CAN USE TO RE-SET YOUR APPLE PASSWORD. ALL THEY HAVE TO KNOW IS YOUR BIRTHDAY AND E-MAIL ADDRESS. THAT'S NOT HARD TO FIND OUT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE BIG ON "FACEBOOK." HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: HACKERS USE A SPECIAL WEB ADDRESS TO GET AROUND YOUR SECURITY QUESTION. THEN, THEY CAN TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR PHONE. THE BEST DEFENSE FOR THIS HACK IS APPLE'S TWO-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS THE COMPANY INTRODUCED YESTERDAY. IT DITCHES THE SECURITY QUESTION. INSTEAD, A 4-DIGIT PIN IS SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR CELL PHONE.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: **MARCH 25, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: CROOKS ARE LEARNING NEW TRICKS. BOGUS BANK EMAILS ARE GETTING MORE DECEPTIVE. SCAMMERS ARE STEALING THE LOGOS, LINKS, AND LANGUAGE OF ACTUAL EMAILS. THE BOTTOM LINE? SOME OF THESE BOGUS EMAILS PHISH FOR YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION. OTHERS TAKE YOU TO SITES THAT DOWNLOAD MALWARE ON YOUR COMPUTER. IF YOU GET ONE YOU SHOULD NOTIFY THE COMPANY AND DELETE IT RIGHT AWAY. WE HAVE MORE ADVICE ON BOGUS EMAIL SCAMS ON OUR WEBSITE AT WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CONSUMER WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: **MARCH 26, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FALLING GAS PRICES MEAN YOU'LL HAVE MORE COMPANY ON THE ROAD THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND. WE WERE AT THIS GAS STATION IN ANDERSON COUNTY TODAY WHERE PRICES WERE JUST UNDER 3-DOLLARS 40-CENTS. ACCORDING TO TRIPLE A, THAT'S CLOSE TO THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR IN THE UPSTATE. IT'S DOWN ABOUT 17-CENTS FROM LAST MONTH. TRIPLE-A SAYS THE EASTER HOLIDAY ISN'T TRADITIONALLY A HEAVY TRAVEL WEEKEND, BUT SCHOOLS ARE ON SPRING BREAK, SO YOU SHOULD EXPECT MORE CONGESTION ON THE ROAD. REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND THE CHEAPEST GAS WHERE YOU LIVE BY GOING TO W-S-P-A DOT-COM. JUST LOOK UNDER THE "BIG BLUE BOX" ON OUR HOMEPAGE.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATES: MARCH 27, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WHEN LOOKING FOR A TAX PREPARER, MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THEIR REPUTATION WITH GROUPS LIKE THE "BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU." ALSO ASK FOR A PRICE LIST UP FRONT. SOME MAY TRY TO CHARGE EXTRA FOR THINGS LIKE "PROCESSING" OR "DOCUMENT PREPARATION." AND IF A PREPARER OFFERS YOU A PRE-PAID DEBIT CARD TO START SPENDING YOUR REFUND RIGHT AWAY, MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ANY CHARGES THAT COME WITH THE CARD.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM
DATES: MARCH 27, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A FREE VACATION SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD ABOUT NOW. BUT A WARNING: YOU COULD BE HIT WITH FEES THAT REALLY ADD UP. IT HAPPENED TO ONE UPSTATE WOMAN WHO WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE REALLY PAYING FOR. WITH ANY FREE OFFER, THERE ARE SOME SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO. LOOK UP REVIEWS ON-LINE. RESEARCH THE COMPANY WITH THE "BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU". AND ASK FOR EVERYTHING IN WRITING BEFORE PAYING ANYTHING UP-FRONT. YOU'LL FIND MORE ADVICE AT W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM
DATES: MARCH 28, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A SOFTWARE GLITCH MAY NOT DELAY YOUR TAX REFUND AS LONG AS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. THE I-R-S SAYS REFUNDS WILL LIKELY BE HELD UP BY TWO TO FOUR WEEKS RATHER THAN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. THE DELAY AFFECTS ABOUT 660 THOUSAND TAXPAYERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO USED H AND R BLOCK TO FILE IN MID-FEBRUARY AND CLAIMED EDUCATION TAX CREDITS.

PROGRAM: CONSUMER WATCH 7 ON YOUR SIDE SAT AM
DATES: MARCH 30, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: JUST OVER TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE TAX DEADLINE. THAT'S 17 MORE DAYS TO MAKE SURE YOU GET IT RIGHT. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T FILED, DIANE LEE FOUND SOME HELPFUL ADVICE THAT COULD SAVE YOU MONEY. TAX EXPERTS SAY A GREAT WAY TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR WORK IS TO LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S RETURN AND COMPARE. ALSO, NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO PREP FOR NEXT YEAR BY MAKING SURE YOU KEEP THE LOGS AND RECEIPTS YOU NEED FOR DEDUCTIONS. WITHIN 24 HOURS OF E-FILEING, YOU CAN CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE I-R-S GOT YOUR RETURN. WE HAVE A LINK ON HOW TO DO THAT AT WSPA DOT COM.

EDUCATION

PROGRAM: SCHOOL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE MASS SHOOTING AT "SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY" IN CONNECTICUT HAS LOCAL PARENTS ON ALERT. THEY'RE MEETING WITH AN UPSTATE COUNTY COUNCIL TONIGHT AND PUSHING TO GET ARMED OFFICERS IN EVERY SCHOOL. RIGHT NOW THE COUNTY HAS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS BUT NOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. WE GOT FIGURES FROM THE "ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD" AND PAYING FOR THOSE OFFICERS COULD COST AT LEAST ONE- AND- A- HALF MILLION DOLLARS EXTRA IN ANDERSON COUNTY ALONE EACH SCHOOL YEAR. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE "ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD" SAYS HE'S HEARD A WIDE- RANGING LIST OF IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO PAY FOR THE EXTRA OFFICERS. HE HOPES THERE WILL SOON BE FEDERAL GRANTS. P-T-Os COULD DO FUND- RAISERS. SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD USE GUARDS WITH PRIVATE SECURITY FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS COULD STEP UP.

PROGRAM: SCHOOL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MAINTENANCE WORKERS FOUND SEVERAL BATS OVER THE WEEKEND AT FOUNTAIN INN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ANOTHER BAT WAS IN A KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM, YESTERDAY. THIS IS THE SAME SCHOOL THAT HAD TO CANCEL CLASSES AFTER FINDING HUNDREDS OF BATS INSIDE THE WALLS LAST WINTER. 7 ON YOUR SIDE ASKED HOW BATS KEEP RETURNING TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TELLS US A CRACKED PIPE IN THE VENTILATION SYSTEM ALLOWED THE BATS TO GET INSIDE THIS TIME. WE'RE TOLD TWO CLASSES WERE MOVED AS PEST EXPERTS CAME IN AND SEALED OFF THE CRACKS TO PREVENT RE-ENTRY.

PROGRAM: SCHOOL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TONIGHT YET ANOTHER UPSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL USE PATROLS TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE OFF DUTY DEPUTIES AND OFFICERS ROAMING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUSES. THE OFF DUTY DEPUTIES AND OFFICERS WILL BE WATCHING BOTH OUTSIDE AND IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS. THE DISTRICT IS PAYING FOR THE PATROLS THROUGH A SPECIAL FUND. SUPERINTENDENT BURKE ROYSTER SAYS IT'S THE BEST PROTECTION THEY CAN PROVIDE, ASIDE FROM HIRING AN S-R-O TO MAN EVERY ELEMENTARY CAMPUS THAT WOULD COST AROUND 4 MILLION DOLLARS HE SAYS THE DISTRICT CAN'T AFFORD. THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES AND WHEN AND WHERE THEY'LL PATROL IS A SECRET. THAT RANDOM ROAMING IS ONE THING THAT WORRIES SOME PARENTS. BUT THE DISTRICT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SAY THAT'S ALL PART OF THE PLAN. THE MORE OFFICERS MOVE, THEY SAY, THE LESS LIKELY CRIMINALS CAN ATTACK. THE DISTRICT HAS ALSO SET UP AN EMAIL AND PHONE LINE FOR PARENTS TO REPORT SECURITY CONCERNS. ONE MORE MEASURE, ALONG WITH THESE ARMED EYES, READY TO PROTECT WHENEVER THEY'RE NEEDED. THE DEPUTIES AND OFFICERS WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE GREENVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE GREENVILLE AND MAULDIN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL PAY THE OFFICERS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL ABSORB THE COST OF GAS AND THEIR PATROL CARS. THE PATROLS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR AND THEN THE DISTRICT WILL RE-EVALUATE AFTER THAT. FOR LINKS TO THAT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL FOR SECURITY CONCERNS, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE, W-S-P-A DOT COM.

PROGRAM: SCHOOL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 29, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: AN UPSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL SOON HAVE EXTRA EYES WATCHING ALL ITS CAMPUSES. LAURENS DISTRICT 55 PLANS TO INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS ON ALL 11 CAMPUSES INCLUDING EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. OVER THE NEXT MONTH WORKERS LIKE HERE AT SANDERS MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BEGIN TO WIRE THE TECHNOLOGY. ADMINISTRATORS SAY THE MOVE IS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY IN NEWTOWN CONNECTICUT. THE PLAN WILL ALSO INCLUDE

ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS AT THE ENTRANCES TO MANY SCHOOLS, WHERE PARENTS AND VISITORS WILL BE CHECKED ON SECURITY SCREENS BEFORE THEY'RE ALLOWED INSIDE. FOR SOME, THE SAFETY MEASURES ARE REASSURING.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 30, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: PARENTS, LISTEN UP. REGISTRATION FOR SOME PRE-K PROGRAMS STARTS SOON. ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PARENTS OF THREE- AND FOUR- YEAR- OLDS CAN START SIGNING UP FEBRUARY 13TH. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SIGN-UP DAY MARCH 19TH. IT WILL BE HELD AT SOUTH FANT AND WEST MARKET SCHOOLS OF EARLY EDUCATION. PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JULY 1ST IF THEIR CHILD IS ACCEPTED. WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION FOR YOU ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 1, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW REPORT SHOWS THREE OUT OF FOUR SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL DISTRICTS AREN'T FOLLOWING A LAW ON HOW TO TEACH SEX EDUCATION. THE "NEW MORNING FOUNDATION" BASED THEIR FINDINGS PARTLY ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS' RESPONSES TO AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SEX-ED SURVEY IN 2011. THE SURVEY HELPS STATE LEADERS KNOW WHAT STUDENTS ARE LEARNING BUT ONLY 81 PERCENT OF DISTRICTS RESPONDED. CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOLS AND LAURENS DISTRICT 56 WERE AMONG THOSE THAT DID NOT.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NEXT YEAR STUDENTS AT SANDERS AND LAURENS MIDDLE SCHOOLS COULD BE GOING TO CLASS WEARING UNIFORMS. DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE DISCUSSING THE PROPOSAL. THE PRINCIPALS AT BOTH SCHOOLS FEEL A STRICTER DRESS CODE WILL IMPROVE STUDENTS' LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT OTHER UPSTATE SCHOOLS HAVE IMPLEMENTED. BUT DO UNIFORMS REALLY IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION? LAURENS COUNTY PARENTS WILL ALSO GET A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN BEFORE ANY DECISIONS ARE MADE. THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25-TH IN THE LAURENS MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT SIX P-M.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: STUDENTS IN ASHEVILLE MAY SOON GO TO SCHOOL ON A YEAR ROUND SCHEDULE. THE ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEE HOW WELL IT WOULD WORK. HALL FLETCHER ELEMENTARY WILL BE YEAR-ROUND FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR. IF IT'S A SUCCESS, THE CHANGE COULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL CITY SCHOOLS, MAKING THE DISTRICT ONLY THE SECOND IN THE STATE TO HAVE A YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 11, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOUTH CAROLINA IS NOT MEETING ITS EDUCATION GOALS, ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT TODAY FROM THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE GIVES A REPORT EVERY YEAR AND THIS YEAR SAYS STUDENTS ARE LAGGING BEHIND IN READING ABILITY. THE STATE'S GOAL IS THAT 95 PERCENT OF STUDENTS WILL BE READING AT GRADE LEVEL BY THE YEAR 2020. BUT ONLY 80 PERCENT OF THIRD GRADERS AND 70 PERCENT OF EIGHTH GRADERS ARE READING AT GRADE LEVEL. THAT COULD BRING SOME BIG CHANGES. THE REPORT SAYS THE STATE IS ALSO FALLING SHORT WITH THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS GRADUATING ON TIME, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE READY TO WORK AND THE NUMBER OF AT-RISK SCHOOLS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 13, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NORTH CAROLINA'S HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVED THREE BILLS RELATED TO SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET ACCESS. ONE WOULD HAVE THE STATE FUNDING

DIGITAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ONLY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY 2017. ANOTHER BILL DIRECTS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO DEVELOP DIGITAL COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS BY THAT SAME YEAR. AND A THIRD BILL GIVES THE STATE BOARD 100 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS AT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 14, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOON, EARNING YOUR GRADUATION EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA WILL MEAN USING A TOTALLY COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM. STARTING JANUARY 1ST, YOU WONT HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING A HANDWRITTEN VERSION OF THE TEST IN SOUTH CAROLINA. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS ONLINE TESTING IS FASTER AND STUDENTS TEND TO SCORE HIGHER THAN THEY DO ON THE HANDWRITTEN EXAMS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 14, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOME PARENTS WHO HOME-SCHOOL THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT A BILL ON TESTING IN THE STATEHOUSE. IT WOULD REQUIRE HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE THE SAME STANDARDIZED TEST AS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. SPARTANBURG REPUBLICAN DOUG BRENNON IS THE MAN BEHIND THE BILL. HE SAYS IT WILL HELP "CORRECT PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU COULD LOSE THE OPTION TO VOTE FOR "SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS." A SENATE PANEL APPROVED A MEASURE ALLOWING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO THE SPOT. IF VOTERS APPROVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN 2014, THE GOVERNOR WOULD MAKE THE FIRST APPOINTMENT IN 2018. CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT MICK ZAIS SUPPORTS THE IDEA. HE SAYS IT WOULD IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE SAYS THREE OF THEIR NEWEST SCHOOLS HAVE LEAKY ROOFS. THE PROBLEMS ARE AT "GLENVIEW MIDDLE", "ROBERT ANDERSON MIDDLE", AND "NORTH POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL." THEY'RE LESS THAN THREE YEARS OLD AND ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PAY THE CONTRACTORS UNTIL THE LEAKS ARE PLUGGED. MOST OF THE LEAKS ARE COMNG FROM HEATING, COOLING, AND VENTALATION PROBLEMS PLUS THE FAULTY ROOF. THE DISTRICT WANTS THE PROBLEM FIXED BY MAY SO NO MOLD GROWS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 1, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NORTH CAROILNA SENATOR WANTS RELIGION TO BE TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOLS. A BILL INTRODUCED THIS WEEK WOULD ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO OFFER ELECTIVE COURSES FOR CREDIT ON THE BIBLE'S OLD TESTAMENT, THE NEW TESTAMENT, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH. SOME PEOPLE FEEL CLASSES ON RELIGION AT TAX-SUPPORTED SCHOOLS VIOLATE THE CONTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. IN THE UPSTATE, SPARTANBURG DISTRICT SEVEN ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LEAVE CAMPUS FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES. "THE FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION" SUED THE DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF TWO STUDENTS AT SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL. BUT LAST YEAR, A FEDERAL JUDGE UPHELD A SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ALLOWING STUDENTS TO EARN CREDITS FOR BIBLE STUDY. IF THE BILL PASSES, SENATOR BINGHAM SAYS IT WOULD LIKELY BE UP TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO ASK THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD TO DEVELOP THE ELECTIVE. EACH DISTRICT WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO IMPLEMENT THE COURSE OR NOT.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A WARNING FROM DOCTORS TONIGHT AFTER A HEALTH SCARE AT AN UPSTATE HIGH SCHOOL. PICKENS SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THE PARENTS OF A "LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL" STUDENT

NOTIFIED THEM THE TEEN HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A LIKELY CASE OF "BACTERIAL MENINGITIS." THE STUDENT WAS PUT IN THE HOSPITAL OVER THE WEEKEND TO BE TREATED. CUSTODIANS DID A DEEP CLEANSING OF THE SCHOOL AND ALL AFFECTED CLASSROOMS TO BE SAFE. DOCTORS SAY PARENTS SHOULD WATCH THEIR CHILDREN CAREFULLY FOR SYMPTOMS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: STUDENTS MAY SOON HAVE TO PASS FINE ARTS CLASSES TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTH CAROLINA. IF A BILL PASSES, IT WOULD AFFECT TEENS AT SCHOOLS LIKE EAST HENDERSON HIGH. STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE CLASS IN CHORUS OR DANCE OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT BEFORE EARNING A DIPLOMA. SUPPORTERS SAY THE REQUIREMENT COULD HELP AT-RISK STUDENTS AND IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. THE "ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP" SAYS 27 STATES CURRENTLY REQUIRE AN ARTS EDUCATION COURSE IN ORDER TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL. SOUTH CAROLINA DOES NOT HAVE THAT REQUIREMENT. COURSES ARE PRIMARIALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE "EDUCATION FINANCE ACT" AND THE "EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT. BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS THERE IS ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS THROUGH GRANTS.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED THE STATE'S PLAN FOR EVALUATING TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS. GRADING EDUCATORS BASED ON PERFORMANCE IS A REQUIRED PART OF THE STATE'S EXEMPTION FROM THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW. THE GUIDELINES ARE BEING TESTED IN 22 DISTRICTS THIS YEAR TO SEE IF THEY WORK. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST APPROVE THE DETAILS BEFORE THEY'RE IMPLEMENTED STATEWIDE IN 2014.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 7, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW BILL WOULD LIMIT CALORIES, FAT, AND SUGAR CONTENT IN SCHOOL LUNCHES. AND IT WOULD ELIMINATE ALL JUNK FOOD FROM LUNCHES AND SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES. THAT INCLUDES GETTING RID OF ALL SODAS EXCEPT FOR DIET SODAS IN HIGH SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES. REPRESENTATIVE BAKARI SELLERS SAYS IT WOULD SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY IN THE LONG RUN BECAUSE OF FEWER HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY POOR DIET AND OBESITY.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: EXPECT TO SEE ARMED OFFICERS STANDING WATCH IN ONE UPSTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIS MORNING AFTER SERIOUS THREATS. LEADERS AT "LAURENS SCHOOL DISTRICT 56" SAY THEY RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER YESTERDAY. THEY WOULD NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS. IT FORCED SCHOOLS TO LOCK ALL EXTERIOR DOORS. CLINTON POLICE AND STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE FOLLOWING UP ON EVERY LEAD. THEY TOLD US THEY WILL STATION OFFICERS AT THE SCHOOL TODAY.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NORTH CAROLINA PARENTS WILL HAVE MORE SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN NEXT YEAR. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED TWO DOZEN NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS. EACH HAD TO GO THROUGH A YEAR OF PLANNING -- AND MEET WITH THE STATE TO PREPARE. THIS YEAR'S ADDITIONS BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 130 CHARTER SCHOOLS. AND ABOUT 70 APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED FOR 2014.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 11, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE - THE FIRST-OF-ITS KIND IDEA AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS STARTED A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-STYLE PROGRAM AT ETOWAH ELEMENTARY TO KEEP CLASSROOMS SAFE. THE IDEA WAS PROPOSED BY BILL SHUFORD, THE GRANDPARENT OF A KINDERGARTEN STUDENT. HE'S RECRUITED THREE VOLUNTEERS TO

WALK AROUND THE CAMPUS LOOKING FOR ANY SIGNS OF TROUBLE IN THE HOPES OF AVERTING IT. WE CHECKED AND RIGHT NOW, ETOWAH ELEMENTARY IS THE ONLY SCHOOL IN HENDERSON COUNTY DOING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-STYLE PROGRAM. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S WORKING GREAT AND THEY HOPE THE SCHOOL WILL BE A MODEL FOR OTHER SCHOOLS. "ETOWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" IS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS. AND OFFICIALS SAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PARENT OR RELATIVE OF A STUDENT ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL TO HELP. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE "COMMUNITY SCHOOL WATCH PROGRAM", CALL THE SCHOOL AT 828- 891- 6560.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 13, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO HAS A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. RICHARD ROSENBERGER WILL OFFICIALLY START ON JULY 1ST. ROSENBERGER IS CURRENTLY THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SAPULPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN OKLAHOMA. BUT HE'S NO STRANGER TO THE UPSTATE HAVING GRADUATED FROM T-L HANNA HIGH SCHOOL.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TOMORROW PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ACROSS THE STATE WILL BEGIN TAKING THE PASS TEST, WHICH STANDS FOR PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS. ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT HAVE TO TAKE IT. THE TEST MEASURES STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS. THE TWO DAY WRITING PORTION OF THE TEST BEGINS TOMORROW. STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE REMAINDER OF THE TEST IN MAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 19, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: LATER TODAY STATE INVESTIGATORS PLAN TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THREATENING LETTERS SENT TO SOME SCHOOLS IN LAURENS COUNTY. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON CLASSROOMS IN DISTRICTS 55 AND 56 FOR MORE THAN A WEEK. PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE AND THE CLINTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALSO GOT THE THREATS. THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION HAS A SPECIAL HOTLINE TO FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION, CALL 864- 200- 4565. WATCH FOR UPDATES TONIGHT ON SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE AND W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 26, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS ARE PUSHING FOR EDUCATION REFORM THAT WOULD END TENURE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS. THE "EXCELLENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013" WOULD REPLACE IT WITH CONTRACTS RANGING FROM ONE TO FOUR YEARS IN LENGTH. IT WOULD ALSO GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON AN A THROUGH F SCALE BASED ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 26, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOME NORTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS WANT TO CHANGE STATE LAW AND REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TEACH CURSIVE HANDWRITING AND FORCE STUDENTS TO MEMORIZE THEIR MULTIPLICATION TABLES. THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING THE BACK-TO-BASICS BILL TODAY. IT ALSO INSISTS STUDENTS BE TAUGHT HANDWRITING UNTIL THEY CAN WRITE LEGIBLE DOCUMENTS BEFORE FINISHING FIFTH GRADE.

PROGRAM: **SCHOOL WATCH** 7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM
DATE AIRED: MARCH 26, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ANOTHER NORTH CAROLINA PROPOSAL IS GETTING MIXED REVIEWS. LAWMAKERS WANT TO PROVIDE FAMILIES A TAX CREDIT FOR HOME-SCHOOLING THEIR CHILDREN. THE BILL WOULD OFFER FAMILIES 25 HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CHILD. SOME PARENTS FEAR THE CREDIT WILL COME WITH STRONGER GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, BUT LAWMAKERS SAY THAT'S NOT THE CASE. THEY SIMPLY

WANT HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES TO GET THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS THOSE WHO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL.

PUBLIC HEALTH

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: JANUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MORE PEOPLE ARE DYING FROM THE FLU IN SOUTH CAROLINA. NEW NUMBERS FROM THE "DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL" SHOW TWO PEOPLE DIED JUST LAST WEEK. AT "M-D 360" IN GREER DOCTORS TELL US THEY'RE HAVING TO BRING IN EXTRA STAFF TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE SICK PATIENTS. RIGHT NOW THE FLU ACTIVITY IS CONSIDERED "WIDESPREAD." IT'S ALREADY ONE OF THE WORST SEASONS IN A DECADE. DOCTORS SAY IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR VACCINATION. YOU CAN FIND CLINICS WHERE YOU LIVE AT W-S-P-A DOT-COM. JUST USE THE KEYWORD "FLU".

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 4, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: AROUND FOUR PERCENT OF AMERICAN ADULTS SAY THEY FELL ASLEEP BEHIND THE WHEEL AT LEAST ONCE IN THE LAST MONTH. THE C-D-C STUDY FOUND DROWSY DRIVING WAS MORE COMMON IN MEN AND AMONG PEOPLE WHO GOT LESS THAN SIX HOURS OF SLEEP AT NIGHT. DROWSY DRIVING CAUSES THOUSANDS OF CRASHES EACH YEAR. THE C-D-C SAYS IF DRIVERS START TO DOZE THEY SHOULD GET OFF THE ROAD AND REST.

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NATIONAL STUDY REVEALS THAT FROM 2000 TO 2009 THE OVERALL CANCER DEATH RATE IN THE UNITED STATES DROPPED. BUT DEATH RATES INCREASED FOR CERTAIN CANCERS INCLUDING LIVER, PANCREAS, AND IN MEN - MELANOMA. THE STUDY ALSO SHOWS THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF CANCERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. RESEARCHERS SAY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR INCREASED H-P-V VACCINATION.

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 9, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: FLU SEASON NORMALLY DOESN'T PEAK UNTIL MID FEBRUARY, BUT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS THIS IS THE EARLIEST SEASON IN A DECADE. IN CHICAGO, HOSPITALS ARE SO PACKED WITH FLU PATIENTS THEY'VE HAD TO TURN PEOPLE AWAY FROM EMERGENCY ROOMS. AT LEAST 18 DEATHS HAVE BEEN BLAMED ON THE VIRUS IN ILLINOIS ALONE. DOCTORS URGE YOU TO GET VACCINATED, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT PROTECT YOU AGAINST SOME STRAINS. ONLY ABOUT 37-PERCENT OF AMERICANS GOT A FLU SHOT THIS YEAR. COMPANIES THAT MAKE DRUGS LIKE "TAMIFLU" SAY THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND. THEY SUGGEST CALLING THE PHARMACY TO SEE THAT IT'S IN STOCK BEFORE HEADING THERE.

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 10, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU BATTLE WITH YOUR WEIGHT, REMEMBER THIS: EAT BREAKFAST LIKE A KING, LUNCH LIKE A PRINCE AND DINNER LIKE A PAUPER. HOWEVER, IF THE EVENING MEAL IS YOUR BIGGEST, OR YOU SKIP MEALS, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. BUT SKIPPING MEALS DOES NOT HELP US LOSE WEIGHT. PEOPLE WHO DON'T EAT BREAKFAST, FOR INSTANCE, TEND TO WEIGH MORE THAN THOSE WHO DO. IT ALSO HELPS KEEP OUR HUNGER LEVEL ON AN EVEN KEEL SO WE DON'T REACH FOR THE JUNK FOOD. ALSO EAT A BALANCED LUNCH EACH DAY - A LEAN PROTEIN, LIKE THE TURKEY IN THIS SANDWICH, WHOLE GRAINS AND PLENTY OF FRUITS AND VEGGIES. AND FOR DINNER - NO MORE ROYAL TREATMENT - KEEP IT SIMPLE AND LIGHT. IT'S BEST TO EAT EVERY 4 - 5 HOURS SO INCLUDE HEALTHY SNACKS TO TIE YOU OVER BETWEEN MEALS.

PROGRAM: MEDICAL WATCH

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IS CALLING FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO GET IMMUNIZATIONS. THE GROUP IS RECOMMENDING ALL PROVIDERS GETS VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU, DIPHTHERIA, HEPATITIS B, MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA, AS WELL AS WHOOPING COUGH AND CHICKEN POX. THE GROUP SAYS THESE DISEASES ARE NOT ONLY A THREAT TO PROVIDERS BUT TO THEIR PATIENTS WHO ARE OFTEN VULNERABLE.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: JANUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU COULD HAVE A CANCER CAUSING GAS INSIDE YOUR HOME - AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT. THAT'S WHY HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE DESIGNATED JANUARY AS RADON ACTION MONTH. RADON IS AN INVISIBLE, TASTELESS AND ODORLESS GAS FOUND NATURALLY IN THE AIR. SO YOU WON'T KNOW IT'S THERE UNLESS YOU TEST FOR IT. DHEC IS OFFERING FREE KITS TO HELP YOU DO JUST THAT. ONCE YOU GET YOUR KIT - YOU JUST LEAVE IT IN A SPECIFIC LOCATION FOR A FEW DAYS. THEN SEND IT BACK IN TO BE TESTED. IF YOUR HOUSE DOES REGISTER HIGH LEVELS OF RADON, YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL A SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE SAFE AND LIVABLE. WE'VE GOT MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN REQUEST YOUR FREE TESTING KIT ON WSPA DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATES: JANUARY 17, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY SAYS YOU SHOULDN'T RELY ON APPS THAT DIAGNOSE SKIN CANCER. RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH PUT SMARTPHONE APPS TO THE TEST. SCIENTISTS FOUND THAT 3 OF THE 4 APPS WERE WRONG DIAGNOSING PHOTOS OF SKIN LESIONS AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF THE TIME. RESEARCHERS SAY PATIENTS ARE BETTER OFF SEEING A DOCTOR.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATES: JANUARY 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THERE IS NEW EVIDENCE THAT NEWBORN HEARING TESTS CAN BE UNRELIABLE. RESEARCHERS IN PITTSBURGH STUDIED OVER 900 CHILDREN WITH HEARING PROBLEMS. 78 OF THEM HAD PASSED HEARING TESTS AS INFANTS. DOCTORS SAY SOME CHILDREN RECEIVED PASSING GRADES INCORRECTLY WHEN THEY WERE INFANTS. OTHERS DEVELOP HEARING DIFFICULTIES AS THEY GET OLDER. EXPERTS ADVISE PARENTS WHO THINK THEIR CHILD HAS HEARING TROUBLE TO GET MORE THAN ONE TEST.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY FINDS NEARLY HALF OF CHILDREN UNDER TWO ARE NOT GETTING VACCINATED ON TIME. ONE REASON: SOME PARENTS DELAY SHOTS - BELIEVING IT'S HEALTHIER TO SPREAD THEM OUT. BUT DOCTORS AT KAISER PERMANENTE SAY KIDS NOT VACCINATED ON TIME ARE CONSIDERED "UNDERVACCINATED" AND AT A HIGHER RISK OF CATCHING PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: JANUARY 23, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MISSION HOSPITAL IN ASHEVILLE IS LOOSENING RESTRICTIONS ON PATIENT VISITORS THIS MORNING. THEY WERE ONLY ALLOWING IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OVER AGE 12 TO SEE PATIENTS. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF FLU CASES ARE DROPPING BUT THEY ASK THAT YOU NOT SEE PATIENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL. MAKE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER EACH VISIT. YOU'LL FIND SANITATION STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: JANUARY 25, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WASH YOUR HANDS AND YOUR CELLPHONE! "A-T-AND-T" IS WARNING PEOPLE THAT YOUR MOBILE DEVICES CAN EASILY SPREAD THE FLU. THEY'RE URGING YOU TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT YOUR PHONES REGULARLY. YOU SHOULD ALSO USE HANDS-FREE HEADSETS WHEN YOU CAN AND AVOID TAKING OUT YOUR PHONE IN REST-ROOMS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 29, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS RECOMMENDING THAT ALL PREGNANT WOMEN IN THEIR 3RD TRIMESTER GET THE T-DAP VACCINE. IT PROTECTS AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND PERTUSSIS. THE C-D-C SAYS THE MOTHER'S BODY WILL TURN THE VACCINE INTO PROTECTIVE ANTIBODIES THAT WILL PASS TO THE FETUS AND PROTECT HIM OR HER FROM PERTUSSIS, BETTER KNOWN AS WHOPPING COUGH.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: JANUARY 30, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: EAT YOUR VEGETABLES, BUT MAKE SURE THEY'RE CLEAN FIRST. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOUND LEAFY GREENS ARE THE LEADING SOURCE OF FOOD POISONING. DOCTORS SAY THAT THESE FOODS ARE STILL SAFE TO EAT BUT BE SURE TO WASH THEM FIRST OR COOK THEM THOROUGHLY.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FINDS MEN WHO TAKE VITAMIN C SUPPLEMENTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DEVELOP KIDNEY STONES. A SECOND STUDY FINDS CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE IN MEN. RESEARCHERS IN BOTH STUDIES SAY FOODS RICH IN VITAMIN C AND CALCIUM ARE A BETTER CHOICE THAN SUPPLEMENTS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WHEN PEOPLE MIX DIET INSTEAD OF REGULAR SODA WITH THEIR ALCOHOL, THEY GET MORE INTOXICATED ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. RESEARCHERS RECRUITED 16 COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HAD THE YOUNG ADULTS DRINK VODKA WITH REGULAR SODA AT A STRENGTH THAT WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF 4 MIXED DRINKS. THEY TOOK A BREATHALYZER TEST AND PASSED. ON ANOTHER DAY THE STUDENTS DRANK THE SAME AMOUNT OF VODKA BUT WITH DIET SODA. BUT INSTEAD OF PASSING THE BREATHALYZER TEST, THEY FAILED. THEY WERE ABOVE THE LEGAL LIMIT FOR ALCOHOL AND DIDN'T KNOW IT. WHY WOULD ALCOHOL WITH DIET SODA GET YOU DRUNKER FASTER? THERE'S NO SUGAR IN THE DIET DRINK, SO IT GOES THROUGH THE STOMACH A LOT FASTER, FAST-FORWARDING THE DIGESTION PROCESS OF SENDING THE ALCOHOL INTO THE BLOODSTREAM. AND THIS CAN COMPROMISE YOUR HEALTH. IF YOU'RE DRINKING, WHETHER OUT ON THE TOWN OR CLOSER TO HOME, THERE ARE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP FROM GETTING TOO INTOXICATED.

- FIRST DRINK IN MODERATION
- EAT FOOD EITHER BEFORE OR WHILE YOU DRINK
- ALTERNATE NON-ALCOHOLIC AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- CHOOSE REGULAR MIXERS, NOT DIET
- AND DON'T FORGET TO ENLIST A DESIGNATED DRIVER.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEEP-FRIED FOODS MAY BE CAUSING TROUBLE IN THE DEEP SOUTH. A STUDY FINDS THAT PEOPLE WHO EAT A LOT OF FRIED FOODS AND DRINK THINGS LIKE SWEET TEA AND SODA WERE 41 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER A STROKE. THAT'S COMPARED TO PEOPLE WHO ATE THAT WAY ABOUT ONCE A MONTH. RESEARCHERS SAY THE STUDY MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE SOUTHEAST SUFFER MORE STROKES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS ACROSS THE U-S ARE NOW SEEING THEIR DOCTOR ONLINE. ONE ESTIMATE SHOWS ABOUT 400 THOUSAND CONSUMERS USED ONLINE MEDICAL SERVICES LAST YEAR. A VIRTUAL DOCTOR'S VISIT LIKE THIS COSTS ABOUT 45 DOLLARS AND SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES COVER IT. BUT THE VISITS ARE *ONLY* RECOMMENDED FOR PATIENTS WITH MINOR HEALTH PROBLEMS LIKE BITES AND STINGS, COUGH, SORE THROAT OR HEADACHES. DOCTORS CAUTION THAT SEEING A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ONLINE IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR HAVING A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN OR FOR MAKING ANNUAL VISITS TO YOUR DOCTOR FOR ROUTINE CHECK-UPS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING INTENSE OR WIDESPREAD FLU DROPPED AGAIN LAST WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON STARTED ABOUT A MONTH EARLIER THAN NORMAL AND IT WAS CONSIDERED "MODERATELY SEVERE." THE LATEST NUMBERS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH OFFICIALS SHOW 31 PEOPLE DIED FROM THE VIRUS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 8, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOMETHING YOU'RE DOING TO HELP CHILDREN AND TEENS FEEL BETTER WHEN THEY ARE SICK COULD BE DEADLY. IF YOUR CHILD OR TEEN OR EVEN COLLEGE STUDENT GETS FLU OR CHICKEN POX, NEVER USE ASPIRIN. PEDIATRICIANS SAY IT CAN CAUSE BRAIN DAMAGE FROM REYE'S SYNDROME. KEEP IN MIND, ASPIRIN IS HIDDEN IN MANY OVER THE COUNTER PRODUCTS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 12, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DEPRESSION SHOWS THE TWO ARE MORE CLOSELY LINKED THAN MANY PEOPLE THINK - INCLUDING DOCTORS. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY DRINK BECAUSE THEY'RE DEPRESSED - ARE ONLY HAVING MOOD PROBLEMS BECAUSE THEY ABUSE ALCOHOL. THEIR DEPRESSION USUALLY GOES AWAY WHEN THEY STOP DRINKING. THE STUDY RECOMMENDS THAT DOCTORS CONSIDER A PATIENTS' ALCOHOL USE BEFORE PRESCRIBING ANTI-DEPRESSANTS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED AN ALERT - THEY SAY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE STATE HAVE REPORTED NOROVIRUS OUTBREAKS IN EIGHT COUNTIES. NORTH CAROLINA USUALLY SEES AN INCREASE IN NOROVIRUS CASES BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MARCH. BUT HEALTH OFFICIALS SAID THEY'VE SEEN A NOTICEABLE UPSWING IN THE PAST MONTH. THE BEST PREVENTION IS FREQUENT HAND WASHING. REMEMBER ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS DO NOT WORK AGAINST THE VIRUS. NOROVIRUS IS EASILY SPREAD BY TOUCHING A CONTAMINATED SURFACE OR BY EATING FOOD PREPARED BY SOMEONE WHO'S SICK. SO YOU'LL WANT TO USE BLEACH-BASED CLEANERS TO WIPE DOWN DESKS, COUNTERS AND OTHER HARD SURFACES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATES: FEBRUARY 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: AN ASHEVILLE CHARITY SAYS IT MAY HAVE SERVED CONTAMINATED SPINACH TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED FREE MEALS THIS WEEK. THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN TIMES SAYS ORGANIZERS OF THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED NEARLY 400 PEOPLE AT THE ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEDNESDAY. AFTERWARDS, THEY LEARNED THE SPINACH THEY'D USED IN THE SALAD HAD BEEN RECALLED. IT MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH A STRAIN OF E-COLI. SO FAR NO ILLNESSES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATES: FEBRUARY 18, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: TWO STUDIES PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL "PEDIATRICS" GIVE PARENTS SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT KIDS SHOULD WATCH ON TV AND HOW OFTEN. RESEARCHERS IN NEW ZEALAND FOUND KIDS WHO WATCH T-V EXCESSIVELY ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXHIBIT ANTISOCIAL AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR WHEN THEY BECOME ADULTS. THE STUDY'S AUTHORS FOUND THE RISK OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION IN EARLY ADULTHOOD INCREASED 30 PERCENT WITH EVERY HOUR CHILDREN WATCHED TV ON AN AVERAGE WEEKNIGHT. THE "AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS" RECOMMENDS CHILDREN SHOULD WATCH NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS OF QUALITY PROGRAMMING PER DAY. THE SECOND STUDY FOUND THAT LIMITING HOW MUCH AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR PRESCHOOLERS SEE ON TELEVISION CAN IMPROVE THEIR CONDUCT. THE CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5 WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE STUDY ALL WATCHED ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF TELEVISION. THE ONLY CHANGE WAS THE TYPE OF PROGRAMMING. PARENTS OF HALF THE KIDS SUBSTITUTED AGGRESSION-FILLED PROGRAMMING WITH EDUCATIONAL CONTENT. THE CHILDREN WHO WATCHED THE BETTER QUALITY PROGRAMMING DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANTLY LESS AGGRESSION THAN THE OTHER GROUP.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
 DATES: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU ARE FIGHTING THE FLU - WE HAVE A WARNING FROM THE F-D-A. DON'T TAKE FLU MEDICATIONS SOLD ONLINE. THOSE MEDICATIONS ARE CALLED *GENERIC TAMI-FLU* WHICH IS NOT F-D-A APPROVED. THE AGENCY HAS SENT WARNING LETTERS TO 10 ONLINE RETAILERS TELLING THEM TO STOP SELLING IT. EXPERTS SAY THOSE PRODUCTS SOLD ONLINE COULD BE TOO STRONG, NOT STRONG ENOUGH, OR EVEN HAVE THE WRONG DRUGS IN THEM.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
 DATES: FEBRUARY 25, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: EAR INFECTIONS SEND MILLIONS OF CHILDREN TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE. BUT GETTING THE RIGHT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT CAN BE DIFFICULT. THAT'S WHY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS IS REVISING ITS GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS. DOCTORS ARE ADVISED TO EXAMINE THE EAR DRUM. BUT IF IT'S NOT BULGING, THESE NEW RULES SAY CHILDREN SHOULD NOT GET ANTIBIOTICS. THE RECOMMENDATION FOR MOST CHILDREN IS TO WAIT AND WATCH AND TREAT WITH PAIN KILLERS. ANTIBIOTICS MAY BE NEEDED IF THE SYMPTOMS DON'T IMPROVE AFTER 3 DAYS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
 DATES: FEBRUARY 28, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DON'T TELL A DANCER TO *BREAK A LEG* BECAUSE IT'S MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN THAN YOU THINK. MORE KIDS ARE HEADED TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM WITH DANCE-RELATED INJURIES. THOSE INJURIES ARE UP MORE THAN A THIRD IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. DOCTORS THINK THE BOOM OF DANCE REALITY SHOWS HAS RUBBED OFF ON YOUNG PEOPLE, INCREASING THE SPORTS' POPULARITY AND THUS, THE INJURIES. THE BEST THING TO DO -- STRETCH BEFORE EVERY WORKOUT.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
 DATES: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: YOU KNOW THOSE SO-CALLED MIRACLE CURES? THE F-D-A HAS A NEW WARNING OUT ABOUT HOW MISLEADING -- AND DOWNRIGHT BOGUS -- THOSE CLAIMS CAN BE. THE AGENCY SAYS THE SCAMS ARE USUALLY RELATED TO PRODUCTS ABOUT WEIGHT LOSS, SEXUAL PERFORMANCE, MEMORY LOSS AND SERIOUS DISEASES, SUCH AS CANCER. TO AVOID BEING FOOLED, THE F-D-A SAYS BE SKEPTICAL OF QUICK FIXES AND PRODUCTS THAT CLAIM TO CURE A WIDE RANGE OF DISEASES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
 DATES: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A DRUG-RESISTANT BACTERIA IS SHOWING UP IN HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND THIS GROUP OF BACTERIA, CALLED C-R-E, KILLS UP TO HALF THE PATIENTS WHO GET IT IN THEIR BLOODSTREAMS. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF LAST YEAR, THE C-D-C- SAYS ALMOST 200 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TREATED AT LEAST ONE INFECTED PATIENT. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST AT RISK ARE PATIENTS IN INTENSIVE CARE, OR THOSE RECEIVING CHEMOTHERAPY OR ORGAN TRANSPLANTS. HEALTH EXPERTS SAY IDENTIFYING WHICH PATIENTS HAVE THE BACTERIA AND MAKING

SURE HEALTH CARE WORKERS DON'T INADVERTENTLY SPREAD IT FROM PATIENT TO PATIENT ARE TWO KEY STEPS TO STOPPING IT.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: HERE ARE SOME OF THE COMMON WARNING SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK: DISCOMFORT IN YOUR CHEST OR IN OTHER AREAS OF YOUR UPPER BODY, SHORTNESS OF BREATH. AND LOOK FOR OTHER SIGNS - LIKE A COLD SWEAT, NAUSEA, OR LIGHTHEADEDNESS. IF YOU THINK YOU'RE HAVING A HEART ATTACK - ONCE AGAIN CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 7, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY OF HALF A MILLION PEOPLE SHOWS A LINK BETWEEN PROCESSED MEAT AND PREMATURE DEATH. RESEARCHERS FOUND PEOPLE'S RISK OF DYING EARLY FROM CANCER OR HEART DISEASE INCREASED WITH THE AMOUNT OF PROCESSED MEAT THEY ATE. THE STUDY ESTIMATED THAT 3 PERCENT OF PREMATURE DEATHS EACH YEAR COULD BE PREVENTED IF PEOPLE CONSUMED LESS PROCESSED MEATS LIKE HOT DOGS AND SAUSAGE.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DON'T LOSE THE SPRING IN YOUR STEP WHEN CLOCKS ARE SET AHEAD THIS SUNDAY. DOCTORS SAY THE BENEFIT OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS GETTING THAT EXTRA SUNLIGHT BUT TYPICALLY THE CHANGE THROWS PEOPLE OFF FOR A WHOLE WEEK. A VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SLEEP EXPERT RECOMMENDS GOING TO BED A LITTLE EARLIER EACH NIGHT BEFORE THE TIME CHANGE AND GETTING A LITTLE SUN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 9, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE SAT AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY LINKS STROKE TO DEPRESSION AND A GREATER CHANCE OF DYING EARLY. RESEARCHERS AT THE U-S-C SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN LOS ANGELES FIND STROKE SURVIVORS WHO BECOME DEPRESSED ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE EARLY AND FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM ANOTHER STROKE. EXPERTS SAY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR. SIGNS CAN INCLUDE DIFFICULTY SLEEPING, CHANGES IN APPETITE, CONCENTRATION PROBLEMS, AND LOSS OF INTEREST IN FAVORITE ACTIVITIES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 11, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WARNING PARENTS TO KEEP SMALL REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS LIKE TURTLES, LIZARDS AND FROGS AWAY FROM SMALL CHILDREN. THE C-D-C SAYS NEARLY 350 PEOPLE NATIONWIDE HAVE BECOME ILL FROM SALMONELLA OUTBREAKS LINKED TO SMALL TURTLES. ABOUT 70-PERCENT OF THOSE INFECTED WERE CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 10 YEARS OLD. THE INVESTIGATORS CONCLUDED THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN GOT SICK FROM INDIRECT EXPOSURE TO THESE ANIMALS, SUCH AS HANDLING AQUARIUM WATER.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 12, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT A POPULAR ANTIBIOTIC. THE AGENCY SAYS AZITHROMYCIN MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE Z-PAK CAN CAUSE A POTENTIALLY FATAL HEART PROBLEM. THE WARNING FOLLOWS A STUDY LAST MAY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE. IT FOUND THE DRUG HAD A HIGHER RATE OF CARDIOVASCULAR DEATH COMPARED TO OTHER ANTIBIOTICS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 14, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON

PROGRAM SUMMARY: RESEARCHERS IN BOSTON FOUND VITAMIN D SUPPLEMENTS CAN LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE IN AFRICAN AMERICANS. THE STUDY LOOKED AT 250 BLACK ADULTS WHO TOOK THE VITAMIN

DAILY FOR THREE MONTHS. THE RESULTS SHOWED THE MORE VITAMIN -D- A PERSON TOOK - THE LOWER THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE. AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF HYPERTENSION IN THE U-S.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 14, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SNEEZING, COUGHING, WATERY EYES. DOCTORS WARN YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A TERRIBLE SPRING ALLERGY SEASON. WHAT'S MAKING IT WORSE AND WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET SOME RELIEF? DOCTORS TELL US BESIDES MEDICATION THERE ARE WAYS TO MINIMIZE YOUR SYMPTOMS. WHEN INSIDE YOUR HOME, CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS AND USE AIR CONDITIONING. KEEP YOUR WINDOWS CLOSED WHEN DRIVING. IF YOU LIKE TO EXERCISE REMEMBER POLLEN COUNTS ARE HIGHEST IN THE MORNING SO DO YOUR EXCERSISE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. CHILDREN SHOULD SHOWER IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLAYING OUTDOORS TO RINSE OFF ALL THE POLLEN.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 15, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER MAY WANT TO AVOID HIGH FAT DAIRY FOODS. A NEW STUDY FOUND PATIENTS WHO ATE ONE OR MORE SERVINGS OF PRODUCTS SUCH AS WHOLE MILK, ICE CREAM OR CHEESE HAD A 64 PERCENT HIGHER RISK OF DYING. RESEARCHERS AT KAISER PERMANENTE SAY SWITCHING TO LOW FAT DAIRY PRODUCTS CAN LOWER THE RISK.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 18, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DOCTORS ALSO NEED TO WARN PARENTS AND TEENAGERS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF INDOOR TANNING. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL PEDIATRICS, RESEARCHERS FOUND ONE IN FOUR TEENAGE GIRLS USE TANNING BEDS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE AN INCREASED RISK FOR SKIN CANCER. INDOOR TANNING IS BLAMED FOR 25 PERCENT OF MELANOMAS IN YOUNG WOMEN. EXPERTS RECOMMEND THAT TANNING DISCUSSIONS BECOME A REGULAR PART OF YEARLY DOCTOR VISITS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 19, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: PEOPLE WHO MAINTAIN A HEART-HEALTHY LIFESTYLE ARE ALSO GETTING ANOTHER BENEFIT. RESEARCHERS AT AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION SAY PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW THEIR SIMPLE 7 STEPS TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE CAN REDUCE THEIR RISK OF CANCER UP TO 51 PERCENT. THE STEPS INCLUDE BEING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, EATING HEALTHY FOODS, MAINTAINING HEALTHY CHOLESTEROL AND NOT SMOKING.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 20, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: PATIENTS MAY SOON HEAD TO SCHOOL TO GET MEDICAL CARE IN ANDERSON COUNTY. DISTRICT FIVE HAS TEAMED UP WITH ANMED HEALTH TO OPEN A CLINIC AT "NEVITT FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL." IT'S THE FIRST PARTNERSHIP OF ITS KIND IN THE UPSTATE. WHEN IT OPENS IN SEPTEMBER, THE CLINIC WILL JUST SERVE STUDENTS, BUT OVER TIME THE DISTRICT WILL OPEN THE CLINIC TO THE PUBLIC.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**
DATES: MARCH 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY FINDS THAT NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF PRE-PACKAGED MEALS AND SNACKS FOR TODDLERS HAVE TOO MUCH SALT. IT'S ADDED AS A PRESERVATIVE AND FOR FLAVOR. A PRODUCT IS CONSIDERED HIGH IN SALT IF IT HAS MORE THAN 210 MILLIGRAMS OF SODIUM PER SERVING. THAT'S 14 PERCENT OF THE DAILY RECOMMENDED ALLOWANCE. ANOTHER STUDY FINDS MOST ADULTS EAT ALMOST DOUBLE THE RECOMMENDED DAILY AMOUNT OF SODIUM. IF YOU'RE ONE OF THEM - LISTEN TO THIS. EATING TOO MUCH SALT CONTRIBUTED TO 2 POINT 3 MILLION DEATHS WORLDWIDE IN 2010 FROM HEART-RELATED DISEASES. ALMOST HALF WERE PEOPLE 69 OR YOUNGER. HEALTH EXPERTS SAY A HALF A TEASPOON OF SALT HAS NEARLY AN ENTIRE DAY'S WORTH OF RECOMMENDED SODIUM. SO ANOTHER WAY TO REDUCE SODIUM IS TO KEEP SALT SHAKERS OFF OF KITCHEN TABLES.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: **MARCH 22, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: HONEY TO HELP YOUR ALLERGIES? WE ASK THE EXPERTS WHAT REMEDIES ACTUALLY GIVE YOU REAL RELIEF? ALLERGISTS RECOMMEND STICKING WITH TRADITIONAL MEASURES LIKE TAKING ANTIHISTAMINES AND NASAL SPRAYS BEFORE SYMPTOMS START. STAY INSIDE IN THE MORNINGS AS POLLEN COUNTS ARE USUALLY HIGHEST BEFORE NOON. KEEP WINDOWS AND DOORS SHUT. THE FRESH AIR MIGHT NOT BE SO FRESH AND SHOWER AFTER SPENDING LOTS OF TIME OUTDOORS.

PROGRAM: **MEDICAL WATCH**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATES: **MARCH 29, 2013**

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW STUDY FINDS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN RECEIVING VACCINES TOO SOON, AND AUTISM. THE RESEARCH, PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OF PEDIATRICS, LOOKED AT ABOUT 1-THOUSAND CHILDREN AND THE MULTIPLE VACCINES THEY RECEIVED UP TO AGE 2. SCIENTISTS FOUND NO DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF VACCINE ANTIGENS BETWEEN CHILDREN DEVELOPING NORMALLY AND THOSE WITH AUTISM. AN ESTIMATED ONE IN TEN PARENTS REFUSE OR DELAY VACCINATIONS BECAUSE OF AUTISM CONCERNS EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE LINKING THEM.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: NEXT TIME YOU GO TO PICK UP TRASH IN YOUR YARD OR ALONG THE ROAD BETTER THINK TWICE. COPS SAY DRUG-USERS ARE TOSSING DANGEROUS BYPRODUCTS OF METH LABS. LT ASHLEY HARRIS AT THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RUNS THE DRUG LAB AND SAYS MORE AND MORE METH HEADS ARE TOSSING THESE BOTTLES OUT IN PUBLIC. THE LEFTOVER CHEMICALS CAN BE EXPLOSIVE, ESPECIALLY IF THEY GET WET. ASIDE FROM PERSONAL INJURY.. DEPUTIES SAY THE DISCARDED BOTTLES HAVE CAUSED PROPERTY DAMAGE. SPARTANBURG COUNTY SAYS THE BOTTLES HAVE SPARKED MULTIPLE BRUSH FIRES. AND A COUPLE MORE NOTES YOU SHOULD KNOW. AVOID ANY PLASTIC BOTTLE FOUND ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, ESPECIALLY WITH WHITE OR REDDISH RESIDUE IN THE BOTTOM. ASIDE FROM MARIJUANA, DEPUTIES IN SPARTANBURG SAY CRYSTAL METH IS THE MOST USED DRUG. IT RECENTLY SURPASSED CRACK COCAINE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 7, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: POLICE IN ASHEVILLE SAY A MAN IS BEHIND BARS THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH MURDER. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO THE PISGAH VIEW APARTMENTS SATURDAY AFTERNOON AFTER REPORTS OF GUNFIRE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND 35 YEAR OLD FABIAN RUFFIN SHOT. HE DIED AT THE SCENE. AFTER QUESTIONING WITNESSES AND FOLLOWING UP ON LEADS, OFFICERS SAY THEY HAVE MADE AN ARREST.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 9, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES SAY A LANDSCAPER IS IN TROUBLE TONIGHT. HE'S ACCUSED OF SCOPING OUT HIS VICTIMS ON THE JOB. THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTED JAMES NELSON ON BURGLARY CHARGES. THEY SAY HE OWNS "FIRST CHOICE LAWN AND LANDSCAPING." NELSON IS ACCUSED OF BREAKING INTO HOMES WHERE HE WORKED TO STEAL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION. INVESTIGATORS SAY IF YOU THINK YOU COULD ALSO BE A VICTIM, CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 11, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS SAY A VIOLENT ROBBER IS ON THE RUN. HE TARGETED VICTIMS ON "CRAIG'S LIST." THIS SURVEILLANCE PICTURE SHOWS A PERSON OF INTEREST. WE JUST GOT IT FROM DEPUTIES IN GREENVILLE COUNTY. INVESTIGATORS SAY A COUPLE FROM NORTH CAROLINA RESPONDED TO AN AD TO BUY AN I-PHONE. WHEN THEY MET THE MAN, HE POINTED A GUN AT THEM AND TOOK OFF WITH THEIR MONEY AND BELONGINGS. IF YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MAN CALL "CRIME STOPPERS" AT 23- CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 16, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS ARE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR A GROUP OF DANGEROUS GUYS ON THE RUN. THEY BROKE INTO A HOME NEAR LANDER UNIVERSITY AND SHOT ONE OF THE STUDENTS INSIDE. IT HAPPENED EARLY THIS MORNING AT A HOME ON "SANDY LANE". THAT'S IN GREENWOOD JUST OFF THE CAMPUS OF LANDER UNIVERSITY. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS HOME INVASION, CALL POLICE. THE NUMBER IS ON YOUR SCREEN - 942-8422

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 16, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS NEED YOUR HELP NABBING A PAIR OF VIOLENT ROBBERS. THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS THE ARMED ROBBERY AT A STORE CALLED "DAY-N-NIGHT". IT'S ON LAURENS ROAD IN GREENVILLE. YOU CAN SEE THE 2 MEN POINT GUNS AT THE CLERK, FORCING HER TO EMPTY THE CASH REGISTER. THEN THEY TOOK OFF. IF YOU RECOGNIZE THEM, CALL POLICE AT 23-CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 16, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN A PAIR OF BOLD ROBBERS. TAKE A LOOK AT THESE SURVEILLANCE PICTURES. IT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT AT THE "SUNOCO" ON UNION STREET IN SPARTANBURG. POLICE SAY TWO MEN PULLED UP IN A CAR, JUMPED OUT, AND POINTED A GUN AT AN EMPLOYEE, THEN TOOK THE WORKER INTO THE STORE WITH THE WEAPON HELD TO HIS HEAD. A SECOND ARMED ROBBER DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE CLERK BEHIND THE COUNTER. THE ROBBERS LEFT IN A DARK COLORED CHEVY MALIBU. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CALL 1- 888- CRIME- SC.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 18, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SINCE JANUARY 6TH SOMEONE HAS BEEN BREAKING INTO HOMES NEAR CLINTON, WATERLOO, WARE SHOALS, AND GRAY COURT. LAURENS COUNTY DEPUTIES THINK A GROUP OF 4 MEN IN A CHAMPAGNE- COLORED CAR ARE RESPONSIBLE. IT HAS BLACK SEAT COVERS WITH PINK WRITING NEAR THE TOP. DEPUTIES ARE STEPPING UP PATROLS, BUT THEY SAY IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BREAK-INS, CALL 68- CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 18, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ITS NOT EVERY DAY YOU WALK FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS, WHICH IS WHY PEOPLE HERE AT ROPER MOUNTAIN ESTATES JOINED A WEBSITE THAT HELPS THEM KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS AND KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE. DAVID MCELVEEN WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE HIS ROPER MOUNTAIN ESTATES COMMUNITY SAFER. HE WAS TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE LOITERING IN THE AREA AND NO WAY TO ALERT HIS NEIGHBORS. HE THOUGHT THE BEST WAY TO FIX THOSE PROBLEMS WAS A COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP, BUT NOT YOUR TYPICAL WATCH GROUP: A VIRTUAL ONE. IT'S A WEBSITE CALLED NEXT DOOR - A FREE SERVICE. YOU CAN MAKE A COMMUNITY PAGE TO TRACK CRIME TRENDS AND SEND OUT ALERTS OR WARNINGS. MCELVEEN TELLS US THIS SITE HAS ACTUALLY HELPED SOLVE CRIMES INCLUDING A STRING OF CAR BREAK INS. THE NEXTDOOR SITE IS CATCHING ON. THERE ARE MORE THAN A DOZEN COMMUNITIES IN GREENVILLE COUNTY USING THE SITE INCLUDING HOLLINGSWORTH. MARGRET HARVEY TELLS US THE WARNINGS DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ABOUT CRIME. DAVID MCELVEE HOPES EVERY HOME IN THIS COMMUNITY WILL JOIN. BECAUSE THE BEST WAY TO STAY SAFE IS STAYING INFORMED. WE CALLED THE "NEXTDOOR" COMPANY AND FOUND OUT HOW THEY KEEP YOUR SITE SECURE. THE COMPANY MUST VERIFY YOU LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE YOU SIGN UP. YOU CAN USE A CREDIT CARD BILLING ADDRESS, A HOME LAND LINE OR, A POST CARD IS SENT TO YOUR HOME WITH A SPECIAL CODE YOU'LL HAVE TO ENTER TO SIGN UP. WE PUT A LINK TO THE "NEXTDOOR" COMPANY ON OUR WEBSITE. LOG ON TO W-S-P-A DOT-COM AND LOOK UNDER "LINKS WE MENTIONED."

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH CONTINUES TODAY FOR A DRIVER WHO LEFT TWO SPARTANBURG COUNTY TEENS BADLY HURT AND DIDN'T BOTHER TO STOP. TROOPERS SAY 14- YEAR- OLD SABREENA SOLESBEE AND HER BOYFRIEND WERE WALKING ALONG "MONKS GROVE CHURCH ROAD" FRIDAY NIGHT. THAT'S WHEN INVESTIGATORS SAY A CAR PLOWED INTO THEM AND TOOK OFF. SOLESBEE SUFFERED A FRACTURED SKULL, LACERATED LIVER, AND LOST PART OF HER FOOT IN THE CRASH. HER FAMILY IS PLEADING FOR THE DRIVER RESPONSIBLE TO COME FORWARD. TROOPERS NEED YOUR HELP SOLVING THIS CASE. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO SAW ANYTHING AROUND 8:45 FRIDAY NIGHT ON MONKS GROVE CHURCH ROAD IN SPARTANBURG. THEY SAY THE VEHICLE THAT HIT THE TWO TEENS LIKELY HAS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD CALL THE HIGHWAY PATROL AT (864) 241-1000 OR YOU CAN ALSO CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-888-CRIME SC. THIS INFORMAITON IS ALSO ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: JANUARY 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: CREEPING OFF WITH COWS - SOMEONE IS STEALING CATTLE WORTH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM UPSTATE MARKETS. A CHEROKEE COUNTY AUCTION HOUSE WAS THE LATEST VICTIM. FARMERS SAY THEY PUT BEEF ON YOUR TABLE. NOW THEY NEED YOUR HELP FINDING THE PERSON WHO'S TARGETING THEIR INCOME. SOMEONE STOLE NEARLY 5-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CATTLE FROM THIS LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET IN CHESNEE. CAMERAS NEAR THE STALLS SHOW THIS TRUCK AND 20 FOOT TRAILER PULLING UP TO THE PROPERTY. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING IN THE UPSTATE. JUST LAST WEEK THE ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SOMEONE BROKE A LOCK AND TOOK 26 CALVES FROM UPSTATE LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE. THE COWS WERE A 20 TO 30 THOUSAND DOLLAR LOSS. COUNTY INVESTIGATORS ARE COMPARING NOTES. AT THE SAME TIME, FARMERS ARE SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE THEFTS. THEY ARE POSTING WARNING SIGNS AND THEY ARE KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR THIS TRAILER. FARMERS SAY THEY WORK HARD PUTTING FOOD ON YOUR TABLE. THEY HOPE IN TURN YOU CAN LOOK OUT FOR THEM BEFORE A COW CROOK STRIKES AGAIN.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A TRUCKING COMPANY REPORTED SOMEONE BROKE INTO THEIR LOT ON SUNDAY ON CANNONS CAMPGROUND ROAD IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY. NINE BATTERIES WERE STOLEN FROM TRACTOR TRAILERS. THEN MONDAY, THEIVES HIT A CONSTRUCTION SITE, STEALING 24 BATTERIES FROM EQUIPMENT. THEY WERE VAUED AT NEARLY 17-THOUSAND DOLLARS. DEPUTIES THINK THE CASES ARE CONNECTED. CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATE AIRED: JANUARY 25, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIS MORNING THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A KILLER FOLLOWING A LATE-NIGHT SHOOTING. THIS IS NEW VIDEO OF THE SCENE ON LEWIS STREET IN ANDERSON COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A WOMAN HEARD GUNSHOTS AROUND 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT. WHEN SHE CAME OUT OF HER HOME, SHE FOUND A MAN INJURED ON HER PORCH. THE MAN WAS TAKEN TO "ANMED HEALTH" WHERE HE LATER DIED. INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT NAMED ANY SUSPECTS AND WE DON'T KNOW THE VICTIM'S NAME. CALL 888-CRIME-SC WITH ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP DEPUTIES.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 1, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND A BOLD ROBBER. TAKE A LOOK AT THESE SUREILLANCE PICTURES. GREENVILLE COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY THIS MAN WALKED INTO THE "STOP N GO" GAS STATION ON CONESTEE ROAD YESTERDAY MORNING, POINTED A GUN AT THE CLERK, DEMANDED MONEY, AND TOOK OFF WITH AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH. YOU CAN SEE HE WAS WEARING A DARK JACKET AND A HOOD OVER HIS FACE. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL 23-CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6A SAT

DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 2, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES NEED YOUR HELP TO CATCH TWO CROOKS WHO HELD UP THIS REALTY OFFICE. SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY TWO MEN WITH HANDGUNS ROBBED THE "KEITH EVANS REALTY OFFICE" AROUND 5 O'CLOCK FRIDAY. THAT'S ON SKYLYN DRIVE NEXT TO HOUSTON ELEMENTARY. THE MEN TOOK OFF WITH AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF CASH. IF YOU CAN HELP CRACK THIS CASE CALL CRIMESTOPPERS. THE NUMBER IS 1.888.CRIME.SC

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6A SUN

DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 3, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: OFFICERS WERE TOLD MARJORIE KNUCKLES WAS MISSING LAST NIGHT. FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THEY HADN'T TALKED TO HER SINCE JANUARY 30TH. THEN JUST HOURS AGO A FRIEND CAME TO THE HOME TO CHECK ON MARJORIE AND HER MOTHER AND MADE A GRUESOME DISCOVERY. POLICE AREN'T SURE HOW OR WHERE SHE WAS KILLED. INVESTIGATORS WANT TO TALK TO KNUCKLES SON BRANDON, WHO IS MISSING, ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER'S CAR. AGAIN, THE GAFFNEY POLICE DEPARMENT IS LOOKING FOR THIS MAN, BRANDON KNUCKLES. THEY SAY HE COULD BE NEAR THE ANDERSON OR ATLANTA AREA. WE WANT TO STRESS KNUCKLES IS A "PERSON OF INTEREST", NOT A SUSPECT. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM'S CAR IS MISSING. IT'S A BLUE 4- DOOR 2004 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH A

SOUTH CAROLINA TAG -LICENSE PLATE A-J-S 1-6-5. IF YOU'VE SEEN KNUCKLES OR THE VICTIM'S CAR, PLEASE CALL CRIMESTOPPERS. THE NUMBER IS ON YOUR SCREEN - 1-888-CRIME S-C.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: POLICE IN GREENWOOD HOPE AN AUTOPSY TODAY BRINGS MORE CLUES IN A DEATH THEY CALL SUSPICIOUS. INVESTIGATORS SAY A FRIEND FOUND THE BODY OF 42- YEAR- OLD VINCENT HURLEY IN HIS HOME ON CENTRAL AVENUE. OFFICERS DO NOT THINK HURLEY'S FRIEND HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS DEATH AND HAVE NOT SAID WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. WATCH FOR UPDATES TODAY ON W-S-P-A DOT-COM AND TONIGHT SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE LOOKING FOR THE CROOKS BEHIND A STRING OF CAR BREAK-INS. ACCORDING TO A REPORT, MORE THAN A DOZEN VEHICLES WERE TARGETED SUNDAY IN THE LAKE BOWEN AREA. ALL OF THE VEHICLES WERE UNLOCKED. IN ONE CASE A VICTIM SAID HE SAW -2- PEOPLE RUNNING AWAY FROM THE SCENE. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE THEFTS, CALL "CRIME STOPPERS" AT 1- 888- CRIME- SC.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SPARTANBURG COUNTY'S FIRE MARSHAL IS INVESTIGATING A STRING OF FIRES IN THE AREA. HE SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN THREE FIRES IN THE LAST TWO AND ALL OF THEM HAPPENED ON THE PROPERTY BEHIND THE HOME DEPOT ON HIGHWAY 29. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'RE NOT SURE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE BUT THEY'RE SURE SOMEONE IS INTENTIONALLY SETTING THEM. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOON YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET A FIRSTHAND ALMOST REAL-TIME ACCOUNT OF CRIME GOING ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLY TO COPS WILL NOW BE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS. THROUGH THIS NEW SOFTWARE THE CITY INSTALLED, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAP CRIME ANYWHERE IN THE CITY DOWN TO YOUR STREET. IT'S ALL FREE. AND THE SYSTEM GOES ONE STEP FURTHER. STEELE WILL PLUG IN ACCIDENT REPORTS, CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE, ARRESTS, FIRES, AND OF COURSE INCIDENT REPORTS. IT'S AS EASY AS TYPING IN YOUR ADDRESS. WHEN PUBLIC SAFETY'S PROGRAM IS READY, IT'LL BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG'S MAIN WEB SITE. WE CHECKED AROUND AND FOUND THE CITY OF GREENVILLE APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY OTHER AGENCY TO OFFER THIS SORT OF PUBLIC MAPPING. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO EVERY OFFICER IN EVERY PATROL CAR, WHICH WILL HELP THEM FOCUS ON HOTSPOTS. THERE ARE A FEW BUGS IN THE SYSTEM THAT NEED WORKING OUT AND A SOFTWARE UPGRADE NEXT WEEK, BUT THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE LIVE BY MONTH'S END.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DISTRACT AND ROB - DEPUTIES SAY THAT'S WHAT SCAMMERS ARE DOING BY POSING AS UTILITY WOKERS. THE PLOY HAS ALREADY WORKED TWICE. AND DEPUTIES BELIEVE THE CASES ARE RELATED. IF YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER A PERSON REALLY WORKS FOR DUKE ENERGY, YOU CAN CALL AND VERIFY. MOST WORKERS ALSO CARRY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION. SO ASK TO SEE IT. AND NEVER LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME UNTIL YOU HAVE VERIFIED THAT THEY ARE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE. IF YOU FIND OUT THEY'RE AN IMPOSTER - CALL POLICE AND REPORT IT.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 12, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THERE'S A KILLER ON THE LOOSE. DEPUTIES STILL DON'T KNOW WHO SHOT AND KILLED TWO MEN IN ANDERSON COUNTY. WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU THE TRIPLE SHOOTING IN A 7 ON YOUR SIDE NEWS ALERT LAST NIGHT. DEPUTIES NOW TELL US THREE MEN STARTED FIGHTING, THEN

SOMEONE STARTED SHOOTING. IT HAPPENED AT THIS HOME ON PAGE DRIVE. ONE MAN DIED INSIDE. ANOTHER PERSON WAS FOUND IN A NEARBY DITCH. A THIRD MAN, WHO SURVIVED, WAS FOUND A FEW STREETS AWAY. NEIGHBORS TELL US THEY'RE SCARED. DEPUTIES SAY THERE IS NO THREAT TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR WITNESSES TO INTERVIEW. SO FAR NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND NO CHARGES FILED.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 19, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THAT'S THE WORD FROM PEOPLE LIVING IN A GREENVILLE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD. LAWMAKERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THEY'RE STEPPING IN TO DEAL WITH THE HIGH CRIME RATE ALONG WHITE HORSE ROAD. SO FAR, THEY'VE SHUT DOWN PROBLEM NIGHT CLUB. LIKE "CLUB Z-2." DEPUTIES SAY THE CLUB HAD TWO SHOOTINGS IN JUST SIX MONTHS AND THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE GREENVILLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPHELD A DECISION TO CLOSE THE BAR'S DOORS FOR GOOD. STATE SENATOR KARL ALLEN AND ACTIVIST JACK LOGAN SAY THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. LAWMAKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC FORUM IN MARCH FOR THE WHITE HORSE ROAD COMMUNITY TO TALK ABOUT WHICH THINGS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CUTTING CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 20, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO FIND 2 MASKED MEN WHO ROBBED A CROWDED JEWELRY STORE AT GUNPOINT. YOU CAN SEE GREENVILLE COUNTY DEPUTIES ON THE SCENE OF PARADISE JEWELERS ON WOODRUFF ROAD. INVESTIGATORS SAY TWO MEN HELD UP THE PLACE AROUND 11:30 THIS MORNING. THEY ORDERED EVERYONE TO THE GROUND THEN STARTED SMASHING JEWELRY CASES. DEPUTIES SAY THEY GOT AWAY IN A GRAY CAR AND THE OWNER OF THE STORE RAN AFTER THEM FIRING A GUN. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE ROBBERY CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: MAIL THEFT BUST: IF A BUST LIKE THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR IT IS. THE FEDS INDICTED 20 PEOPLE IN ANOTHER CRIME RING BACK IN DECEMBER. PROSECUTORS TOLD US THE CROOKS TARGETED PEOPLE, BUSINESSES, AND BANKS ACROSS THE UPSTATE. THERE WERE AS MANY AS 2-THOUSAND VICTIMS.. AND A TOTAL FRAUD TAG OF NEARLY A MILLION DOLLARS. 13 PEOPLE COULD SPEND UP TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON OR PAY UP TO 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FINES. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE SUSPECTS. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED FOUR OF THEM YESTERDAY BUT EIGHT ARE STILL ON THE LOOSE. WE HAVE THEIR MUGSHOTS AND INFORMATION ON W-S-P-A DOT COM, SO YOU CAN TAKE A CLOSER LOOK. CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 888-CRIME-SC IF YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS NEED YOUR HELP TRACKING DOWN A MAN POSING AS A UTILITY WORKER AND ROBBING HOMEOWNERS. HERE'S A PICTURE OF THE SUSPECT, JIMMY SHERLOCK. DEPUTIES SAY HE MAY BE DRIVING A RED "DODGE RAM" TRUCK. IT HAS SOUTH CAROLINA LICENSE TAG I-G-Y/ 4-6-0. DEPUTIES THINK SHERLOCK POSED AS A WORKER FOR "DUKE ENERGY" AND ROBBED AT LEAST 3 PEOPLE IN ANDERSON COUNTY. IF YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS YOU CAN REACH "CRIME STOPPERS" AT 1- 888- CRIME-SC.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT'S A GROWING CRIME TREND THAT HITS CLOSE HOME FOR ONE LOCAL WOMAN. TONIGHT SHE'S MAKING AN EMOTIONAL PLEA FOR THE CROOK TO RETURN HER DOG. DONA HAMILTON SPOKE ONLY TO 7 ON YOUR SIDE ABOUT HER MISSING COCKER SPANIE JAGGER. JAGGER DISAPPEARED MONDAY. HE'S A VICTIM OF WHAT THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CALLS A SKYROCKETING CRIME TREND OF DOG THEFTS. TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T BUY A STOLEN DOG. THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SAYS NEVER BUY DOGS OVER THE INTERNET OR AT A FLEA MARKET. BE CAUTIOUS OF NEWSPAPER ADS THAT ASK FOR A "RELOCATION FEE" OR LAST MINUTE SHIPPING FEES. THESE ARE RED FLAGS. DEMAND

PROPER PAPERS FOR PUREBRED DOGS AND GET A REGISTRATION NUMBER. CONTACT AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TO VERIFY THE REGISTRATION NUMBER. THAT CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT W-SP-A DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 22, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH FOR THREE PEOPLE CONTINUES IN GREENVILLE COUNTY THIS MORNING FOLLOWING A CHASE LAST NIGHT. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY U-S MARSHALS STARTED FOLLOWING A CAR WITH SEVERAL MEN INSIDE WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE. AUTHORITIES STOPPED THE CAR ON AUGUSTA ROAD AND FOUR GUYS RAN AWAY. THEY CAUGHT ONE SUSPECT BUT THINK THE OTHERS GOT AWAY IN A WAITING CAR. CALL 888-CRIME-SC IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 25, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH FOR A DANGEROUS SHOOTER. DEPUTIES SAY A MAN OPENED FIRE IN THE PARKING LOT OF A BUSY FAST FOOD RESTAURANT THEN TOOK OFF. THIS WAS THE SCENE AROUND 2 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON OUTSIDE THE TACO BELL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY. INVESTIGATORS HAD THE ENTIRE LOT BLOCKED OFF LOOKING FOR CLUES TO TRACK DOWN THE GUNMAN. DEPUTIES SAY THEY FOUND A MAN SHOT AT LEAST ONCE AND UNCONSCIOUS IN THE PARKING LOT. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BUT RIGHT NOW WE DONT KNOW HIS CONDITION. NEARBY STORES WATCHED AS THE SHOOTING UNFOLDED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AT THIS BUSY INTERSECTION. DEPUTIES TELLS US THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A LIGHT IN COLOR CHRYSLER 300 THAT MAY BE INVOLVED OR SAW SOMETHING. IF YOU WERE IN THE AREA THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU SAW ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1.888.CRIME.SC.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: FEBRUARY 27, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: UPDATE: SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN A MAN WANTED IN A SHOOTING OUTSIDE THIS TACO BELL. AIR 7 WAS OVER THIS SCENE MONDAY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS SOMEONE WAS SHOT IN THE PARKING LOT. WE JUST CHECKED AND THE VICTIM IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. DEPUTIES SAY 24- YEAR- OLD ROBERT LEE MOORE IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. HE FACES "ATTEMPTED MURDER" CHARGES. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CALL 1- 888-CRIME- SC.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 1, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES TELL US HELPING THEM TRACK TRAILER THEFTS IS UP TO YOU. SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEPUTIES TELL US THEY'VE SEEN A SLIGHT DROP IN THEFTS. THERE WERE 150 TRAILERS STOLEN THERE IN 2011. IN 2012 THERE WERE ABOUT 140. WE CHECKED AND THE CRIME IS POPPING UP EVEN MORE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IN 2011 THEY SAW 234 THEFTS. IN 2012 THE NUMBERS WENT UP TO 254. DEPUTIES SAY IF YOUR TRAILER DOESN'T HAVE A SERIAL NUMBER, FIND A HIDDEN SPOT AND WRITE A NUMBER THAT ONLY YOU WILL KNOW. THAT WAY YOU CAN IDENTITY IT IF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FINDS IT.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 4, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIS MORNING THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR A GUNMAN IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING. GREENVILLE POLICE SAY THE SHOOT-OUT HAPPENED AT AUGUSTA STREET AND POTOMAC AVENUE ON SATURDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY A CAR DROVE UP AND SOMEONE SHOT INTO A CAR STOPPED IN THE ROAD. THE TWO VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP POLICE, CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 23-CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 4, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: A NEW TOOL IS ONLINE PUTTING CRIME STATISTICS RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS. WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS LAST MONTH. TODAY "SPARTANBURG PUBLIC SAFETY" LAUNCHED A FREE, REAL- TIME CRIME- MAPPING SYSTEM ON ITS WEB SITE. IT'LL ALLOW YOU TO TRACK JUST ABOUT ANY INCIDENT FROM CAR WRECKS TO VIOLENT CRIME. YOU CAN FIND A LINK BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE W-S-P-A DOT COM.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT MAY BE HARDER FOR YOU TO TRACK REPORTED SHOPLIFTING CRIMES IN THE CITY. WE'VE LEARNED SPARTANBURG PUBLIC SAFETY WON'T BE POSTING PICTURES OF ACCUSED SHOP-LIFTERS ON-LINE. POLICE SAY PEOPLE WERE POSTING INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS. PUBLIC SAFETY TELLS US SHOP-LIFTING CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR ISSUE AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO STOP IT.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 5, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A THIRD MAN ACCUSED IN A VIOLENT ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING. THE "GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE" SAYS MARQUIS BLASSINGAME IS STILL ON THE RUN. HE'S ACCUSED OF TRYING TO ROB "A-T-L FASHIONS" ON POINSETT HIGHWAY LAST MONTH. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE WAS IN A GROUP OF MEN WHO HELD UP THE STORE AT GUNPOINT AND BOUND A PERSON WITH DUCT TAPE. DEPUTIES ANNOUNCED TODAY THEY ARRESTED "MICHAEL LEE" AND "ALI ALATIF". THEY BOTH FACE CHARGES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING, AND CONSPIRACY. THEY'RE IN THE DETENTION CENTER WITHOUT BOND.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 6, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES IN POLK COUNTY SAY THEY WANT TO CATCH THE THREE MEN SHOWN IN THESE SURVEILLANCE PICTURES. THEY'RE ACCUSED OF BREAKING INTO "ALL BRIGHT SANITATION" IN COLUMBUS AND STEALING ABOUT 50 BLANK CHECKS. THOSE CHECKS WERE CASHED AT BANKS IN ASHEVILLE, HENDERSONVILLE, AND COLUMBUS. IN ALL, THE MEN GOT ABOUT 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS. PLEASE CALL POLK COUNTY DEPUTIES AT 828- 894- 3001 IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 8, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: AN UPDATE NOW TO A 7 ON YOUR SIDE CRIME TRACKER ALERT. DEPUTIES SAY ONE MAN'S RUN FROM THE LAW IS OVER. WE SHOWED YOU THIS SCENE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. DEPUTIES FOUND A GUNSHOT VICTIM IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE RESTAURANT OFF WARREN ABERNATHY HIGHWAY. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. A THIRD MAN ACCUSED IN A SHOOTING OUTSIDE TACO BELL IS IN JAIL TONIGHT. ACCORDING TO THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, "ROBERT LEE MOORE THE THIRD" TURNED HIMSELF IN TODAY. HE'S WAITING ON A BOND HEARING.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**
DATE AIRED: MARCH 12, 2013

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SOMEONE IS STEALING STORM DRAIN COVERS, LEAVING MASSIVE, UNCOVERED HOLES BEHIND. POLICE OFFICERS SAY THEY ARE CHECKING WITH SCRAP METAL YARDS TO MAKE SURE NO ONE IS BUYING THE COVERS. THAT'S BECAUSE THESE THEFTS ARE DANGEROUS AND THEY ARE COSTING YOU MONEY. MANAGERS AT THE WYNNSONG CINEMA IN SPARTANBURG SAY SOMEONE STOLE FOUR STORM DRAINS OVER THE WEEKEND, LEAVING THESE DANGEROUS HOLES BEHIND. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THIEVES HAVE SWIPED STORM DRAINS ON ROADS YOU DRIVE. THE SAME PROBLEM CAUSED DANGERS ON INTERSTATE 85 TWO YEARS AGO WHEN SOMEONE REMOVED MORE THAN 100 STOLEN DRAINS IN GREENVILLE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES. UPSTATE AGENCIES TELL US THIEVES ARE SELLING THE COVERS TO SCRAP YARDS. LOCAL AND STATE DEPARTMENTS ARE USING YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO REPLACE THESE COVERS. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN ANDERSON COUNTY THIS SUMMER. THE COUNTY TOLD US IT HAD TO REPLACE NEARLY 70 STOLEN STORM DRAINS COSTING 7-HUNDRED DOLLARS A PIECE TO REPLACE. NOW COUNTIES SAY THEY ARE DOUBLE-CHECKING WITH SCRAP YARDS, MAKING SURE NO

ONE IS BUYING THESE COVERS. THE THEATER HAS CONES IN PLACE UNTIL NEW DRAIN COVERS ARE PURCHASED BUT EVEN THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO STOP A CAR OR PERSON FROM FALLING IN.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 12, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: VIOLENT ROBBERIES TARGETING SPOTS YOU TAKE YOUR FAMILY. THE SEARCH IS ON TONIGHT FOR THE BAD GUYS ACCUSED OF SEVERAL FAST FOOD HOLD-UPS. ONE EMPLOYEE WAS EVEN SHOT. THIS IS WHERE THE VIOLENCE BEGAN. WE'RE TOLD EMPLOYEES AT THIS ARBY'S WERE JUST ABOUT TO CLOSE UP LAST NIGHT WHEN A ROBBER RUSHED IN. ONE EMPLOYEE TRIED TO ESCAPE AND RUN ACROSS THE STREET FOR HELP BUT GOT SHOT IN THE PROCESS. WE'RE TOLD THE WORKER THAT WAS SHOT HERE AND WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE OK. THE SECOND ROBBERY HAPPENED ABOUT 30- MINUTES LATER AT THIS "SUBWAY" IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON. THE SUSPECT IN THAT CASE ALSO GOT AWAY. LATE TODAY, ANDERSON POLICE TOLD US THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE TWO CASES ARE CONNECTED, BUT WERE PURELY A COINCIDENCE. DEPUTIES SAY THEY ARE REVIEWING SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM THE ARBY'S INCIDENT TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SUSPECTS. THE SUBWAY RESTAURANT HAD CAMERAS, BUT OFFICERS SAY THEY WERE NOT WORKING SO THERE IS NO VIDEO IN THAT CASE. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CALL ANDERSON AREA CRIMESTOPPERS AT 864- 231-STOP.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 13, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH CONTINUES THIS MORNING FOR THE ROBBER WHO HELD UP THIS "STEAK OUT" RESTAURANT IN GREENVILLE COUNTY LAST NIGHT. DEPUTIES SAY A MAN WALKED INTO THE BUILDING ON EAST NORTH STREET AROUND 9:30 LAST NIGHT AND HELD WORKERS AT GUNPOINT. EMPLOYEES CALLED FOR HELP FROM A NEARBY BAKERY.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 13, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IT'S A HIDDEN DANGER YOU COULD COME ACROSS ON ROADSIDES IN THE UPSTATE. DEPUTIES SAY THIS TIME OF YEAR YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO FIND THESE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS INGREDIENTS FOR MAKING METH IN BOTTLES OR BOOK BAGS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. THEY COULD CONTAIN CHEMICALS THAT HAVE BEEN ALTERED OR MIXED. THAT COMBINATION COULD BE DANGEROUS. DEPUTIES ACROSS THE UPSTATE SAY THEIR CALLS GO UP THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH MORE COMMUNITY GROUPS PICKING UP TRASH AND FOLKS CLEANING UP THEIR YARDS. DEPUTIES TELL US THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS TO MAKE METH. SO WHAT YOU FIND MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE SHOWED YOU. IF IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS, DO NOT PICK IT UP. CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 14, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIS MORNING AUTHORITIES IN POLK COUNTY WANT TO STOP A CHECK CASHING SPREE SPANNING SEVERAL COUNTIES. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE THIEVES HAVE STOLEN MORE THAN 60-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THEY'RE FORGING SIGNATURES THEN PASSING PHONY PAYROLL CHECKS AS THE REAL THING, ALL WITH DRIVER'S LICENSES THAT LOOK LEGIT TOO. ONE OF THE VICTIMS WAS GEORGE GEISLER WHO OWNS "ALL BRIGHT SANITATION." HE SAYS HE LOST MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THESE ARE THE THREE MEN DEPUTIES SAY ARE THE MASTERMINDS BEHIND THE CHECK CASHING SCHEME. GEISLER IS OFFERING A 5 THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO A CONVICTION.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 14, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A MAN WHO TRIED TO RUN DOWN A COP WITH HIS CAR. IT HAPPENED HERE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF EISENHOWER DRIVE AND KEITH DRIVE IN GREENVILLE. POLICE SAY AN OFFICER PULLED OVER A CAR AND STARTED QUESTIONING THE DRIVER. THAT'S WHEN OFFICERS SAY THE DRIVER TOOK OFF, TRYING TO RUN OVER THE COP. THE OFFICER IS OKAY BUT POLICE SAY THE DRIVER GOT AWAY. THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN A NAME OR DESCRIPTION.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 11PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 15, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: IF YOU GOT A FLYER ABOUT EMERGENCY CURB PAINTING FOR YOUR HOME, DON'T FALL FOR IT. THE FLYER DESCRIBES A COMPANY CALLED "THE CURB ADDRESSOR" WHICH CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 18 YEARS. THE COMPANY PAINTS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER ON A CURB. IT CLAIMS THE WORK IS NECESSARY FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO SEE YOUR HOUSE AT NIGHT. BUT POLICE WARN THAT THIS IS NOT A SERVICE OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THE SEARCH IS ON THIS MORNING FOR A MAN WHO DEPUTIES SAY TRIED TO CARJACK A DRIVER AT "WALMART." IT HAPPENED AT THE STORE ON WOODRUFF ROAD IN GREENVILLE COUNTY ON SUNDAY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS TRYING TO ENHANCE THIS SECURITY VIDEO SHOWING THE INCIDENT. HE'S DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MAN ABOUT 50 TO 60 YEARS OLD. HE'S BETWEEN 5-FOOT-8 AND 5-FOOT-11 AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 180 POUNDS. THE VICTIM TOLD DEPUTIES HE WAS ABLE TO GET THE MAN OUT OF HIS CAR, THEN HE RAN AWAY. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION, YOU CAN REACH "CRIME STOPPERS" AT 23- CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6AM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: GREENVILLE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW A PAIR OF PIPE BOMBS ENDED UP IN THE FRONT YARD OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. SOME ONE FOUND THEM TUESDAY NIGHT ON FARLEY ROAD. A ROBOT SAFELY BLEW UP THE DEVICES. A RETIRED BOMB SQUAD CAPTAIN WITH THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SAYS THEY GET MULTIPLE CALLS LIKE THIS ONE EACH YEAR. OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE FOUND NEAR METH LABS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND EVEN IN BACKYARDS WHICH SCARES SOME NEIGHBORS. THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT'S RESPONDED TO ONLY 2 PIPE BOMB CALLS IN THE PAST DECADE. OTHER UPSTATE COUNTIES SAY THEY ONLY GET A CALL OR TWO EVERY COUPLE YEARS. OFFICIALS SAY IF YOU'RE CAUGHT MAKING A PIPE BOMB YOU COULD FACE STATE AND FEDERAL CHARGES.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 6PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 21, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: PATROLLING YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD? DEPUTIES SAY A UNIQUE PROGRAM COULD BE THE KEY TO STOPPING RECENT VIOLENCE. DEPUTIES SAY NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN CRIME SHOULD START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. HALF A DECADE AGO IN PACOLET, NEIGHBORS SAY THEY WENT TO BED FEARING A BREAK-IN. EVEN THE MAYOR SAYS DRUG ACTIVITY BEGAN TO OVERWHELM HER POLICE FORCE. THE MAYOR ASKED SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HELP. DEPUTIES CRACKED DOWN ON CRIME AND TAUGHT NEIGHBORS HOW TO RECOGNIZE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. BUT DEPUTIES SAY IT DOESN'T WORK IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT. DEPUTIES ENCOURAGE ANYONE WORRIED ABOUT CRIME IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD TO CONTACT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE. THEY CAN HELP YOU START YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BY CALLING THE SHERIFFS OFFICE AT 503-4676.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: COPS ARE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR A MAN WHO SNAPPED PICTURES OF A WOMAN IN A DRESSING ROOM. CHECK OUT THIS SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE TO SEE IF YOU RECOGNIZE THE SUSPECT. GREENVILLE POLICE SAY A WOMAN WAS IN A DRESSING ROOM YESTERDAY AT "PLATO'S CLOSET" WHEN SHE NOTICED A MAN HOLDING A CAMERA PHONE UNDER THE STALL DOOR. SHE SCREAMED AND SCARED HIM OFF. POLICE SAY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL 23- CRIME.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 22, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: DEPUTIES ARE HOPING TO TRACK DOWN ANOTHER STOLEN TRAILER SWIPED FROM AN UPSTATE HOME. EARLIER THIS MONTH, WE TOLD YOU DEPUTIES ARE INVESTIGATING A STRING OF TRAILER THEFTS. DEPUTIES TELL US THIEVES OFTEN PAINT THE TRAILERS AS SOON AS THEY TAKE

THEM SO YOU CAN'T IDENTIFY YOURS. IF YOUR TRAILER DOESN'T HAVE A SERIAL NUMBER, AUTHORITIES SAY FIND A HIDDEN SPOT AND WRITE A NUMBER ONLY YOU WILL KNOW. THAT WAY YOU CAN IDENTIFY IT IF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FINDS IT.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT NOON

DATE AIRED: MARCH 25, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: SPARTANBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO THE STORE ON NEW WOODRUFF ROAD OUTSIDE GREER JUST AFTER 7 A-M. CLERKS SAY A MAN WEARING A HOODIE HELD THEM AT GUNPOINT, FORCING THEM TO EMPTY THE SAFE AND DEPOSIT BAGS. HE RAN AWAY. NO ONE WAS HURT. CALL DEPUTIES IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 7PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 26, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIS SIMPSONVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS HIT BY A RASH OF CAR BREAK-INS RECENTLY. THIEVES STOLE G-P-S UNITS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS. POLICE SAY YOU CAN EXPECT A BIG BOOST IN PROPERTY CRIMES AS SPRING SETTLES IN. IN GREENVILLE COUNTY LAST YEAR, CAR BREAK-INS DIPPED IN FEBRUARY BUT ROSE MORE THAN 50- PERCENT FOR THE NEXT 4- MONTHS AS THE WEATHER GOT WARMER. POLICE SAY THIS TIME OF YEAR MANY PEOPLE TEND TO LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN. THEY SAY YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF BY CLOSING GARAGE DOORS AND SECURING OUTDOOR VALUABLES LIKE LAWN FURNITURE AND GRILLS.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5:30PM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 27, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIEVES IN GREENVILLE COUNTY ARE TARGETING CELL PHONE TOWERS. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THE GROUND BARS AND COPPER GROUND CABLE HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM FIVE DIFFERENT TOWERS IN THE PAST WEEK. THE DAMAGE DONE TO EACH TOWER RANGES FROM \$400 TO \$4500.

PROGRAM: **CRIME TRACKER**

7 ON YOUR SIDE AT 5AM

DATE AIRED: MARCH 28, 2013

PROGRAM SUMMARY: THIEVES ARE TAKING STREET SIGNS IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY AND REPLACING THEM IS COSTING TAX PAYERS. BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS THE ALTERNATIVE COULD COST SOMEONE THEIR LIFE. IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS NEARLY 140 STREET SIGNS HAVE BEEN STOLEN IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY. RUTHERFORD COUNTY HAS TRIED USING TAMPER-PROOF HARDWARE ON THE SIGN. IT HELPED, BUT OFFICIALS SAY THIEVES WILL DO ANYTHING. THE PROBLEM HAS BECOME SO BAD, THERE'S NOW A REWARD BEING OFFERED FOR TIPS LEADING TO AN ARREST. OFFICIALS HOPE IT WILL GET THE COMMUNITY LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING THAT COULD HELP POLICE CATCH THESE THIEVES CALL 828- 286 TIPS. THAT'S 828- 286- 8477. WE'D LIKE TO POINT OUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THEM YOUR NAME OR ANY INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WHEN YOU CALL.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
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CITY OF SPARTANBURG
SPARTANBURG REGIONAL FOUNDATION
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