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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained issues during the preceding three-month period.

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Health & Medical

1/3/2022 - The surge is here, and positive Covid-19 test results are bringing an increased demand for treatment. Monoclonal antibodies look to ease symptoms and cut down on recovery time. We went to a local treatment facility to see how it works.

1/5/2022 - There is a new debate on the world of swabbing: Is it the nose or the throat test? Some doctors say we might need to adapt our testing methods, given the spread of Omicron and infected people testing negative more frequently on at-home tests.

1/6/2022 - Pharmacies across the region are starting to stock new oral antiviral medications. Only a select few in Allegheny County have gotten the pills, and they're reserved for those who are most in need of receiving the Covid-19 pills.

1/12/2022 - The infection dubbed "flurona" has many people worried because they aren't sure what it is: The Flu or Covid-19. We sat down with a local doctor to explain how you can have both at the same time.

1/13/2022 - Experts say the Omicron variant of Covid-19 is nothing like we've seen before. It's highly contagious and is spreading in record numbers. We reported on how the Biden administration is providing high-quality masks to Americans at no cost to help stop the spread.

2/2/2022 - Covid-19 cases are declining in Allegheny County. The Health Department announced this news in a briefing update to the media. While the numbers may be down, health leaders and experts caution citizens to not let their guard down.

2/9/2022 - Seneca Valley School District has had one of the longest mask mandates since the Covid-19 pandemic began. But that could be changing soon, despite warnings from state health leaders. The district will be voting on letting students and faculty go mask free at the end of the month.

2/10/2022 - Finding certain baby formulas is more of a challenge right now. Some stores are completely out, or the supply is running very low. It's creating a stressful situation for parents, and a concern doctors want to warn about with the potential unhealthy impacts on infants.

2/16/2022 - 14 years ago, a local man was diagnosed with a rare and debilitating disease, leaving him unable to live the life he wanted. Now, a new life-changing program has given it back to him. We profiled the "complex care management" program offered through Primary Care Physicians and how it's helping with one-on-one care for those who need it the most.

2/25/2022 - Only 20% of the US population live in counties where they need to wear masks indoors. That's according to new metrics the CDC released. The agency says people in our area can now ditch the mask when indoors. We talked with health experts and residents about the new un-masking information.

2/28/2022 - The CDC announced sweeping changes in recommendations on where and when Americans should wear a mask. It's using Covid-19 hospitalizations and other metrics to determine who and where it's okay to un-mask. We talked with experts in Westmoreland County, one of the hot spots in the state, about what this means.

Government & Politics

1/3/2022 - Some call this an off-year election, but for Pennsylvanians, this is the year we elect a new Governor, a new US Senator, and many other leaders. We investigated why this will be one of the most intense and expensive political years this Commonwealth has experienced.

1/4/2022 - A local state representative announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor and was immediately endorsed by a candidate for Governor. As Political Editor Jon Explained to viewers, this doesn't happen too often. He also had exclusive interviews with both candidates.

1/6/2022 - Most local members of Congress were deeply affected by the January 6th attack on the Capitol. A year later, U.S. Representative Mike Doyle worries some Americans have still not learned the lesson. We talked with him about his thoughts, one year later.

1/10/2022 - Pittsburgh's bid to host the Republican Presidential Convention in 2024 has sparked controversy among Democrats. As Political Editor Jon Delano explained, not every Democratic official think it's a good idea to promote an opposing political party.

1/11/2022 - People showed up to speak out about Wilkinsburg merging with the City of Pittsburgh. A county judge has approved a petition for a ballot question on the annexation of the community, which Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald has endorsed.

1/11/2022 - Republican House lawmakers are advancing a Congressional redistricting plan that Democrats call a partisan gerrymandering. We looked at how this plan comes as the legislature is under increasing pressure to act to avoid delaying the May Primary.

1/13/2022 - Dave McCormick, a businessman who recently moved to Pittsburgh from Connecticut, announced his candidacy for the US senate. He wants to take over the seat of retiring Senator Pat Toomey. We asked McCormick about his Pennsylvania roots, which some of his opponents have questioned.

1/18/2022 - With 13 Republican candidates in the running for US Senate, finding a way to stand out among the crowd is key. As political editor Jon Delano explained, most candidates like President Trump's Ambassador to Denmark, Carla Sands, are hoping for Trump's endorsement.

1/24/2022 - State Representative Natalie Mihalek thinks a Constitutional Amendment is the best way to get the state out of the liquor business. She wants to privatize liquor stores, and critics say her amendment will raise prices and limit choices.

1/26/2022 - In late December, Pittsburgh City Council members voted themselves a \$16,000 pay raise in a move the City Controller is calling wrong. KDKA Political Editor Jon Delano broke the story about the controversial move that netted council members a 22% pay increase.

1/27/2022 - We covered more fallout from the City Council's self-appointed 22% pay increase. They voted in the measure without public debate, and we investigated what the law says. It appears the Council violated the City's Home Rule Charter.

1/28/2022 - As we covered the horrific Fern Hollow Bridge collapse in Frick Park, Jon Delano worked his sources to get political response and reaction to the collapse. We heard from Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey, along with President Biden's impromptu visit to the collapse site.

1/28/2022 - We had multiple reports on President Biden's visit and remarks about Pittsburgh's bridge collapse. On a day he was coming to town to discuss infrastructure needs, the backdrop of a real-time collapse made for political discussion on both sides of the aisle.

1/31/2022 - Kathy Barnette, a Republican candidate for US Senate, won a non-binding poll of Republican leaders in the northwest part of the state this weekend. She hopes to make history by becoming the Senate's first Republican African American woman.

2/1/2022 - KDKA was the first to report that Pittsburgh's City Council 22% pay raise may violate the city's Home Rule Charter. Today, the Council President announced Council was freezing its pay hike pending further legal review of that issue.

2/1/2022 - In the wake of the Fern Hollow Collapse, our elected officials have said they lacked the necessary funds to fix our deteriorating bridges. But what if we told you the state of Pennsylvania had the money all along? We dove into the gas tax and why the state said it didn't deploy it to fix our bridges.

2/2/2022 - Pittsburgh City Council said "not this year" to a proposal to annex the community of Wilkinsburg. But as we learned, and reported, the city plans to revisit the proposal in 2023 after more fact-finding and public participation in the effort.

2/2/2022 - Pennsylvania's congressional districts are still not finalized, but that hasn't stopped candidates from announcing their intentions. The latest entry is Dan Pastore, a Democratic entrepreneur, who hopes to take on incumbent GOP Congressman Mike Kelley.

2/4/2022 - Pennsylvania has new districts for its state Senate and state House of Representatives. We reported on the Legislation Reapportionment Commission's efforts to finalize state maps, pitting some incumbents against each other.

2/7/2022 - A state Senate hearing could be the kickoff to legalize adult use marijuana in Pennsylvania. We reported on a Republican state senator's effort to build on the success of the state's medical marijuana program.

2/8/2022 - Governor Wolf delivered his eighth and final budget address to the General Assembly. It's a budget with no tax increases, but it includes a big increase in spending for education.

2/9/2022 - Pittsburgh's City Council may have violated the state's Sunshine Law when council members discussed and debated their own pay increase behind closed doors.

2/10/2022 - Pittsburgh City Council will consider a new piece of legislation that would create a temporary solution for restaurants to extend dining outdoors plans and make them a permanent solution.

2/11/2022 - 28-year-old Bhavini Patel has entered the race to succeed Congressman Mike Doyle. She joins a crowded space with three other candidates, and she says her story is Pittsburgh's story.

2/15/2022 - US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg says the collapse of the Fern Hollow Bridge was a "blunt reminder." In his first local television interview since the bridge collapse, he told Political Editor Jon Delano in an exclusive interview that President Biden's visit to the site added to the urgency for more infrastructure funding.

2/16/2022- In our second part of our interview with US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, he talked with us about how Pittsburgh will play a role from gasoline-powered vehicles to electric ones. It's a \$5 billion conversion program to roll out over the next few years.

2/18/2022- The State Supreme Court held an all-day hearing in Harrisburg on a variety of congressional maps for the Commonwealth. The court has a lot of choices, and more than a map is at stake. We explained the political ramifications around all the possibilities.

2/22/2022 - Former Ross Township commissioner Jeremy Shaffer is no stranger to politics and has now thrown his hat into the ring to represent the region in Washington DC. The Republican is running for office to replace Rep. Conor Lamb, who is running for US Senate.
2/23/2022 - The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has signed off on a new congressional map that creates 17 districts in Pennsylvania, as required by the 2020 Census. Political Editor Jon Delano explained it maintains a highly competitive district in the Pittsburgh suburbs, while stretching the City of Pittsburgh district into Westmoreland County.

Education

1/3/2022 - Pittsburgh Public Schools blames more Coronavirus-related staffing shortages to more of its schools going to online learning. Nine schools had to close within the week, due to staffing having to quarantine because of the virus. This shifted learning for thousands of students in the district.

1/10/2022 - It's a daily dance for parents trying to balance school closures, covid exposures and their own careers. We looked at why some moms are looking for relief, and how they're teaming together to keep their children's education going without missing a beat.

2/10/2022 - Teachers say they are having to take matters into their own hands and are threatening to quit, after several violent fights in their schools. The latest incident happened

at Brashear High School, where a student got into a verbal altercation with a teacher, and then shoved the educator to the ground. Teachers are threatening to quit.

2/17/2022 - Some teachers in the West Mifflin School District say they've had enough with their boss. The teachers' union took a vote of no confidence in the superintendent and plan to speak to the school board tonight about claims he doesn't have the credentials for the job.

2/20/2022 - In his weekly Sunday Business Page segment, Jon Delano took more of an educational path. He interviewed Sandra Smith, the Director of Community Programs at the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh. They discussed their Animal Tales program to encourage 4 to 12-year-olds to read to HARP's animals.

2/23/2022 - Hempfield Area School Board members are set to make a very important decision on the future of the district's high school. The board has three options regarding what's to be done with the now decades-old school. The options include two types of renovation and a brand-new school. The decision will come down to cost for taxpayers.

Diversity

1/2/2022 - An interfaith service was held to offer prayers and support for Pittsburgh's next mayor and the city he will soon govern. Mayor-Elect Ed Gainey's, the city's first Black Mayor, delivered a message of unity for Pittsburgh's future.

1/16/2022 - The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh – one of the oldest Civil rights organizations in this region – has a new president. Carlos Carter, who wants to build on the League's historic mission, talked one-on-one with Jon Delano in our weekly Sunday Business Page segment.

2/3/2022 - At a funeral service for local civil rights leader Alma Speed Fox, local leaders recounted her leadership and more. Ms. Fox was often called the mother of civil rights in Pittsburgh, and today was the chance for many friends to remember her contributions over the decades.

2/13/2022 - A group of Pittsburgh dads are on a mission to stop the violence among youth. They're called Men Against Destruction Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder or: MAD DADS. If you see them in your neighborhood, they're walking with a purpose, hoping to leave it better than the way they found it. This piece was also submitted for the CBS Stations' Black History Month special.

2/14/2022 - In 2019, Alyse Fowlks decided she would use her dad's barbershop to host a pop-up event and give Black entrepreneurs a space to sell their goods and services. But things soon worked out more than she could have expected, and she turned the dream into a full-time career. We profiled this Black Business owner as part of our Black History Month of coverage.

2/16/2022 - February is Black History month, and Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey made history in becoming the first Black mayor of the city. In his first sit-down interview since assuming the city's highest office, he talked about what this honor means to him, and how he plans to bring a racially-divide city together.

2/18/2022 - A local grocery store chain is rolling out a new way to tackle hunger in underserved and minority communities. Giant Eagle launched a new mobile market that delivers hundreds of items to neighborhoods without a nearby grocery store.

2/22/2022 - Dozens of people stood out in the rain outside the City County Building to demand justice of members in the Black community who've lost their lives due to gun violence. The silent protest also represented Black Trans people who have also been victims of violence in the region.

Military

1/19/2022 - Some people who live in a Bloomfield apartment building say they're cold and they're fed up. They're complaining about the lack of heat in the building, and one of the men who's leading the charge is an Army Veteran who's demanding change.

1/21/2022 - Two days after talking with Army Veteran Michael Harvey about the conditions in his apartment complex, we got results. Many of the veterans housed here still didn't have heat, so that's when other organizations stepped in to find warmer places to go until the heating problem is fixed.

2/10/2022 - After spending 10 years in the Army and being deployed to Iraq, Eric Howze didn't have a celebratory return home. Instead, he was homeless, on the streets, and he was escorted to a veterans' recovery center. It was that experience that led him to co-found the No Hero Left Behind organization, to help homeless veterans realize a new mission.

Business & Economy

1/5/2022 - With thousands staying home from work every day because of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, many wondered if they are eligible for paid sick days. We looked at why the policies are not as friendly to workers as they were when the Covid-19 pandemic first began.

1/9/2022 - There may be snow on the ground and bitter cold weather outdoors, but the National Aviary says its tropical paradise season is now open for visitors. Money Editor Jon Delano talked with the Aviary's director about the exhibit in his weekly Sunday Business Page report.

1/12/2022 - Nobody likes rising prices, but as Americans got back to work last year and the recovery began, the cost of almost everything has gone up, too. We looked at why the inflation rate is where it is now – and how we got here.

1/14/2022 - Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg was in Philadelphia today to announce a new bridge repair program that will pump millions of dollars into Western PA. Jon Delano talked with him about how the money could be used to avoid more tolls to pay for future bridge repairs.

1/19/2022 - Next Monday is the first day to file your 2021 tax returns. You may get a slightly larger tax refund because of last year's child tax credit. We explained the process and how will work when you file your return.

1/20/2022 - Last year, 167-million tax returns were filed in the US, and most of those taxpayers – 122 million – got a refund. How soon you get this year’s refund will depend on how you file the original return, and it just got a little more complicated.

1/23/2022 - We’ve all heard about the “Great Resignation,” where millions of Americans quit their jobs last year. Many accused their employers of a toxic corporate culture. In his weekly Sunday Business Page segment, Jon Delano talked with the CEO of Solutions 21 about how millennials drove the wake-up call.

1/25/2022 - Most Americans do not have the cash on hand to cover an emergency expense of \$1,000, a new study reported. Money Editor Jon Delano explained Americans are just not saving up as much as they need.

2/8/2022 - It is Fish Fry season, as the Lenten season will be upon us in three weeks. Local fire departments, VFWs and churches depend on this time of year to raise money. However, several outlets will be forced to cancel their Fish Fries because of supply chain issues. And those who are keeping them, are increasing prices at least 10% to the fish faithful.

2/10/2022 - The annual inflation rate hit 7.5% in January. It’s the highest in 40 years, and it’s having consequences on grocery store shelves. We explained what’s called “shrinkflation,” and how consumers are spending more, as manufacturers take products out of packages, without lowering prices.

2/14/2022 - Some Pennsylvania non-profit organizations, including the Pittsburgh Symphony, say the state law is behind the times when it comes to their fundraising. As Money Editor Jon Delano explains, it all comes down to how you donate to your favorite charity.

2/17/2022 - If you’ve purchased a house recently, it’s likely you got an unexpected notice in the mail from your school district or municipality. It’s called the “newcomer tax,” and it’s not a pleasant way to be welcomed to the neighborhood. We explained the process for new homeowners.

2/23/2022 - Buying a home is a big expense, but more and more people are purchasing their first home because rent has skyrocketed here in Pittsburgh. We looked at why buying has become more affordable for Pittsburghers over recent years.

2/24/2022 - A state lawmaker says it’s time Pennsylvanians had a sales tax holiday where you can make purchases without a sales tax. It’s an idea many states have tried, and we explored the benefits to taxpayers, if PA were to explore the possibility.

2/28/2022 - Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity is ordering Pennsylvania investment funds under her control to divest – or sell – any funds that are invested in Russia. Garrity explained that millions of dollars are invested in Russia, and with the war on Ukraine, that needs to stop.

Crime & Public Safety

1/7/2022 - Police are calling a 9-year-old Coraopolis girl a hero, after a man tried to abduct her from the bus stop. She shared her story with bravery and how she learned about stranger danger, only with KDKA.

1/10/2022 - During our sub-zero winter snap, we profiled Pittsburgh's Mercy Operation Safety Net, which is an organization that works with Allegheny county's human services department. The cooperative provides meals, showers, and laundry facilities for the homeless to get off the streets and out of the cold.

1/23/2022 - It's national Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month, but one local organization is raising awareness every day. In our weekly Sunday Spotlight report, we profiled Eden's Farm. It's an organization that provides resources to survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

1/28/2022 - We heard from those who were on the Fern Hollow Bridge when it collapsed and the rescue efforts it took to bring them to safety. It was a terrifying moment for them, and they're hailing their public safety rescuers, who were calm during a chaotic scene.

2/8/2022 - The state's top lawyer says he's taking legal action against used car lots, specifically those the Attorney General says are scamming the public. We explained how you can protect yourself and what one accused lot owner had to say about the allegations.

2/8/2022 - An arbitrator has ordered the city of Pittsburgh to remove the in-city residency requirement for all city firefighters. The arbitrator declared the requirement is invalid, and that 657 uniform firefighters can live wherever they choose.

2/14/2022 - State police say an Apollo man used a tracking device and smartphone app to keep tabs on where his ex-girlfriend was. But investigators say the plan backfired when the ex-turned the tables on him. This was another case in which Apple tags were used in an alleged stalking incident.

2/16/2022 - The state's Attorney General issued a consumer report about the malicious use of Apple Air tags. KDKA had covered this issue and the safety concerns about how bad actors are using these devices to commit crimes. Now the AG is acting by offering recommendations to protect citizens from Air tags' misuse.

2/17/2022 - After days and days of searching and investigating, police announced the arrest of the suspect in the shooting death of an Uber Driver and mother of four. The public safety threat was declared to be over with the arrest, and we learned more about the motive of the horrific crime: Robbery.

2/21/2022 - Pittsburgh police have been noticing more and more firearm thefts from vehicles over the past several weeks. They say most of the thefts are happening while owners are inside bars and restaurants in the evening. We talked with police and safety experts about precautions owners need to take.

2/28/2022 - Allegheny County 911 dispatchers say enough is enough. They claim they have been working 12-hour shifts for the past 3 months, and now they're holding a strike authorization vote, in anticipation of a one-day strike. Their target? The city's busiest day of the year: The annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Science & Technology

1/8/2022 - Light lets us see things, but did you know light can make things disappear, too? Meteorologist Ray Petelin has a simple experiment that shows this in action, in his weekly Saturday science segment, Hey Ray.

1/15/2022 - Did you know that there is a time of year where your shadow loves being tall – or rather, longer? Since earth rotates on an axis, there are times on its path around the sun where our part of the planet is tilted, shifting our shadows. Ray Petelin explained the science behind this in his weekly Hey Ray segment.

1/22/2022 - Light pillars occur in very cold temperatures. We had a viewer send us photos of light pillars in Zelenople, so we did a quick explanation on how they form, and how light reflects to make ice crystals look like pillars.

1/29/2022 - The two most noticeable things in our sky are the sun and the moon. It's basic knowledge the sun is much bigger. But as Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained in his weekly science segment "Hey Ray," it's all about perspective.

2/12/2022 - Have you ever heard anyone say, "It is too cold for snow?" It's an old notion, but can it really be too cold for snow? Our meteorologist Ray Petelin explained the science behind the answer (no) but there are some exceptions.

2/19/2022 - If you've noticed on very cold mornings in the winter that the snow has a "sparkle" to it, there is science behind the process that makes it happen. Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained the science behind what makes "sparkle snow" form.

2/24/2022 - The Center for Aviation Technology and Training is a new facility that doubles as a training facility and a technology museum. We talked live with the CEO and chief innovator of the center, which is now open in Wilkinsburg.

2/26/2022 - You may have wondered where a cold draft is coming from or wanted to convince a teenager to wear a coat on a cold, wintery day. This week, we explained how thermal imaging a great way is to see and show where heat is escaping – and how to use it to convince a teenager to bundle up!

2/27/2022 - In his Sunday Business Page segment, Jon Delano talked with Dr. Chester Thompson, the leader of Western PA's newest public high school in Beaver County. It's a unique charter school with a special focus on teaching technology and innovation.

Health & Medical

3/1/2022 - Infant formula has been a tough find for parents due to supply chain issues and labor shortages. But now a recall is only adding to those frustrations. The recall centers around reports of children getting serious bacterial infections, forcing hospitalizations.

3/4/2022 - Today is a National Day of Unplugging. It's a day to disconnect from your devices and see what else is going on in the world. It sounds easy, but for most of us, not so much! We investigated the challenge of unplugging and the health benefits to unplugging.

3/11/2022 - They are everywhere these days. Earbuds connect us to a world of music, news, and podcasts. They're also spawning a wave of ear infections. We talked with a local ENT about the rising cases and concerns, and how you can spot the warning signs

3/21/2022 - Some residents in the South Hills say the recent change in the look and taste of their drinking water is cause for alarm. They reached out to ask what's going on with the water. It turns out Pennsylvania American Water temporarily changed its disinfectant from chloramine to chlorine & it will last through April 25th.

3/23/2022 - A Moderna covid vaccine could soon become available for children 6-months old to 6-years old. But what do parents need to know if it's approved by the FDA? We talked with local pediatricians about expectations for their children, who might be eligible for the vaccine this summer.

3/29/2022 - The FDA authorized a second booster shot for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, meaning people could be rolling up their sleeves for a 4th shot if they are 50 or older. We talked with local doctors and not all are on board with everyone in that age group needing the shot.

Government & Politics

3/11/2022 - A state senator says he's drafting legislation to allow the state attorney general to investigate gasoline price-gouging. Pennsylvania's AG doesn't have independent authority to investigate whether consumers are getting swindled at the pump. This proposed legislation would change that.

3/16/2022 - 23 candidates, an unusually large number, have filed nominating petitions for the Republican and Democratic nominations for US Senate and Governor of Pennsylvania. We broke down what is shaping up to be a busy May primary

3/17/2022 - Two congressional candidates in the race to succeed Congressman Mike Doyle picked up key endorsements. One of them came from Doyle himself, and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

3/21/2022 - Gasoline prices in the region continue to remain high, averaging \$4.31 a gallon in Western Pennsylvania. As our political editor Jon Delano explored, there's been a lot of talk, but little action, on a state gasoline tax holiday.

3/22/2022 - A state representative says it's time for Pennsylvania to consider a 32-hour work week for state employees – and the rest of us, too. It's a debate that's been going on for

years that may now be reaching a conclusion. We talked with local lawmakers about the status of the proposal.

3/23/2022 - In Pennsylvania, like most states, there's a separate lower minimum wage for tipped workers like wait staff at restaurants, and a higher minimum wage for everyone else. Governor Wolf has been trying to change that with new regulations he's proposed to change that. We talked with lawmakers about what they think of his plans.

Education

3/17/2022 - Pennsylvania's standardized test scores are out and show just how far kids fell behind during the pandemic. We dove deeper into the numbers and provided advice to parents and what they – and educators – can do about the low scores now.

3/21/2022 - Parents with Pittsburgh Public Schools had the opportunity to sound off at a school board meeting about the status of masking in schools. The district hosted the session ahead of its legislative session. Arguments for and against masks were heard, with how kids are learning at the forefront of both arguments.

3/23/2022 - Schools across the country have reversed course on their masking policies because of vaccinations and a drop in Covid-19 cases. The region's largest school district voted to change its policy to a hybrid plan. Some schools can remove the masks, and others cannot. We talked with educators about why.

3/25/2022 - The Woodland Hills School District is speaking out, after Amazon withdrew its plan to build a distribution center in Churchill Borough. The district was counting on the economic boost to help fund proposed educational projects for schools and students.

3/27/2022 - Robert Morris University students pulled together a real-life lesson on world history and humanitarian efforts. The students pulled together a gaming marathon to raise money for Ukraine, and learned lessons about teamwork, and helping their fellow man a half world away.

Diversity

3/26/2022 - We covered a legacy march, set up to honor Alma Speed Fox. She was a local civil rights pioneer and fighter, who died several weeks ago. The march was to remember her and all she stood for in the City of Pittsburgh.

3/28/2022 - A bill to ban transgender women in Pennsylvania from playing on women's sports teams is up for a vote in the statehouse Education Committee in Harrisburg. The bill is controversial because some see it as discriminatory. The governor plans to veto the bill should it land on his desk.

Military

3/19/2022 - A group of volunteers put together military care packages in Robinson Township. The group had raised money to purchase items like candy, games, snacks, and

small toiletries to help boost morale for our military servicemen and women who are serving our country.

3/26/2022 - A World War II veteran celebrated his 100th birthday in Oakmont. John Lewis was on the beach in Normandy on D-Day. His friends and family came together to celebrate his life and all his accomplishments. Lewis' secret to life: "Love."

3/29/2022 - It's a special day for thousands of our local heroes. This day marks the 5th anniversary of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day. We attended a commemoration at the National Cemetery of The Alleghenies in Bridgeville.

Business & Economy

3/3/2022 - In a follow-up investigation into Pandemic Unemployment Relief, we confirmed the state is missing \$6 billion and now concedes much was stolen by cyber thieves. The state placed most of the blame on the federal government

3/5/2022 - The battle between the baristas and Starbucks entered a new phase. The brewers are steamed over the working conditions in their coffee shops and let it be known that they want to unionize. We broadened the story to cover more about how other local coffee establishments are doing the same.

3/13/2022 - Bus drivers and staff with the Port Authority are being threatened with job eliminations if they don't meet a vaccination deadline, which is quickly approaching. As many as 400+ staff, 50% of them drivers, could lose their jobs, which would impact commuters.

3/14/2022 - Some important changes in the federal student loan forgiveness program could benefit tens of thousands of people. We reported on how the Biden administration is trying to help students out, while awaiting authority to fulfill a campaign promise.

3/15/2022 - Oil prices have dropped to below \$100/barrel, after hitting \$139/barrel at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. That's good news for consumers, but as our money editor Jon Delano explained, that drop may not be reflected at the gas pump. At least not right away.

3/20/2022 - The two-year pandemic and the ongoing Russian War against Ukraine has taken its toll on consumers, according to a local marketing research firm. In our weekly Sunday Business page segment, we talked with organizers of the survey aimed at assessing stress and finances.

3/24/2022 - Seasonal workers are needed for Kennywood, Idlewild and Sandcastle amusement parks. According to their parent company, they need about 2,000 workers. We reported on the types of jobs, and how they can lead to upward mobility within the parks.

3/27/2022 - A local business and labor coalition called Pittsburgh Works Together has issued the Pennsylvania Opportunity Agenda to promote more jobs in this region. We featured the program in our weekly Sunday Business Page segment.

3/29/2022 - The Hill District is the target for some special help from the Department of Energy that could reduce utility bills in that neighborhood. We talked exclusively with US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm about a pilot project aimed at energy efficiency.

Crime & Public Safety

3/4/2022 - 911 dispatchers say they're tired of working 12-hour shifts and six-day weeks due to hiring and staffing challenges. They're in the middle of a contract negotiation and announced they threaten to strike on 3/12 if an agreement isn't reached.

3/8/2022 - With the war in Ukraine underway, there is uncertainty abroad and here at home. It's to the point where Allegheny County noted a surge in gun sales and permits to carry concealed weapons. It's a public safety concern the sheriff articulated to KDKA.

3/9/2022 - After several incidents of rideshare violence, we set out to do a story about safety measures for drivers – and for passengers. We found and talked with an expert about dos and don'ts when it comes to booking a rideshare and to know what's safe versus what is not.

3/17/2022 - Police say a staggering amount of the deadly drug fentanyl was taken off our streets. Prosecutors say they took 700,000 bags of the drugs out of a local home, saying the importance of getting fentanyl eradicated cannot be understated.

3/22/2022 - Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey is starting his first major initiative to find a way to end gun violence in the city. He hosted a community meeting Homewood that he hopes is the beginning to peace on the streets.

3/28/2022 - A Greensburg woman says she was duped after falling for a social media offer that she says seemed too good to be true. It all started when a friend reached out and asked her to invest in Cryptocurrency. It turned out the investment was bogus. We provided guidance on how to spot these potential scams.

3/29/2022 - Westmoreland County Deputies walked an Apollo man into court. He's accused of stalking his ex-girlfriend and using an "Apple Airtag" to do it. We've reported over the past several weeks about the problem with alleged stalkers using these devices to follow exes. We provided tips on how to spot and remove the devices.

Science & Technology

3/2/2022 - Governor Wolf came to Pittsburgh to see a local company with plans to leave the planet. Later this year, Astrobotic aims to launch its first ever commercial mission to the moon. We followed along as the governor toured the facility to see how the state's funding is helping to support the mission.

3/12/2022 - Pi Day is coming up, so what exactly is Pi? Meteorologist Ray Petelin used one of the most popular "pies" to show how Pi works. You know. That number from math class that is 3.14159265358....

3/19/2022 - Sometimes there is a complex science hidden in seemingly simple things. Meteorologist Ray Petelin shows us the hidden heat found in rubber bands, or gum bands as

they're known around here. He did a very interactive experiment with stretching a rubber band and putting a thermal imaging camera on it to show the heat!

3/26/2022 - Last week, Ray showed us how rubber bands can emit heat. In this week's edition of Hey Ray, we picked up the Saturday science experiment with adding more heat to a stretched rubber band, and it's probably going to be the opposite of what you think will happen!