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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

4/5/21 - Today, Phase 1B opened vaccinations to more people across the state. And over the next two weeks, more people will become eligible when clinics open to all adults on April 19th. We looked at how more sites will open to fulfill the vaccine needs.

4/6/21 - As vaccine eligibility continues to open, there are still a lot of barriers for people across the state. The state says it is aware there are people in phase 1A who are vulnerable and don't know what to do to get the vaccine. The Department of Human Services is trying to change that.

4/8/21 - European regulators have determined there is a link between Astra Zeneca's Covid-19 vaccine and clotting by looking at the numbers. We talked with local doctors about what this could mean, and why it got their attention.

4/13/21 - Big changes are coming for vaccines in Butler County. Tomorrow, the Butler Health System is moving its vaccine clinic out of the hospital and into Clearview Mall. This will enable more people to get the Covid-19 vaccine easily and efficiently.

4/13/21 - The pause on the use of the J & J vaccine is impacting local clinics. One of the largest single-dose events was supposed to happen with UPMC, but now those plans will have to change to the two-dose plan for participants.

4/15/21 - As more vaccine appointments open, fewer of them are being filled. Does that mean there is more vaccine hesitancy, and what does that mean for herd immunity? We talked with local doctors about the trends they're seeing.

4/17/21 - Health officials in Westmoreland County say they're seeing an increase in Covid-19 cases. This as many vaccine providers are finding themselves with vaccine appointments going unfilled.

4/21/21 - Less than 45% of Pennsylvanians are half-vaccinated at this point. Now the state and local leaders are switching gears to help target those who've yet to sign up for the Covid-19 vaccine. Many of them are in rural areas.

4/23/21 - Today is the much awaited ACIP meeting to discuss the fate of the J & J vaccine. Dr. Maria Simba reported the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices determined it is okay to move forward with the single dose vaccine, despite reports of clotting.

4/27/21 - The Pennsylvania Department of Health announced it agrees with the updated CDC mask guidelines, where people don't have to wear masks outdoors if they're vaccinated. It's one more step towards dropping mask mandates altogether.

4/29/21 - The state Department of Health says Westmoreland County is making progress when it comes to getting the Covid-19 vaccine. But executives with Excella Health say while more people are getting the shot, the ones with partial vaccinations hold the key to getting the county to herd immunity.

4/29/21 - New research and surgery breakthroughs have come from UPMC involving knee replacement surgery. Doctors have innovated ways to robotically replace the knee, meaning less pain and shorter rehabilitation post-operation.

5/4/21 - The state is continuing to address the barriers that are preventing some people from getting access to the Covid-19 vaccine. To help provide more options, a new partnership has launched to help people with intellectual disabilities.

5/5/21 - The countdown is on until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. For the first time since the announcement, the Governor is talking about it and expressing cautious optimism about the health and its impact on the Commonwealth.

5/6/21 - A Drexel University study concludes that a lack of health care is preventing longer, healthier living in Pennsylvania. The study concludes the problem could get worse as the state's population ages.

5/6/21 - Early studies show booster shots increase antibodies against variants. Dr. Maria Simbra talked with doctors about how Moderna says that in trial data, a third dose with its existing vaccine increases immunity against the Brazilian and South African variants.

5/7/21 - Pfizer is seeking full FDA approval for its Covid-19 vaccine. This is the first Covid vaccine in the US to seek full approval. It's currently available under emergency use authorization, and Dr. Maria Simbra explained why the FDA approval is important in perception of confidence about the vaccine.

5/11/21 - Pfizer has EUA for kids 12-15, now what? Dr. Maria Simbra tackled the issue with what vaccine clinics will be doing in terms of adding more doses – in addition to criteria – for teens to now take the Covid-19 vaccine.

5/12/21 - Today, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP,) the CDC's vaccine advisory panel, met to deliberate the rollout of the Pfizer vaccine for kids 12-15. We covered the outcome of the meeting and the guidelines set forth from it.

5/13/21 - Some of the most intense discussion in yesterday's ACIP meeting focused on something that wasn't even up for a vote: Should adolescents be able to get multiple shots when they come in for their Covid-19 vaccine? Dr. Maria Simbra talked with doctors about the debate and what parents should weigh.

5/18/21 - A Harris poll of 1,061 people shows that multiple false side effects or side effects that have not been seen are behind vaccine hesitancy. We talked with doctors to discern between fact and fiction between symptoms and how to reassure people.

5/19/21 - According to the Allegheny County Health Department, coronavirus case numbers are down. Vaccination rates are up. And they want to keep it this way as Pennsylvania drops most of its restrictions in a couple of weeks.

5/20/21 - Screening and HPV vaccines have led to drops in cervical cancer over the last two decades. Cervical cancer cases decreased by 1% per year. The decline is offset by a rise in

other tumors – mouth and throat cancers in men. Dr. Maria Simbra talked with doctors about the importance of testing.

5/21/21 - The FDA has allowed Pfizer vaccines to be stored in refrigerators for a month. The pharmaceutical company presented data showing the vaccine remained stable at refrigerator temperatures. We talked with local pharmacies about this new data.

5/25/21 - Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine is safe and effective in adolescents. From the trials, this is the result from researchers. It's proven to be 93% effective in preventing mild Covid symptoms after one dose.

5/26/21 - UPMC and physician leaders from the US Dept. of Health & Human Services explained the FDA's recent expansion of the eligibility guidelines for monoclonal antibody treatment for Covid-19, as well as UPMC's success in making this life-saving treatment widely available.

5/28/21 - Researchers reviewed 18 million STI results from January 2019 – June 2020 and found a 63% decline in screening for men and a 59% decline in women during the early months of the pandemic. Dr. Maria talked with doctors about what the data means.

6/3/21 - President Biden wants to partner with Black barber shops to encourage African Americans to get vaccinated. Barber shops in Black communities have historically been neighborhood centers. We found that's very true here in Pittsburgh.

6/8/21 - Vaccination efforts continued but have significantly slowed down. So, healthcare leaders are taking a different approach to getting shots into arms. We reported about how and why it's important to get into niche communities.

6/9/21 - The Pennsylvania Department of Health is conducting an outbreak investigation of GI infections in connection with a community pool in Butler County. Up to eight children got sick after swimming there on Memorial Day.

6/18/21 - Debi Gerardi is a 42-year-old mother of two who had a "wakeup call" at 40. She decided to get gastric bypass surgery and is down 140+ pounds. We talked with her and her doctor about it in our 7:30p newscast.

6/27/21 - When the clock strikes 12:01am, Pennsylvania's universal mask mandate will be lifted. We talked with residents and a doctor to see if they're feeling confident about this change.

6/23/21 - Coronavirus has become a truly moving target with the Delta variant. But is it more of a threat than the original Covid-19? We talked with CBS News medical expert Dr. David Agus who says it's absolutely a bigger threat.

6/28/21 - After more than a year of the state mandating mask-wearing it ended at 12:01 today. We reported on why it is still important to hold onto those masks because not everyone is letting them go. With growing concerns about the Delta variant, health departments are issuing cautions and precautions.

6/29/21 - We reported on a new trial UPMC and Pitt are studying about booster shots. Researchers are looking for 150 adults who are fully vaccinated and 250 are not. The study will look whether a booster is needed in future Covid-19 efforts.

6/29/21 - The holiday weekend will be here before we know it. And that means fireworks, grilling and drinking. We took viewers inside West Penn's burn unit for an exclusive look inside, and what doctors want you to know so you don't wind up here.

Government & Politics

4/1/21 - Pennsylvania's state house government committee held another hearing on election integrity. It was the first hearing since the state of Georgia passed legislation that is being challenged in court as voter suppression.

4/2/21 - The most recent attack on the US Capitol raises continued concerns about security. We talked with Congressman Mike Doyle about why it needs to remain the peoples' house even with significant security which is now the new normal.

4/5/21 - Pennsylvania has never had a woman elected as US Senator, although several have tried. In several days, Montgomery Co. Commissioner Valerie Arkoosh announced her candidacy for Senate, and she talked with our Jon Delano about it.

4/7/21 - If you have not received your stimulus payment yet, hang on. The IRS announced this morning that another 25 million in payments are going out. More than 156 million payments have already been made since President Biden signed his American Rescue Plan four weeks ago.

4/8/21 - We looked at the gun issue in Pennsylvania. With a large sport, military, and hunting population, along with one of the largest NRA membership bases, gun rights measures will be tough to pass.

4/9/21 - There is a bill circulating through the PA legislature to allow pandemic-strapped bars and restaurants to extend "last call" from 2am until 4am. We talked with politicians on both sides of the argument.

4/13/21 - Pennsylvania's Primary Election is just five weeks away, and the Allegheny County Election Board met for the first time since November's General Election. The delay in meeting raised eyebrows and concerns about up-coming mail-in ballots and the timeliness in sending them out to voters.

4/14/21 - When voters start to get their mail-in ballots next week, or vote in person in May, they will discover something a bit unusual. There are four statewide ballot questions and some local ones too. In a Primary Election, it's usually a ballot for just Democrats and Republican candidates – and not ballot questions.

4/19/21 - President Biden met this afternoon with republican lawmakers to seek bi-partisan support for his Infrastructure Building Plan. The President says he's open to compromise with republicans, but as Jon Delano reports, what that compromise looks like is hard to see.

4/20/21 - There is a lot of talk about whether Congresswoman Maxine Waters may have inadvertently helped the defense team in the Derek Chauvin murder case. Political reporter examined the issue of free speech versus what might influence a jury.

4/20/21 - After years of planning and conversations, developers with the Pittsburgh Penguins went before the city's Planning Commission. The conversation surrounds the first project at the old Civic Arena site, and a 26-story building that will be home to First National Bank's headquarters.

4/22/21 - Mail-in ballots for Allegheny County voters are expected to go out soon in the mail. This primary ballot has lots of county, school, and municipal candidates. The ballot is also overwhelmed with 39 candidates running for judge! We pointed viewers toward the Bar Association's website to provide information on each of the more than three dozen candidates.

4/28/21 - How far can school districts go in regulating the speech of students outside of the school campus? That's the question the US Supreme Court is addressing in a case involving a Pennsylvania school district. The issue is about how much authority, if any, do schools have in regulating speech outside of school.

4/29/21 - A house bill is moving through the legislature which would allow for grocery and convenience stores to sell liquor on top of beer and wine. The goal is to prevent Pennsylvanians from crossing the border into other states to purchase liquor.

5/3/21 - Primary Election Day is two weeks from tomorrow, but not every election is a primary. As Political Editor Jon Delano explained, there's a special state house election in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana counties where all voters are choosing a new state representative. We profiled the candidates in the 60th District.

5/4/21 - When State Representative Mike Reese died suddenly at age 42, it left an unexpected vacancy that voters will fill on May 18th. Chosen by their party leaders, there are three candidates on the ballot, and Political Editor Jon Delano profiled each one.

5/5/21 - One seat on the State Supreme Court is up for election this year. That's to succeed former Chief Justice Tom Saylor, a Republican who retires at the end of the year. Political Editor Jon Delano reported on the heated battle for the Republican nomination for the party that desperately wants to hold onto this seat.

5/7/21 - With the days winding down to the May Primary, Political Editor Jon Delano took a closer look at the other two statewide courts that have openings getting decided on May 18th. We profiled candidates vying for Superior Court and Commonwealth Court seats.

5/11/21 - Pennsylvania's election is just one week away. While six Allegheny County Council districts will elect council members this year, Political Editor Jon Delano reports on why only one district features a primary challenge against an incumbent.

5/11/21 - Former congressional candidate Sean Parnell, who lost narrowly to Congressman Conor Lamb last November, is tossing his hat back into the ring. This time, it's for a

different office. Parnell now has his sights on the US Senate seat, Pat Toomey will soon be leaving.

5/12/21 - Four Pittsburgh City Council members, all Democrats, are up for re-election this year. While two are unopposed, two incumbents face challengers in next week's primary election.

5/13/21 - The most visible contest in next Tuesday's primary is the race for Mayor of Pittsburgh. After profiling all candidates for mayor, KDKA Political Editor Jon Delano now looks at the issues that separates each of them: Public safety and race.

5/14/21 - In our continuing coverage of the mayoral candidates for the City of Pittsburgh, we dive into their number one, top priority if elected. With just five days left until Primary Election Day, this is the "elevator pitch" for four men who want to lead the city.

5/17/21 - Tomorrow is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. And while typically it's a day for just Democrats and Republicans to vote, all voters can vote in this election because of four statewide ballot questions. We broke them down for viewers so they could be informed before going to the polls.

5/18/21 - It is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania, and we spent hours after the polls closed in the Allegheny County Election warehouse watching the ballot counting process. The county had problems and issues in November, so this was a trial run for some of the changes the election board enacted.

5/18/21 - Today is Election Day across the Commonwealth with most election officials predicting low voter turnout: Under 20%. The state's top elected official – acting Secretary of State Veronica Degraffenreid told KDKA Political Editor Jon Delano that she thinks turnout could be better than expected.

5/18/21 - Pittsburgh will be getting a new mayor. Incumbent Bill Peduto lost the Primary Election to challenger Ed Gainey who was a minority candidate running on a campaign of change for people of color.

5/19/21 - Incumbent mayors generally do not lose their party primaries. But that's what happened to Mayor Bill Peduto in yesterday's democratic primary. Political Editor Jon Delano talked to political experts about what happened.

5/20/21 - In his first television interview since defeating Mayor Bill Peduto in the democratic primary, State Representative Ed Gainey credits a broad coalition of supporters for the win. Gainey told viewers wants to bring a divided city together again.

5/21/21 - He's probably the oldest mayor in Pennsylvania, and one of the longest-serving. Political Editor Jon Delano talked with 93-year-old Mayor Jon Dindak about leading West Homestead, and why he's holding onto his seat for a while longer.

6/10/21 - Pennsylvania's state of emergency over the Covid-19 pandemic is now officially over. The state senate concurred with the house to end Gov. Wolf's declaration of

emergency; however, in a bit of a twist, voted to allow some of the governor's measures to remain in place.

6/11/21 - State house Republicans have unveiled a 149-page election reforms package that Democrats say will limit the voting rights of many Pennsylvanians. Political Editor Jon Delano spoke with leaders on both sides and explained what the legislation would do.

6/14/21 - A federal court in Texas has ruled that it is constitutional for employers to require employees to be vaccinated against Covid-19. But a Pennsylvania lawmaker wants to outlaw the practice with a bill to make it illegal for employers to require vaccination. Political Editor Jon Delano reported on the lightning rod issue.

6/15 A bill that would make carryout alcoholic beverages permanently legal passed in the State House but is stalled in the Senate. The Governor's Emergency Declaration will soon expire, and Gov. Wolf expressed his support for the measure as it will help the restaurant industry recover.

6/17/21 - Pittsburgh residents may have another choice for mayor this fall. Political Editor Jon Delano reported on an East Liberty businessman, Marlin Woods, who is circulating petitions to run as an independent.

6/20/21 - Vice President Kamala Harris will make her first visit to Pittsburgh as Vice President. We talked with Sen. Bob Casey about what she's expected to do and say during her trip on infrastructure and the child tax credit.

6/22/21 - A local state lawmaker has billed taxpayers \$1.8 million in expenses during his many years in office. But State Representative Chris Sainath told our political editor Jon Delano it was all perfectly legitimate. But it does bring up the question about reforming per-diem and perks.

6/23/21 - US Senator Pat Toomey says he supports a bi-partisan commission to investigate the January 6th attack on the US Capitol. He's waiting for a second vote to be taken on the issue. He told KDKA he also rejected claims that he was holding up a transportation bill because he opposed more money for public transit.

6/25/21 - Pennsylvania is the only state that does not permit local municipal police to use radar to ticket drivers who speed. But as Political Editor Jon Delano explained, that could change with a bill that was just approved by the state senate, 49 to 1.

6/29/21 - Former Democratic mayoral candidate Tony Moreno official put his hat back in the ring as the mayoral candidate on the Republican ticket. He had enough write-in votes to solidify his candidacy and officially announced his run against Ed Gainey. Political Editor Jon Delano went one-on-one with Moreno, who didn't hold back on his opponent.

Education

4/9/21 - Pittsburgh Public Schools says it's facing a major bus driver shortage with the return to school when all students return in May, there will be a 1,200 student transportation gap, and some students may have to continue with remote learning as a result.

4/12/21 - Will Pittsburgh Public School students be able to get to school in May? We talked with a handful of transportation companies in the area who are trying to help the district meet its bussing challenges by helping to plug some of the holes.

4/17/21 - Another week has gone by and there is still no clear answer about whether Pittsburgh Public Schools will have enough bus drivers to get kids back to school. We checked in as the May 3rd deadline inches closer and what the district is doing to get the buses on the road.

4/22/21 - With summer camps canceled last year, there's pent up demand for camp this summer, and many are already filling up. In this week's Kidsburgh, Kristine Sorensen looked at some of the educational specialty camps for children of all ages.

4/23/21 - This is the second day of a month of activities to get kids and families excited about learning. It's "Remake Learning" days. There are more than 800 events and activities in science, technology, and arts.

4/26/21 - Another group of Pittsburgh Public School student are back in the classroom, with 10,000 more waiting to return next week. But the district continues to struggle with transportation and are calling on parents to help.

5/3/21 - Pittsburgh Public Schools welcomed back more students. Now, more than 13,000 children are back in PPS buildings, while about 8k are still remote learning. A challenge for the district continues to be bussing. Partnerships have helped with rides.

5/3/21 - This is Teacher Appreciation Week. Over the next several days we focused on teachers from all over the region who are going above and beyond. On this day, we profiled Karen Longo from Westmoreland County.

5/4/21 -During Teacher Appreciation week, a local custodian was up for a national kindness award, which he won. He received \$10k and accolades from his school system and students for being a "cool custodian."

5/5/21- Today in our Teacher Appreciation Week profile, we went to Westinghouse Academy, where one teacher's dedication to her students spans far beyond her classroom.

5/7/21 - Our Teacher Appreciation week took us to Dilworth Elementary School where Clifford Perkins' teaching role expands far beyond the classroom. He's taken on a father-figure to some and will always lend a helping hand.

5/7/21 - Pittsburgh Public School Superintendent Dr. Anthony Hamlet is calling a program to teach Wilkinsburg's Junior High and Senior High students a huge success. Now both districts say they want to extend their partnership for another five years.

5/14/21 - As the CDC changes up the guidance for vaccinated people, attention is turning to schools. Will vaccinated students and staff be able to take their masks off? It's a question the PA Department of Education is meeting about and will hopefully answer soon.

5/20/21 - In our 7:30p news, we talked live with two Baldwin-Whitehall teachers who invented a Switch toy to help disabled student's paint. We also talked with the mom of one of the students who said this was life-changing for her son.

6/4/21 - School is almost out for the summer for Pittsburgh Public staff and students. Just one more week of learning before administrators can start preparing for the fall. We walked through the ups and downs of the last year for the district as we looked ahead to the new school year.

6/11/21 - After a long and challenging school year, it's the final day for Pittsburgh Public Schools. The district held its final media briefing of the year, and some members of the Class of 2021 shared their reflections on the past 15 months.

6/17/21 - School's out for the summer, but Pittsburgh Public Schools' summer program is pumping the brakes. District leaders say there is not enough staff for the over 2,000 students who signed up for the program. We dove into what that means for those kids.

6/23/21 - Should the city have more at stake in the Pittsburgh Public School system? That was the big topic up for discussion among city leaders. Many are calling for action before the state of education gets worse. The discussion was paused during the pandemic and is now picking up speed again as the new year approaches.

Diversity

4/1/21 - A new report says not everyone is getting the same opportunity for the vaccine in Allegheny County. The Black Equity Coalition says people of color have a harder time accessing it than their white counterparts. We profiled the coalition's recommendations on this issue.

4/4/21 - Freeman Farms is one of the few Black-owned farms in the city, trying to nurture the most vulnerable. We looked at how volunteers got their hands dirty to continue the mission of cultivating communities.

4/6/21 - Equity is a huge conversation when it comes to vaccine distribution. How do you make sure the vaccine is equally distributed to lower socio-economic areas and to people of color? The answer from the state is partnerships, and we investigated what that means.

4/6/21 - PA Representative Valerie Gaydos, a Moon Twp. Republican, along with several female colleagues, have introduced a bill to ban transgender women in Pennsylvania from playing on women's sports teams. The bill is controversial & was denounced by others as discriminatory.

4/12/21 - We talked live in our 7:30pm news with Jonnet Solomon about the significant grant just received to save the National Negro Opera Company house in Homewood. Solomon told us it helps, but they still have a long way to go with fundraising & are running out of time.

4/14/21 - Community leaders and Pittsburgh Steelers legends are pushing for the Black community to get the Covid-19 vaccine. They urged the use of a site that is in the heart of the city's Hill District, which is being underused.

4/15/21 - Seneca Valley School District has long used the "Raiders" mascot name. But some feel the name is a disrespectful misrepresentation of Native Americans. Students spent 20-minutes presenting their case to the SVSD School Board to change the name.

4/20/21 - The verdict came in for Derek Chauvin, and we went to Freedom Corner, where crowds gathered to celebrate the guilty verdict. Many also expressed that there is more that needs to be done with Pittsburgh Police and how they treat those in communities of color.

4/20/21 - As part of our Chauvin verdict coverage, we sought reaction from Black communities, most notably leadership with B-Pep and IHood, two organizations that have been vocal about police brutality in Pittsburgh.

5/5/21 - We talked live at 7:30pm with the president of a group called Next Act Fund. It's an organization that supports Pittsburgh women-led businesses.

5/6/21 - The Latino community of Pittsburgh is looking for translators. Community leaders say some people are being left behind in the Covid-19 announcements and changes because there are only a handful of translators to help.

5/17/21 - One of the overwhelming cries for justice from the Black community involves the shooting death of Romir Talley in Penn Hills. Many held a rally to push for action to be taken against the officer involved in the shooting, who is still on the force more than a year after the shooting.

5/19/21 - CMU graduate and Broadway star Billy Porter disclosed his HIV status, which surprised many, and was applauded by more. We talked with a local representative from GLAAD about what this means for people with HIV and how Porter's revelation will bring more support to research.

5/24/21 - During this Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, we went to Squirrel Hill, where people in this community talk about recent attacks globally & locally in their community as hate crimes are on the rise.

5/25/21 - Hundreds of people came to Westinghouse Park to remember George Floyd, who died one year ago during his arrest by a former Minneapolis police officer. We talked with many about how this horrific arrest was the catalyst for change with policing in Black communities.

6/3/21 - Several organizations and politicians have been sharing their reaction to District Attorney Stephen Zappala's new policy to not offer plea deals to clients of Black attorney Milton Raiford. Many are calling the policy systemic racism.

6/7/21 - Following public backlash for stopping plea deals with a Black attorney who called his office "racist," Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala put plea deals back on the table. We explained how the process will go, moving forward.

6/8/21 - A local restaurant received a proclamation from the city. Back to the Foodture was recognized as the first Black-owned business in the South Side Works. We talked with the owners about the significance of their venture and the city's support.

6/9/21 - Organizers of this year's Juneteenth celebration say the event is in jeopardy after Pittsburgh Police sent the organization a big bill for security. It was a \$140k price tag the organization says it can't afford and never had to pay before.

6/10/21- State organizers are teaming up with medical leaders to address vaccine hesitancy in the LGBTQ communities. They want to learn what may be preventing people who identify as LGBTQ from getting vaccinated.

6/17/21 - We talked one-on-one with members of 1Hood, a local group of people of color. We talked with them about up-coming events tied to Juneteenth, and how the passage of new legislation for Blacks who view it as their Independence Day.

6/18/21 - Juneteenth events in Pittsburgh have begun. A day after President Joe Biden signed legislation into law making Juneteenth a federal holiday. We profiled events that were underway at Point State Park to celebrate the momentous day, marked in a tumultuous history.

6/19/21 - Saying their names and praying their names. Outside a memorial fence marked with the names of 36 people who suffered at the hands of police, faith leaders from across the Pittsburgh region gathered on Center Avenue in East Liberty to raise those names in prayer on Juneteenth.

Military

4/7/21 - There are some people who truly live with a palpable zest for life. Guthrie "Getto" Taboni is one of them. The World War II veteran turned 103 years old and talked about what it takes to live a long, good life.

4/16/21 - We talked live with scientists who work at a Pittsburgh lab, contracted by the US Military and innovations they've created in combating coronavirus. The FLIR lab has come up with next generation PPE that will help keep the air clean in business and office spaces.

5/7/21 - Female veterans say they're getting harassed more and more for parking in a veteran-designated parking spot. They say it's more common than you'd think, and now there's a national push to remind the public that veterans aren't just men and come from all walks of life.

5/10/21 - We talked live in our 7:30p news with Pittsburgh resident Jennifer Liriano, who was selected as one of five Army soldiers for "The Calling," a new animated film series that profiles the diverse origins of five Soldiers as they answer the call to serve.

5/29/21 - 700 geraniums were planted at the Verona cemetery. The Oakmont Lion's Club says so many graves don't have family to take care of them, so on this Memorial Day weekend, this is how they pay their respects. Many of the graves belong to veterans.

5/31/21 - On this Memorial Day, community leaders gathered to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Veterans were glad to be back together after the pandemic robbed them of annual Memorial Day ceremonies last year.

5/31/21 - We covered a Memorial Day ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on East Carson Street. A pilgrimage of Vietnam Veterans walked to the memorial to remember their brothers in arms. They prayed, laid a wreath, and had a rifle salute.

6/1/21 - Honoring military members and their families on the road: It's the mobile education exhibit on national tour, steered by Wreaths Across America. The exhibit made a stop in Butler where organizers talked about the importance of military and what our veterans have done for us.

6/13/21 - We covered a military event on the Gateway Clipper. It was held for family members of fallen US service members.

6/22/21 - Transitioning from military to civilian life can be hard, let alone during a pandemic. As economists watched the unemployment rate creep up, veterans here in Pennsylvania searching for jobs struggled harder than vets living in other states. We profiled a virtual networking event that hopes to get local veterans back to work.

Business & Economy

4/2/21 - As restrictions start to lift on businesses and people head back to the office, does that mean downtown Pittsburgh is making a comeback? It's something the Downtown Partnership is tracking and discovering that occupancy rates are way down.

4/4/21 - The president of the Community College of Beaver County has just published a new book he hopes will be uplifting. It's about the 30 most powerful words, and he talked with Jon Delano on The Sunday Business Page.

4/4/21 - 2020 was far from sweet, but some candy companies are reporting otherwise. Consumers spent about \$36.7 billion on candy last year -- \$22 billion of it on chocolate. We talked with a local chocolate company, which told us sales have been strong.

4/5/21 - Bars in PA are now able to open to 75% indoor capacity, and it's just in time, as the NCAA finals are here, and owners are hopeful it will help them start to recoup on pandemic losses.

4/12/21 - Whether it's a certain vehicle or even an electronic device, the pandemic has affected the supply and delivery of many projects. And, experts say the global supply chain issue will get worse before it gets better.

4/15/21 - April 15th is traditionally Tax Day, but not this year. For the second year in a row, both federal government and Pennsylvania have changed the deadline for filing tax returns. We also explained many of the tax law changes as people work towards the new May 17th deadline.

4/18/21 - Retail stores have really taken a hit during the pandemic. But a Pittsburgh-based national clothing store focused on young people, Rue 21, says it's weathered the storm and will be opening 15 more new locations. The CEO talked with Jon Delano about it on the Sunday Business Page.

4/25/21 - Believe it or not, warm days are coming. It's supposed to be in the 80s next week, so this is a good time to check out your AC. On the Sunday Business Page, Jon Delano talked with a local heating expert about smart tips to be consumer savvy about your HVAC.

4/27/21 - Pennsylvania's 2020 population is now over 13-million residents. That's the good news from the US Census Bureau. The bad news is the state did not grow fast enough, and as Jon Delano explained, that will cost the state in the years ahead.

4/30/21 - US Steel announced that it will abandon its \$1.5 billion project in the Mon Valley to upgrade its steel-making facility. We had comprehensive coverage on this major announcement from the long-standing environmental implications – to the political ramifications – and the business impact for what US Steel called the needs of a rapidly changing world.

5/4/21 - Pennsylvania is lifting Covid-19 mitigation orders, except for masks on Memorial Day. That means capacity restrictions on bars, restaurants and indoor/outdoor gatherings will go away on May 31st. We talked to business owners about how this impacts their bottom lines.

5/5/21 - Churchill residents were very passionate as they shared reasons why they're against Amazon putting down roots in the borough. The old Westinghouse property off the Parkway East could transform into an Amazon distribution center, bringing jobs, and traffic headaches.

5/10/21 - It's becoming increasingly more difficult to find hospitality workers to fill open jobs. So much so, that Sheetz and Chipotle announced they would be raising its minimum wage to get more applicants in the door. We looked at how the incentives are increasing, too.

5/11/21 - Downtown Pittsburgh has seen businesses come and go in the past 15 months. As vaccination rates increase, the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership is looking to grow the city and find out what will bring people back to the city center.

5/12/21 - From wedding venues to hotels to sports arenas, Monday is long-awaited for re-opening. The Governor announced this week that indoor and outdoor group capacities will increase then, and many of these places are counting on people – and their wallets – coming back.

5/13/21 - For the first time since scoring a deal with online retailer Amazon, the first Amazon air cargo flight filled with packages took its inaugural flight from Pittsburgh International Airport. We looked how this will be a shot in the arm for the airport and local economy.

5/16/21 - Appointed by President Biden, West Virginia native Gayle Connelly Manchin has just been sworn in as the Federal Co-Chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Jon

Delano talked with her in the Sunday Business Page about how this commission awards grants for economic development projects that could be a boost for our region.

5/17/21 - Today is the deadline for filing your 2020 state and federal tax returns. And while many taxpayers wait until the last-minute, millions of others have already filed, and some could be getting a surprise refund. It has to do with when you filed and when the American Rescue Plan was passed and signed into law.

5/21/21 - From chicken to lumber to new cars. There are shortages across the country, and we are feeling it here at home. Issues with the supply chain are forcing prices to skyrocket and businesses to struggle. We reported on where local economists say we might see the end.

5/23/21 - A 25-year-old entrepreneur in Pittsburgh thinks she has a product that will revolutionize something we may take for granted: Chewing Gum. In our weekly Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with Emily Siegel, a chemical engineering graduate, about her invention and innovation.

5/24/21 - Mayor Bill Peduto says he was caught in some strong political headwinds on Primary Election Day last Tuesday. In his first interview since his loss to PA Rep. Ed Gainey, Peduto talked with KDKA Political Editor Jon Delano about the loss, and how it's wide-reaching beyond just the city of Pittsburgh.

5/25/21 - The lack of workers in businesses is a growing issue across our region. Lawmakers in Harrisburg believe there isn't a true labor shortage, but rather, people just want to be paid more. It's teeing up a statehouse debate on the state's minimum wage.

5/26/21 - The last Republican mayor of Pittsburgh was 88 years ago. But it looks like Tony Moreno, a Democrat, won the write-in for the Republican nomination this November. Political Editor Jon Delano talked with Moreno about whether he will accept the Republican nomination.

5/28/21 - The state's unemployment office is upgrading its computer system, promising faster and easier service for those receiving unemployment benefits. But as Money Editor Jon Delano reported, the changeover to a new system could create short-term headaches for some.

5/30/21 - Senator Bob Casey plans to introduce a bill next week to invest in the future of children. In the Sunday Morning Business page, Sen. Casey explained his stance on why children deserve to be free from economic insecurity and more.

6/6/21 - This weekend was a busy one for business in downtown Pittsburgh. It's the first week since Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and events are back. Restaurants are enjoying the increase in customers.

6/9/21 - From phone outages to problems processing claims. The new state unemployment compensation system was supposed to make the filing process easier for users, but instead, it caused a major headache during its launch the day before. The Dept. of Labor and Industry provided an update on day two.

6/10/21 - The FBI says it's become easier for criminals to hack with ransomware, and the "bad guys" are more emboldened. We investigated why cyberattacks are the new crime confronting businesses, and how it's a costly problem.

6/11/21 - The IRS says it is still sending out the third round of stimulus checks that are part of President Biden's recovery plan. It sent out another 2.3 million checks this week. Money Editor Jon Delano reported on more money on the way for families with dependent children.

6/13/21 - As the summer vacation season begins, travel out of Pittsburgh International Airport has increased 1200%. That's not a typo! It comes as more airlines are increasing non-stop service to new destinations. We talked with the VP of the Airport Authority about it in our weekly Sunday Business Page segment.

6/16/21 - A week after the state implemented a new computer system for unemployment benefits, state officials hailed its success. But as our Money Editor Jon Delano reported, local users of the new system say they still cannot get through to file their claims.

6/16/21 - The town of Monessen has come up with a unique way to remove blight in its community. Develop and implement a tax forgiveness program so properties can be purchased and rehabbed. Since we reported on it in March, it's exploded!

6/20/21 - If you cannot afford basic legal services, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation may have a program available. In our weekly Sunday Business Page segment, we talked with a member of the foundation about their charitable activities.

6/24/21 - In just a couple of weeks, millions of Americans will get a monthly deposit or check from the IRS for the next six months, based on the number of minor children. We explained what's at stake with the child tax credit, and why some may want to opt out of it.

Crime & Public Safety

4/5/21 - The city is launching a full investigation, following racist graffiti that was splattered across a public park on the south side of town. A local community football organization, which uses the park for games, was devastated by the damage.

4/7/21 - If you're tired of waiting for a vaccine appointment, why not just leap the line and overnight a dose to your front door? It's an offer available on the dark web, and we investigated just how easy it is to do. Our investigation with the FBI found many of the doses are expired, not real, and not safe.

4/8/21 - Students in the Beaver area school district returned to the building, and administrators are taking down bullies and tackling violence with an app. It's called Safe 2 Say, and administrators hope it will help students feel safe when they come to school.

4/14/21 - A popular phone app that makes it easy for Pittsburghers to pay to park got hacked, meaning hundreds if not thousands had their personal information stolen. We investigated the issue and why it took so long for the city to tell victims they were compromised.

4/16/21 - Some local teenagers are playing a dangerous game. Now police are warning parents the consequences. We went to Washington County, where police say some kids have been riding around the area shooting each other with fake guns that could easily be mistaken for real ones.

4/16/21 - Following the mass shooting at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis, we investigated local FedEx here locally, and what they're doing to beef up security. We also dove into the business' policy where employees cannot carry their cell phones into the workplace, which could be prohibitive in calling for help.

4/19/21 - Community and city leaders gathered to call on the public to help curb the spike in violence. Pittsburgh police have reported an up-tick in homicides by 80-percent compared to this time last year. Several of the shootings involve juveniles.

4/27/21 - We're noticing more gun violence in Pittsburgh. The latest incident was a shooting that happened in broad daylight at a busy gas station. This will make the 50th shooting in the city so far this year.

4/29/21 - Soon, we could see police officers in Allegheny County wearing body cameras. That measure got voted out of committee late today and was sent to the full County Council with a positive recommendation. The key will be how to pay for the \$550,000 gear.

5/7/21 - The Bethel Park Police Department is alerting residents about overnight burglaries. Someone has broken into several homes on two close streets, rattling residents in what they say has always been a very quiet and safe neighborhood.

5/14/21 - Allegheny County Council voted almost unanimously, 14 to 1 to pass its body camera bill. The dissenting vote came from a councilwoman who pushed back only because of the funding language and guaranteeing the money would be spent exclusively on the cameras.

5/27/21 - A South Park woman claims Dollar Bank failed to prevent her from being swindled out of millions of dollars. In a lawsuit filed against the bank, the woman claims the bank broke state law by its employees not flagging her large wire transfer of funds to cryptocurrency. It's a new scam and we reported on the pitch the scam artists used.

5/29/21 - We extensively covered a possible shooting inside the heavily populated Ross Park Mall. The catalyst for the shooting was a fight among some teens and young adults, guns were drawn, and a shot was fired. We reported on the public safety situation with the mall evacuations, friends, and family reuniting after getting split up in the evacuation, the search for the shooter(s) and arrests in the case.

5/30/21 - We had extensive follow-up reporting on how Ross Township police went on record with concerns and written requests to the owners of Ross Park Mall about getting safety cameras installed inside the mall. Simon Property Group had been silent and non-responsive to those requests.

6/5/21 - A large group gathered for a peace walk in the Hill District. They're calling for an end to gun violence and wore orange in unity. Many talked about losing family members to shootings in the city and are advocating for change.

6/9/21 - We continue to see more communities coming together to speak up about gun violence. A rally and prayer vigil held because of the spike in shootings in South Pittsburgh to talk about putting an end to the violence.

6/10/21 - There was another violent night in Pittsburgh with multiple shootings and deaths. There's one big unanswered question: What is the solution to the recent violence? We reached out to city leaders to see what they have to say about the up tick in what is turning into a violent summer.

6/17/21 - A group of Pittsburgh activists are pushing for the creation of a civilian police control council. It would be the first of its kind in the nation. We attended a rally at Freedom Corner where the plans were unveiled for what that council would do.

6/21/21 - 48 hours. That's how long Amazon shoppers must close in on some of their deals. But fraudsters are closing in, too, using crafty websites, emails, and images to take advantage of shoppers just trying to take advantage of the low prices. We talked with the BBB about what to look out for.

6/22/21 - When a mural on the 500 block of North Homewood Ave. went up, the artist who created it hoped violent crime would go down. He lost 45 friends – 15 in one year. He's taking a unique approach in trying to send a message to his community to stop the violence.

6/24/21 - The sharp increase in shootings in Pittsburgh has been on the minds of many. Pittsburgh's Bureau of Police announced their efforts to put an end to the violence. They're working with a coalition of community leaders to increase patrols and work together in communities that need help.

Science & Technology

4/9/21 - NASA launched its first helicopter flight on another planet. We talked with one of the project managers in our 7:30p news about the Mars Helicopter Ingenuity and what it took for this type of uncharted space exploration.

4/10/21 - In his weekly installment of "Hey Ray," Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained the differences between watches and warnings and used some fun foods to make the experiment fun for everyone.

4/19/21 - All week we're looking at the state of our Earth, leading up to Earth Day. We opened the week with a story on environmental problems with the water in Aliquippa, and a KDKA Investigates follow-up into what the community is doing to clean up the water.

4/19/21 - This region has often been called the Saudi Arabia of natural gas. What's the future of this resource under the Biden administration? Jon Delano talked exclusively with Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm about the state of fossil fuels in Pennsylvania.

4/21/21 - The 12-county tristate region got an “F” rating for air quality from the American Lung Association, but a local labor and business group says that rating is distorted and does not accurately reflect this region’s air quality.

4/21/21 - We talked live with Carnegie Science Center in the 7:30p news about their Tour Your Future program, which gives unique hands-on opportunities to middle and high school girls to discover STEM careers.

4/22/21 - In a follow-up KDKA Investigation, \$2 million will be going to Aliquippa’s Water Company to work on removing lead from the city’s drinking water. It’s a major development into a story we’ve investigated for several months.

4/24/21 - In this week’s “Hey Ray,” Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained one of the most attention-getting weather phenomena: The rainbow. Ray and his daughter Elizabeth explained how they occur, and why you don’t see them at certain times of the day

5/1/21 - In his weekly Saturday science coverage, Meteorologist Ray Petelin explores the science behind density. Everything to what makes it up, and that means one very weird science experiment!

5/2/21 - Eric Lloyd and Justin Melanson are two co-founders of the only drone in the world specifically designed to kill and form a protective barrier against Coronavirus and other bacteria in large venues. They gave us a tour of how it works over Heinz Field.

5/5/21 - A new proposal is on the table to ban plastic bags in the City of Pittsburgh. A resolution introduced at Tuesday’s City Council meeting is just the first step towards adoption of the ordinance.

5/8/21 - KDKA-TV recently upgraded its transmitter to next generation technology. In his weekly Science segment, Hey Ray, Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained the science behind TV engineering to make the magic happen.

5/10/21 – After the recent wet weather, PennDot crews are on alert for potential landslides. They say just in Allegheny County, they must spend millions of dollars a year to address the issues and the environmental impact they leave in their wake.

5/15/21 - How do you use an invisible fire extinguisher? In his weekly installment of “Hey Ray,” Meteorologist Ray Petelin explains how Carbon Dioxide snuffs out flames to push the oxygen away to make the flame go out. The science experiment is one you can try at home – with a parent of course!

5/22/21 - During the daytime you can’t see the stars and planets that you see at night. But sometimes light pollution gets in the way and you can’t see things well at night, too. In his Hey Ray segment, Meteorologist Ray Petelin talked with scientists at the Buhl Planetarium about its impact on the night sky.

5/29/21 - In the last episode of Hey Ray, we talked about how hard light pollution makes it to see stars and planets in the night sky. Now we learned more about how light pollution and

what it does to life. We talked with the Animal & Habitats Manager at the Carnegie Science Center about how light pollution affects living things.

6/5/21 - On this World Environment Day, the Go Green organization celebrated on Market Square. The timing was good as many of the Covid-19 restrictions

6/8/21 - The Allegheny County Health Department held a public hearing on a proposed gas-fired power plant in Elizabeth Township. The big concern expressed by citizens is how local communities will bear the health effects and environmental risks of the plant.

6/10/21 - Pittsburgh's Astrobotic and the Carnegie Science Center partnered to further establish the city as an aerospace hub and create more opportunities for K-12 education and workforce development in the region.

6/12/21 - When it comes to explaining comfort, relative humidity is "ridiculous." While many are familiar with relative humidity – it's just that, relative. Meteorologist Ray Petelin breaks it down in his weekly Hey Ray science segment.

6/15/21 - General Motors has signed a deal to develop railroad locomotives powered by a hydrogen fuel cell and battery system. Under a nonbinding agreement with Wabtec Corp, GM batteries and hydrogen technology will be used in locomotives to help railroads cut carbon emissions. We talked with Wabtec's VP of Engineering about this breakthrough innovation.

6/19/21 - In his weekly Saturday science segment called "Hey Ray," Meteorologist Ray Petelin explained the science behind gravity. He used a fun show-and-tell experiment to show gravity's pull on simple objects.

6/26/21 - What is surface tension? It's strange if you think about it, but not to Meteorologist Ray Petelin, who broke it down for us in his weekly "Hey Ray" science segment.

6/29/21 - Becoming the robotics capital of the world. That's the goal for community and robotics leaders in our region. We reported on how the tech field wants to continue its growth with hometown talent.