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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DAYBREAK	MONDAY - FRIDAY	4:30 – 7:00 AM
MORNING BREAK	MONDAY – FRIDAY	09:00AM-10:00AM
THE NEWS AT NOON	MONDAY – FRIDAY	NOON – 12:30
THE NEWS AT 3	MONDAY-FRIDAY	3:00PM-3:30PM
THE NEWS AT 4	MONDAY- FRIDAY	4:00PM-4:30PM
THE NEWS AT 4:30	MONDAY-FRIDAY	4:30PM-5:00PM
THE NEWS AT 5	MONDAY – FRIDAY	5:00 – 6:00 PM
THE NEWS AT 6	MONDAY – FRIDAY	6:00 – 6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 7	MONDAY-FRIDAY	7:00-7:30PM
THE NEWS AT 11	MONDAY – FRIDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM
DAYBREAK SATURDAY	SATURDAY	6:00AM-8:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6	SATURDAY	6:00 – 6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 7	SATURDAY	7:00 – 7:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SATURDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM
DAYBREAK SUNDAY	SUNDAY	7:00AM-9:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6:30	SUNDAY	6:30-7:00 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SUNDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM

ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE LOCALLY-PRODUCED NEWS PROGRAMS PRESENTING A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, SPORTS, AND ISSUE-RELATED FEATURE STORIES AND SEGMENTS. ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE USUALLY ONE TO TWO MINUTES IN DURATION, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

60 MINUTES SUNDAY 7:00 – 8:00 PM

THIS IS A CBS PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM FEATURING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES FACING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE PROGRAM USUALLY HAS THREE SEGMENTS, EACH APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES IN DURATION.

48 HOURS SATURDAY 10:00 – 11:00PM

THIS IS A CBS NETWORK PROGRAM OFTEN FEATURING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES FACING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE PROGRAM USUALLY HAS MULTIPLE SEGMENTS, 8-12 MINUTES IN DURATION.

FACE THE NATION SUNDAY 10:30 – 11:30 AM

THIS CBS NEWS INTERVIEW PROGRAM, HOSTED BY BOB SHEAFER TAKES A LOOK AT POLITICAL ISSUES TIMELY TO EACH WEEK. GUESTS ARE USUALLY POLITICIANS, REPORTERS, AND POLITICAL ANALYSTS.

GA FARM MONITOR SATURDAY 5:30AM-6AM
SHOW FOCUSES ON FARMERS IN GEORGIA

INVESTIGATE TV+ WEEKDAYS 3:30PM-4PM

THE NEWS MAGAZINE PROGRAM SHOWCASES GROUNDBREAKING INVESTIGATIONS FEATURING GRAY'S AWARD-WINNING INVESTIGATE TV TEAM, NATIONAL REPORTERS, PLUS CONSUMER, HEALTH, IN-DEPTH AND INSPIRING STORIES.

INVESTIGATE TV SATURDAYS 11:30PM-12PM,

SHOW FOCUSING ON NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE STORIES

NEWS SERIES ANY DAY WITHIN LOCAL NEWS

MULTI-PART MINI-DOCUMENTARY NEWS SERIES, USUALLY DEALING WITH ONE ISSUE OR A SERIES OF RELATED ISSUES, GENERALLY AIRED DURING THE EVENING NEWS BROADCASTS AND OCCASIONALLY REPEATED ON OTHER NEWS PROGRAMS. THE DURATION OF EACH PROGRAM IS USUALLY TWO TO THREE MINUTES, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. INCLUDES WTOC INVESTIGATES.

RESCUE ME FRIDAYS

THIS ONCE WEEKLY FRIDAY SEGMENT FEATURES AN ADOPTABLE PET EACH WEEK ON MORNING BREAK.

TOP TEACHER

THIS ONCE WEEKLY SEGMENT RECOGNIZES TEACHERS WHO HAVE GONE OVER AND BEYOND IN THEIR SCHOOL OR THEIR COMMUNITY. THE RECOGNITION IS BASED ON NOMINATIONS FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS OR SCHOOLS.

CBS THIS MORNING MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-9AM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS THIS MORNING SATURDAY SATURDAY-8-10AM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS SUNDAY MORNING SUNDAY-9AM-10:30AM

THIS CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAM OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND PERSONAL INTEREST FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS NEWS MONDAY – FRIDAY 6:30 – 7:00 PM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

SPECIALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

WTOC IS COMMITTED TO PRODUCING LOCAL PROGRAMMING RELEVANT TO ISSUES AND EVENTS IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITIES. THE LENGTH OF THESE PROGRAMS RANGE FROM THIRTY MINUTES TO TWO HOURS.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

AS THE SOUTHEAST NEWS LEADER, WTOC GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY BY PRODUCING PSA'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - INCREASING AWARENESS OF HEALTH REPORTS, FUNDRAISERS, AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES.

2024 Community Affairs Issues
First Quarter

1. **Public Safety & Crime including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety, and police conduct. Plus, Public Health.**
2. **Education including education standards, school safety, budget and alternative schools.**
3. **Minority Issues including affirmative action, NAACP activities, women and Gay Rights, etc. Plus, how minorities have made a difference.**
4. **Economic Development including business development, employment opportunities, community infrastructure, small business development, and tourism.**
5. **Terrorism/National Security, conflict in Ukraine and overseas. Plus, border security and Veteran celebrations.**
6. **Government-including local, state and federal government actions**
7. **Special Programs-A list and description of locally produced programs that aired on WTOC.**
8. **PSA's-A list and brief descriptions of Public Service Announcements that ran on WTOC**

DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME
JANUARY 1, 2024– MARCH 31, 2024

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

02/11/24 **Guests:** Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bob Bauer, President Biden's personal attorney (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Mike Morell, former deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), CBS News senior national security contributor (4); Samantha Vinograd, former top counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security, CBS News contributor, senior adviser, Biden Institute, University of Delaware (4); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (5); James Brown, host, NFL TODAY, CBS News special correspondent (6)
6) Topics include: NFL's embrace of Las Vegas; NFL managing concussion issues; diversity in leadership in the NFL / players seeing changes in diverse hires on the field and in the team offices

02/18/24 **Guests:** Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (3) Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) (4); Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian, author, "The Unfinished Presidency" (5); Amie Parnes, co-author, "Lucky – How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency" (5); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)
Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent
6) a report from Houston, TX, on the most recent shootings in America: at the Super Bowl celebration parade in Kansas City and at a mega-church in Houston, and their impact on the American public

03/03/24 **Guests:** Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (1); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (5); Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (6); Steven Dettelbach, director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (7)
7) Topics include: understaffing of the ATF / what can be done with the limited staffing / laws against a federal gun database impeding crime prevention; the Supreme Court case regarding bump stocks; children and gun violence

60 Minutes

01/28/24 **"Agency In Crisis"** – a report on the federal prison system in the United States. From a women's prison in Aliceville, Alabama, inmates share concerns regarding the institution including declining prison infrastructure, major staffing shortages, and abuse within the system. Includes interviews with Colette Peters, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; Shane Fausey, former president of the federal prison employees union; Tess Korth, a former correctional officer at Dublin Federal Correctional Institution who resigned after retaliation for her whistleblowing; and some of the inmates at Aliceville Federal Correctional Institution. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Natalie Jimenez Peel)

"Interpol" – a report on Interpol from its headquarters in Lyon, France. The international law enforcement agency fighting global crime has drawn complaints from political activists who assert they have allowed a misuse of worldwide "wanted person" alerts, or red notices, by authoritarian countries seeking to arrest dissidents. Includes interviews with Jurgen Stock, Interpol's secretary general; Cyril Gout, a forensic expert from the French National Police; Rhys Davies and Ben Keith, barristers who specialize in international human rights; and Bill Browder, an American-born British financier and political activist. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart)

"Modern Ark" – an interview with exotic animal rescuer Pat Craig. He discusses his animal sanctuary in Colorado and one of his riskiest rescue missions saving animals from a Puerto Rican zoo. Includes interviews with Monica Craig, Pat's wife; Dr. Mikaela Veters, refuge veterinarian at The Wild Animal Sanctuary; and Carol Buckley, animal conservationist and elephant caregiver. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)

03/17/24

"Healing Justice" – an interview with Jennifer Thompson, founder of Healing Justice. A victim of rape, she learned years later that the accused man was innocent and had been exonerated through DNA evidence. Since then, Thompson has created an organization which hosts exonerees, crime victims, and their family members for intensive retreats designed to foster healing. Includes interviews with Penny Beerntsen, Loretta Zilinger-White, and Tomeshia Carrington Artis, victims of

rape who identified suspects shown to them by police, who were later exonerated; Gary Wells, professor at Iowa State University and pioneer in eyewitness memory research; Andrea Harrison and Dwayne Jones, whose mother/wife Jacqueline was raped and murdered sending a local man to jail who was exonerated years later; Raymond Towler, Chris Ochoa, and Howard Dudley, exonerees; and Lisa Pawlowski, whose brother was an exoneree. (See also: "Eyewitness", OAD: 03/08/09. Rebroadcasts: 07/12/09; 09/26/10 – WEST COAST ONLY.) (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

48 HOURS

01/06/24

48 HOURS: "Kassandra's Secret" (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the August 25th, 2020 disappearance and murder of 33-year-old Kassandra Cantrell of Tacoma, WA and how her ex-boyfriend, Colin Dudley, was involved. Kassandra Cantrell was supposed to meet her best friend, Alexandra McNary, on August 26th, 2020, but never showed up. Cantrell had vanished and her family and friends had no idea where she had gone. Three days after her disappearance, police located her car in an industrial area near downtown Tacoma; they also discovered surveillance footage of a mysterious man in a fedora leaving her car, later identified as Colin Dudley, an ex-boyfriend Cantrell met in 2006. Investigators questioned Dudley and he insisted he had not seen Cantrell in years, even though Cantrell had told McNary that she was pregnant and that Dudley was the father. Further investigation and digital evidence, including data from the black box of Dudley's truck, led investigators to Cantrell's body in a ravine on September 22nd, 2020; Dudley was arrested later that night and charged with first-degree murder. Two years later, family and friends were angry to hear that prosecutors were considering a plea deal due to the lack of physical evidence. Eventually, Colin Dudley agreed to plead guilty to murder in the first degree and formally entered his guilty plea on November 14th, 2022; he was sentenced to 26 years in prison. Cantrell's family would like a law in Washington State that if someone is guilty of knowingly killing a pregnant woman, they would automatically get a life sentence. Original on-screen text graphic: Kassandra Cantrell's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Colin Dudley. It is scheduled to go to trial in August 2023. **On-screen text graphic for the 01/06/24 rebroadcast:** Kassandra Cantrell's family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Colin Dudley. It is scheduled to go to trial in September 2024. Interviewed: Alexandra McNary, Kassandra's friend; Marie Smith, Kassandra's mother; Franz Helmcke, detective, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Kristi Sinclair, Marie Smith's friend; Cheri Mueller, produced a local production of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" that Cantrell and Dudley appeared in; Rob Cantrell, Kassandra's twin brother; Brent Van Dyke, detective sergeant, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; Steve Ammann, former friend of Colin Dudley, wrote a letter protesting the prison sentence to the judge; Ryan Salmon, detective, Pierce County Sheriff's Department; and Brian Wasankari, Pierce County deputy prosecutor (Patrick Vincent, Pierce County deputy prosecutor, appeared on camera during interview – did not speak). (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Betsy Shuller, Paul La Rosa, Lauren Clark) (OAD: 04/08/23)

01/06/24

48 HOURS: "The Suspicious Death of Megan Parra" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of 29-year-old Megan Parra, who was discovered on June 28th, 2014, by her parents, Missy and Steve Ducote. Found on the living room floor at her home in Cottonwood, LA, Megan had suffered a gunshot wound to her head and was still alive, but barely breathing. Steve telephoned Dustin Parra, Megan's husband who returned home shortly thereafter; both medically trained, Missy and Dustin worked to save Megan. Airlifted to a trauma center in Lafayette, she was taken off life support the next morning. Chris Knight, the original detective on the case, closed his investigation four days after the shooting and the manner of death was ruled suicide. The family learned soon after that Detective Knight lied about testing the weapon found near Megan's body, and questioned the thoroughness of his investigation as well as the ruling that her death was classified as a suicide. Convinced there was foul play, they suspected Dustin's involvement, whose behavior after his wife's death was odd and his story, regarding their daughter's final days, inconsistent. Steve and Megan's sister, Betsy Jeansonne, studied more than 100 images taken at the crime scene, some of which revealed signs of a struggle, and spent hours on the internet studying blood spatter patterns. Several months later, Steve went to the Avoyelles Parish district attorney, who worked to get local and state law enforcement officials to take another look at the case. Most resisted, but those who did eventually agreed with the original determination of suicide as the manner of death. Megan's family refused to give up and continued with their own investigation. Occasionally over the years, law enforcement agreed to review the case, but never overturned the initial findings. Steve reached out to childhood friend and former FBI agent David Lemoine, who agreed to meet with Steve in 2018 and review the evidence; afterwards, he believed Megan was murdered. David came out of retirement in 2019 and worked the case, along with fellow retired FBI agent Zack Shelton; both were deputized by the Cottonport police chief, who reopened the case. In 2019, they interviewed the original detective on the case and Dustin Parra, remarried and raising Megan's sons with his new wife, who abruptly ended the interview. Also interviewed were Megan and Dustin's neighbors at the time of the

shooting. In 2021, Steve hired an independent crime scene analyst, who determined that blood spatter on the shorts Dustin was wearing the day of the shooting proved he was there. On October 13th, 2021, the district attorney presented evidence to a grand jury seeking murder charges against Dustin Parra; they returned a charge of second-degree murder after six minutes of deliberations. On March 24th, 2023, three days before Dustin's murder trial was set to begin, District Attorney Riddle received a call from the defense attorney, who offered a plea: negligent homicide. Megan's family agreed to the deal, but only if Dustin agreed to answer specific questions. On March 26th, Dustin pleaded no contest to negligent homicide and answered the district attorney's questions and admitted that he shot Megan and it was not suicide. In April 2023, Missy and Steve were granted full custody of Megan and Dustin's sons. In late April 2023, David Begnaud was present when Dustin Parra and his wife arrived at the sheriff's office so that Dustin could turn himself in; he never responded to any of the questions. **On-screen text graphic:** Megan's death certificate now lists her manner of death as homicide. Dustin Parra will likely serve 18 months in prison and the remainder of his five-year sentence out on parole. Parra's nursing license has been permanently revoked. Interviewed: Betsy Jeansonne, Megan Parra's sister; Missy and Steve Ducote, Megan's parents; Dave Blanchard, police officer, Cottonport Police Department, first officer on the scene; Luke Welch, Megan's uncle; Dan Schaub, commander, Criminal Investigations Unit, Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, reviewed the case and released a report in January 2015; Charles Riddle, district attorney, Avoyelles Parish; Dr. L.J. Mayeux, then-Avoyelles Parish coroner; Peter Lemoine, attorney, brother of retired FBI agent David Lemoine, who got involved with the investigation after David died of COVID-19 in late December 2020; Zack Shelton, retired FBI agent; and Eric Richardson, crime scene analyst. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producer: Judy Rybak)

01/13/24

48 HOURS: "Shootout at the Shaughnessys" – a report on the 2018 death of Ted Shaughnessy and how the results of the investigation forever impacted the family. On March 2nd, 2018, intruders entered the home of wealthy jewelers Ted and Corey Shaughnessy in Austin, TX. A gunfight between Ted, Corey and the intruders left 55-year-old Ted dead. At first, investigators wondered if it was a random attack, a robbery gone wrong or a targeted assassination and, consequently, suspected their profession made them targets. Corey notified their son Nick, who lived two hours away with girlfriend Jaclyn ("Jackie") Edison in College Station, TX. All three agreed to answer questions at the police station, but Corey soon felt that they were treating her like a suspect and brought an attorney to the final police interview. Police found Corey's behavior suspect after the shooting, but were also suspicious of Nick and Jackie, who showed more interest in speaking with the media than with the police. Additionally, Nick went unprovoked to the window used by intruders to gain entry to the home and an app on his phone, which gave him access to the house's alarm system, indicated an activation for an open window at 4:27 that morning. A search of Nick and Jackie's home days later resulted in the discovery of the same brand and caliber ammunition found at the crime scene and the revelation that Nick and Jackie were secretly married, unknown to both Ted and Corey. Nick and Jackie moved into the family home in Austin with Corey and police, who now believed that they had also targeted Corey, became concerned for her safety. Corey was instead concerned for her son and hired a defense attorney for him on March 10th, 2018. Police discovered incriminating evidence on Nick's cell phone, including text messages with Jackie, which showed Nick attempted to hire a friend to kill his parents; both were arrested on May 29th, 2018, for criminal solicitation. Their arrest and the evidence shared with her, resulted in Corey's realization that her son and his girlfriend were involved. Security footage from the couple's home in College Station eventually led them to Johnny Leon and Arleon Smith; Arleon told police where to find the murder weapon and requested the death penalty for his involvement. A few weeks after their arrest, Jackie blamed Nick and cooperated with investigators; she was released on a reduced bond. Nick and the two alleged hitmen were charged with capital murder. By the spring of 2021, Amy Meredith had left her job as assistant district attorney; the new district attorney's office made the three men an offer: plead guilty to a reduced charge of murder and serve 35 years with the possibility of parole, thereby avoiding the death penalty; all three men accepted the deal. Jackie was also offered a deal and accepted: plead guilty to conspiracy to commit capital murder by terror threat or other felony; she received a jail sentence of 120 days and probation. Corey, who did not agree with the deal Jackie received, testified via a recorded video to be played in court. Corey and Nick have not spoken directly since his 2018 arrest; Corey now lives out of state under a different name. Jackie was released from jail on October 17th, 2023. **On-screen text graphic:** As a parole requirement, for the next ten years, on the anniversary of Ted Shaughnessy's murder, Jaclyn Edison must spend the night in jail. Interviewed: Corey Shaughnessy, victim, Ted's wife and Nick's mother; Nick Shaughnessy, admitted to hiring people to kill his parents and discussed his toxic relationship with Jackie Edison during his 2023 summer interview; Jackie Edison, interviewed by 48 HOURS producer Jenna Jackson upon her release, believes her sentence is fair; Paul Salo, detective, Travis County Sheriff's Department; Amy Meredith, former assistant district attorney; and James Moore,

detective, Travis County Sheriff's Department. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Josh Yager)

01/20/24

48 HOURS: “For the Love of Cayley Mandadi” - an update to 48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi” (OAD: 09/19/20; Rebroadcast: 06/12/21), a report on the death of Cayley Mandadi and the case against Mark Howerton for her murder. Cayley, a 19-year-old sophomore at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, was rushed to the emergency room in Luling, TX, on October 29th, 2017, by her boyfriend Mark; she was nearly naked, bruised and not breathing. Mark told investigators that they drank alcohol, took MDMA (also known as ecstasy or Molly) and attended a music festival in San Antonio, where they argued; he claimed she passed out after they had consensual sex in his car. Medical staff were unable to revive Cayley and she died at the hospital. Cayley’s mother, Alison Steele, and stepfather, Lawrence Baitland, were suspicious of Mark and believed he killed her. An autopsy concluded Cayley died of blunt force trauma to the face and head and ruled it a homicide; Mark was arrested and charged with murder. During the first trial in December 2019, prosecutors argued that Mark was abusive and had beaten Cayley; his attorney maintained her injuries were caused during resuscitation efforts at the hospital or by a possible fall. Jurors could not reach a verdict and the judge declared a mistrial. The retrial was initially scheduled for 2021 but was delayed until 2023. Cayley’s mother, Alison, a scientist, and stepfather, Lawrence, a NASA engineer, believed the jurors needed more information about what happened inside Mark’s car and launched their own investigation. They consulted with experts and studied autopsy photos. As part of their investigation, Cayley’s parents tracked down the new owner of Mark’s car, which he sold in 2018, and they purchased it. They then commissioned a video using actors to demonstrate their theory that Mark struck Cayley and she hit her head on the car door lock knob. The second trial began on May 23rd, 2023. Prosecutors added more charges, including aggravated assault and criminally negligent homicide. In the end, the prosecutors did not use the video ordered by Alison and Lawrence because the judge determined that it would make them both witnesses and they would not be allowed to sit in the trial. Prosecutors alleged that Mark was a textbook abuser and his defense claimed that the high levels of MDMA in Cayley’s system caused the brain bleed. Jurors found Mark not guilty of murder, but guilty of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury; he was sentenced to the maximum, 20 years in prison. Alison, who worked to pass the Texas CLEAR Alert Bill, continues to help other victims of violence. **On-screen text graphic:** Mark Howerton will be eligible for parole in 2033. (This broadcast contains footage and interviews from 48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi”.) Interviewed: Christy Jack, attorney based in Fort Worth, asked by 48 HOURS to review the case files; Taylor Clement, Cayley’s best friend; Lawrence Baitland, Cayley’s stepfather; Alison Steele, Cayley’s mother; John Hunter, Mark Howerton’s attorney; Alessandra Cranshaw, prosecutor; David Lunan, prosecutor; and Hallie Pease, Mark Howerton’s attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Cayley Mandadi”, OAD: 09/19/20; Rebroadcast: 06/12/21) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Mary Ann Rotondi, Chris Young Ritzen)

01/27/24

48 HOURS: “The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford” (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the death of Tiffiney Crawford, mother to a son and daughter, and the case against her husband, Jason Crawford. On the night of May 2nd, 2017, then-37-year-old Jason dialed 911 to report that his wife had been shot. When sheriff’s deputies arrived at their home in Cullman, AL, they found 32-year-old Tiffiney dead in the driver’s seat of her van. Two bullet wounds were in her head; one to her left jaw area, the other to her left temple. The gun was in her left hand, but Tiffiney was right-handed. It initially appeared to at least one deputy to be a suicide. Because Jason’s mother works as an office manager at the sheriff’s office, the case was turned over to the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation. Jason admitted that they fought the night of her death, after he discovered Tiffiney was having an affair. Further investigation and the death ultimately being ruled a homicide by the medical examiner, resulted in an indictment for murder; Jason surrendered on May 21st, 2018. In November 2022, Jason went on trial for Tiffiney’s murder; he was found guilty on November 18th, 2022. Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney’s mother, supported her son-in-law until she finally viewed the evidence in the public record; she spoke at Jason’s sentencing hearing on March 10th, 2023. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Under Alabama law, Jason will be eligible for parole in 15 years. Original on-screen text graphic: Tiffiney’s children currently live with Jason’s parents. **On-screen text graphic for the 01/27/24 rebroadcast:** Jason Crawford’s appeal was denied by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. Interviewed: Jason Crawford, his only interview about the case; Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney’s mother; Lindsay Luke, Tiffiney’s friend; Debra Ball, legal assistant, State of Alabama; Jeff Roberts, former assistant district attorney, Cullman County, AL; Robert Tuten, defense attorney; Nickolas Heatherly, defense attorney; Matt Gentry, sheriff, Cullman County, AL; Joe Parrish, lead investigator, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; Dr. Valerie Green, medical examiner, conducted Tiffiney’s autopsy; Megan Brock, juror; and Angela Fletcher, DNA analyst, testified for the prosecution. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Judy Rybak) (OAD: 03/25/23)

01/27/24

48 HOURS: “Capturing Moriah Wilson’s Killer” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the murder of 25-year-old cyclist Moriah (“Mo”) Wilson and the international hunt to find suspected killer Kaitlin Armstrong. On May 10th, 2022, Moriah arrived in Austin, TX, to stay at the apartment of a close friend and prepare for the Gravel Locos bike race. Just before 10:00 p.m. the next evening, the friend returned home to find Moriah on the bathroom floor, shot multiple times. Investigators discovered Moriah’s expensive racing bicycle discarded in the bushes, but no sign of a break in at the apartment. They also learned she was dropped off at her friend’s apartment by Colin Strickland, a professional bike racer who Moriah dated in 2021. Video from a neighbor’s doorbell camera showed a black Jeep SUV with a bike rack drive by a minute after Colin dropped off Moriah; that vehicle belonged to Kaitlin Armstrong, a yoga instructor with a background in finance and Colin’s girlfriend. When Colin was interviewed by investigators, he claimed his relationship with Moriah was platonic and portrayed Kaitlin as the jealous type. That, and other clues pointed to Kaitlin and police picked her up on an old warrant. Kaitlin resisted questioning and police let her go when they discovered the warrant was not valid, due to a mistake with her birthdate. Two days after Kaitlin’s police interview, one of her friends called police and claimed Kaitlin was so angry over Colin’s relationship with Moriah, that she wanted to kill her. Police issued an arrest warrant, but Kaitlin had fled Austin. Deputy U.S. Marshals— members of the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force— joined the case and discovered Kaitlin used her sister’s passport to flee to Costa Rica and the Marshals traveled there in June 2022. Multiple leads took the Marshals to popular tourist destinations, where they learned she used multiple identities and changed her hair color. In the small village of Santa Teresa, they placed an ad for a yoga instructor. Days later, Kaitlin responded and a meeting was scheduled at a local hostel; local police made the arrest. At her arrest, the Marshals noticed the change in her appearance and discovered she had been getting plastic surgery. Kaitlin was returned to Texas, where she was charged and held in jail. On November 1st, 2023, Kaitlin’s trial began; her defense argued there was no direct evidence that showed Kaitlin was at the scene of the crime, even though her DNA was found on Moriah’s bike. It took the jury around two hours to find Kaitlin guilty of murder; she was sentenced to 90 years behind bars. **On-screen text graphic:** To honor Moriah, the Wilson family created the Moriah Wilson Foundation that promotes healthy living and community building. Interviewed: Pilar Melendez, senior reporter, *Daily Beast*; Jonathan Riley, detective, Austin Police Department; Marc McLeod, detective, Austin Police Department; Chris Tolley, Colin Strickland’s friend; Damien Fernandez, deputy U.S. Marshal; Emir Perez, deputy U.S. Marshal; Lisa Gosselin Lynn, editor, *Vermont Sports*, editor, *VT Ski + Ride*, CBS News consultant; Chris Godsick, host and producer of the “Chasing Evil” podcast with the U.S. Marshal Service; Greg Haber, owner, Kooks Smokehouse & Bar in Santa Teresa, Costa Rica; Juan Carlos Solano, lieutenant, Tourism Police, Santa Teresa, Costa Rica, assisted the marshals in their search for Kaitlin Armstrong; Jose Garza, district attorney, Travis County, TX; Guillermo Gonzalez, prosecutor; and Rickey Jones, prosecutor. (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Chuck Stevenson, Chris Young Ritzen)

02/03/24

48 HOURS: “Who Took Our Dad? The Abduction of Ray Wright” – a report on the disappearance of Ray Wright and the events which led to the conviction of two men for his kidnapping and murder. When Ray Wright, a 55-year-old twice divorced father of two and a master carpenter, suddenly lost contact with his family on January 11th, 2018, they were immediately concerned and feared a relapse. Ray, a recovering alcoholic, had spent time in prison for a November 2011 car accident in which he drove drunk, struck another vehicle and seriously injured the married couple inside. Two days after his 2018 disappearance, his brother Dean Wright confronted an intruder in Ray’s home in Rocklin, CA, a Sacramento suburb. The man ran out the back door but left a soda cup and straw behind in the kitchen which, when tested, gave investigators key forensic evidence. Sixteen days after Ray vanished, a high-speed chase ended with the arrest of Victor Gray, whose wrecked van contained a treasure trove of evidence, including a blood-soaked raincoat, a baseball cap printed with ‘Ray Wright Design’ and Ray’s wallet. Victor’s cellphone contained a picture of a letter he wrote to a man named Bob, in which Victor demanded payment because he “hand delivered you your revenge.” Additionally, the registration tag on the van actually belonged to Ray’s 2016 Ford pickup truck. Three months after Ray’s disappearance, the DNA left in the straw was matched to Victor Gray, which placed him in Ray’s house. Text messages on his phone led investigators to Katie Barnard, who lived in a trailer next to Ray’s cabinet shop in Rio Linda. When questioned in October 2018, Katie eventually admitted that she surveilled Ray because she believed Victor wanted to steal his truck. Additionally, Katie identified Bob as Robert “Bobby” Manor, her ex-boyfriend; she later told investigators that Bob admitted to killing Ray and threatened her to never speak of it again. Robert Manor and his wife were the couple Ray struck when he drove drunk in 2011; he was a feared methamphetamine dealer in North Sacramento who had been in prison for assault and selling drugs, armed with a gun. Multiple witnesses told investigators that he had wanted revenge and cryptically admitted his crime to others. In March 2021, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were charged with the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright; both men pleaded not guilty. The trial began March 2023 and since there was still no body, the case had become a nobody homicide. On March 17th, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were found guilty of first degree murder and kidnapping; both were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on April 28th. Until Ray’s body is found, the case remains an open missing person’s case with the Rocklin Police Department. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have any information about Ray Wright’s whereabouts please call Rocklin Police (916) 625-5400. Interviewed: Matt Chisholm,

prosecutor; Haley Kendall, Ray Wright's daughter; Zack Lewis, sergeant, Rocklin Police Department; Peggy Wright, Ray Wright's ex-wife; Dean Wright, Ray Wright's older brother; Kennedy Wright, Ray Wright's daughter; Ashley Englefield, investigator, Placer County District Attorney; and Bob Manor, suspect in the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright, interviewed while in the Sacramento County jail. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Mead Stone)

02/10/24

48 HOURS: “Christy and Hilda’s Last Dance” (9:00 – 10:00p) - On Friday, November 12th, 2021, model Christy Giles and her friend Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola went to a warehouse party in Los Angeles, CA. The next afternoon, both women were left at separate hospitals by two men in a car with no license plate, who in each instance claimed to have found a woman “passed out on the curb somewhere nearby”: Christy at Southern California Medical Center and Hilda at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Christy died of a drug overdose; Hilda spent two weeks on life support, before her family decided to donate her organs. The police suspected foul play and made use of the digital trail left behind. Christy’s phone led investigators to the apartment of David Pearce, who passed himself off as a Hollywood producer; surveillance footage tied him, his roommate Brandt Osborn and their friend, photographer Michael Ansbach, to the crime. Three weeks after Hilda’s death the men were arrested; Brandt and Michael were released, but David was held on four unrelated sexual assault charges. When news of David’s arrest was made public, more women came forward. In May 2022, the prosecution added three more counts of sexual assault against David; he is currently charged with eleven counts, seven counts of drugging and sexually assaulting, forcibly raping and/or sodomizing several women, two counts of murder and two counts of providing a controlled substance, that being Fentanyl. So far, the prosecution has “declined” to charge Michael Ansbach; he’s cooperating with prosecutors and will likely testify against his two friends. This broadcast features the first primetime television interview with Jan Cilliers, the husband of Christy Giles, as well as the parents and friends of Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola. **On-screen text graphic:** A trial date has not been set for David Pearce or Brandt Osborn. Interviewed: Barry Telis, retired homicide detective, Los Angeles Police Department, CBS News consultant; Mary Fulginiti, former prosecutor and defense attorney; Fernanda Cabrales-Arzola, Hilda Marcela’s sister; Jan Cilliers, Christy’s husband; Dr. Hilda Marcela Arzola-Plascencia, Hilda Marcela’s mother; Dusty and Leslie Giles, Christy’s parents; Misty Weldon, Christy’s sister; Luis Cabrales, Hilda Marcela’s father; Fernanda Cantisani and Alan Betancourt, Hilda Marcela’s friends; Erica Bergman (aka Erykah Poe), assaulted by David Pearce and tried to warn others about him on “The Dirty” blog; and Josh Ritter, former Los Angeles assistant district attorney, practicing defense attorney, advising Jan Cilliers on legal issues. Brandt Osborn, charged as an accessory to murder after the fact, responded to a question from Greg Fisher, a 48 HOURS producer, outside of court. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Liza Finley) (OAD: 04/15/23)

02/10/24

48 HOURS: “Justice for Amie Harwick” (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the murder of Aime Harwick, a prominent Los Angeles therapist and author, who was killed by Gareth Pursehouse, an ex-boyfriend and photographer. This broadcast contains an interview with Michael Herman, Aime’s roommate, who is publicly telling his story for the first time, as well as interviews which reveal the impact Aime had on her friends, family and clients; also included are details of the case from the lead detective and district attorney’s point of view, and the August 2023 trial. In the early morning hours of February 15th, 2020, Michael telephoned police to report that his roommate had been attacked. When police responded, they found 38-year-old Aime lying unresponsive on the ground beneath the third-floor balcony of her bedroom; Aime was transported to the hospital, where she died. Her friends and parents told investigators about Gareth Pursehouse, an abusive ex-boyfriend, who she began dating in 2009. After Aime ended the relationship, she obtained a restraining order against Gareth in 2012, who continued his obsession. In a chance encounter at an awards show in January 2020, Gareth confronted her and then stalked her through texts and phone calls; Aime blocked his number. Investigators and prosecutors believed Gareth was lying in wait in Aime’s home and hoped to catch her off guard, and that he wanted to make a statement by killing her on Valentine’s Day. Gareth was charged with Aime’s murder on February 19th, 2020; his trial began in August 2023. At first, the defense claimed that their chance encounter sent their client into a deep depression, that Gareth’s only intention that night was to speak with her and that he intended to kill himself with the nicotine-filled syringe found at her residence. After the prosecution presented their case, the defense rested without calling any witnesses. At closing arguments, the defense presented a new theory: Aime preemptively attacked Gareth in order to subdue him. The jury found Gareth guilty of first degree murder with a special circumstance of lying in wait; two months later he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or stalking, the National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 1-800-799-7233. “Justice for Aime Harwick” contains interview footage from prior broadcasts on the subject. Interviewed: Michael Herman, Aime Harwick’s roommate; Penny and Tom Harwick, Aime’s parents; Chris Harwick, Aime’s brother; Emily Sears, model, Aime Harwick’s therapy client; Scott Masterson, lead detective on the Harwick case, now retired; Robert Coshland, Aime’s friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Rudy Torres, Aime’s friend, Gareth Pursehouse’s former friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Drew Carey, Aime’s former fiancé, host, THE PRICE IS RIGHT (2022 interview); Victor Avila, deputy district attorney; and Catherine Mariano, deputy district attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Life and Death of Amie Harwick”, OAD: 02/22/20, Rebroadcast: 08/29/20; and 48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Amie Harwick”, OAD: 02/12/22, Rebroadcast: 09/03/22) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Richard Fetzer, Lauren A. White)

02/17/24

48 HOURS: “The Assassination of Jeff German” – a report on the murder of Jeff German, a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* investigative reporter and local legend, renowned for his reporting on infamous mobsters, crooked politicians and murderers. On September 2nd, 2022, Jeff was ambushed and stabbed seven times by an unknown assailant outside his home in Las Vegas, NV, in an attack captured on video. A neighbor discovered his body 24 hours later. Staff member at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* started working to determine who killed their coworker; one of the

names on their list of people who may have threatened him was Robert Telles, a Clark County public administrator. Jeff had written four articles about his alleged hostile behavior at the office, which included harassment, bullying, physical intimidation and discrimination, after he learned about the accusations of a toxic workplace from Clark County employees Rita Reid, Aleisha Goodwin, Jessica Coleman and Noraine Pagdanganan. The four women also said Robert was having an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate in the office and gave her power and privileges beyond her job title. The impact of Jeff's first piece was immediate: the county assigned an outside consultant and Robert lost his bid for reelection in the primary. Jeff wrote three more articles, with another in the works at the time of his death. On September 7th, 2022, Jeff was brought in for questioning while police searched his home and cars and collected crucial evidence. After positive DNA results showed Robert's DNA at the crime scene, police arrived to arrest him, but he refused to come out of his home and cut himself. A *Las Vegas Review-Journal* photographer was the only one who captured Robert's arrest by SWAT and it made the front page the following morning. Six weeks later, he was indicted for murder with use of a deadly weapon. Robert maintains his innocence and claims he was framed. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Telles' trial is scheduled for March 18, 2024. Interviewed: Briana Erickson, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Glenn Cook, executive editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Rhonda Prast, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Aleisha Goodwin, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Jessica Coleman, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Rita Reid, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Noraine Pagdanganan, estate coordinator, Robert Telles' office/public administrator's office; Mark Fierro, T.V. reporter, Jeff German's friend; Art Kane, former reporter, current investigation's editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Kevin Cannon, photographer, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; David Ferrara, assistant city editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; and Robert Telles, video interview at the Clark County Detention Center. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Liza Finley, Gabriella Demirdjian)

02/24/24

48 HOURS: "Alisa Mathewson's Night Terrors" (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the 55-hour ordeal Alisa Mathewson suffered at the hands of her estranged husband, Trevor Summers, who manipulated his children into believing he just wanted to get back together with his estranged wife and their mother. Just after midnight on March 11th, 2017, Trevor drove to Alisa's home in Valrico, FL and entered through a window, left open by their 14-year-old daughter Arden, whom Trevor manipulated into believing he wanted to reconcile and make the family whole again. Once inside the house, Trevor woke up Alisa by dripping water on her head and told Arden to drive her siblings to his house and wait. Trevor tied Alisa with a string of holiday lights, kidnapped her, sexually assaulted her and then tried to kill her; he even used Alisa's phone to record bizarre messages, admitting to his crime. Trevor was arrested on March 13th, 2017, after police received a 911 call from a Walgreens' employee who saw a woman attempting to flee from an SUV. Trevor's trial began in August 2022; he was found guilty of all 11 charges and the judge sentenced him to three life sentences, followed by 224 years of prison. In a wide-ranging interview, Alisa discussed her experience and the trial, in which she faced her ex-husband, who acted as his own attorney, while on the stand. **On-screen text graphic:** Trevor Summers declined our request for an interview, citing his decision to appeal his convictions. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Interviewed: Alisa Mathewson; Arden Summers, Alisa and Trevor's daughter; Jennifer Johnson and Jessica O'Connor, prosecutors, Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office; Anthony Marchese, Trevor Summers' court-appointed attorney (Trevor fired him before he was set to cross-examine Alisa and took over his own defense); Sgt. Christopher Steele and Sgt. Edward Remia, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; and Jeff Mathewson, Alisa's husband (married in 2018). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Ruth Chenetz, Murray Weiss, Lauren Clark) (OAD: 04/22/23)

02/24/24

48 HOURS: "The People v. Kouri Richins" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of Eric Richins and the criminal case and ongoing civil cases against his wife, Kouri Richins. Married since 2013, they had three boys; Eric started a stone masonry business and Kouri was in real estate, flipping houses. On March 4th, 2022, in Kamas, UT, Kouri found Eric unresponsive in their bed. They had celebrated Kouri's most recent real estate deal the night before and she had prepared him a Moscow Mule (vodka and ginger beer). First responders tried to save him but were unsuccessful and said Eric died of an aneurysm. A month later, police said Eric's death was caused by a fentanyl overdose. To help with her and her children's grief, Kouri self-published a book, *Are You with Me?*, about coping with loss and received local media attention. On May 8th, 2023, Kouri was arrested and charged with aggravated murder; court documents allege she committed homicide by the administration of a poison. Prosecutors believe she gave Eric a lethal dose of fentanyl and his family suspects she placed it in the drink she prepared for him. Kouri's family claims Eric was a recreational drug user and did not always buy from reputable sources. At the time of Eric's death, there were numerous life insurance policies on him, which totaled nearly \$3 million. His family maintains their premarital agreement made Eric more valuable to Kouri dead than divorced and that she was having financial difficulties. There were problems in the marriage, including allegations of infidelity on Eric's side and the couple had undergone counseling; Eric created a trust during their marital problems and it was kept secret until his death. Eric's family told investigators that they suspected she had tried to kill him twice before: first in 2019, while the couple was in Greece, and then on Valentine's Day in 2022. In June 2023, Kouri appeared in court for a bond hearing; testimony from the lead detective on the case stated that Kouri procured fentanyl from a convicted felon who worked for her. She was denied pre-trial release of any kind. In September 2023, Kouri suffered a medical emergency in custody. While she was away, jail officials found a letter, which the prosecution claimed was witness tampering and filed a November 2023 motion for a no contact order to deny Kouri access to her mother and one of her brothers. The judge denied the motion. Kouri's family have been denied private visits with the children. There are multiple ongoing civil cases regarding Eric's estate. Kouri denies all charges and maintains her innocence. **On-screen text graphic:** Kouri Richins is expected to go on trial in 2025. Interviewed: Greg Skordas, spokesman, Eric Richins' family; Greg Hall,

Kouri Richin's friend, marketing director, worked with Kouri; Lisa Darden, Kouri's mother, her first primetime interview; Skye Lazaro, Kouri's attorney; Ronney Darden, Kouri's brother; and DJ Darneb, Kouri's brother. (Contributor: Natalie Morales - Producer: Betsy Shuller)

03/02/24

48 HOURS: "The Menendez Brothers' Fight for Freedom" – a report on the case of Lyle and Erik Menendez, who have spent nearly 34 years in prison for killing their parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez—shot to death in their Beverly Hills mansion on August 20th, 1989. About six months after the murders, police received a tip from the girlfriend of a psychologist who Lyle and Erik had been talking to; the brothers confessed to the killings in therapy and there was an audiotaped recording of it. Lyle and Erik first went on trial in 1993 and claimed they killed in self-defense after a lifetime of physical, emotional and sexual abuse suffered at the hands of their parents; prosecutors pointed out that their confession did not mention abuse or self-defense. Although the brothers were first tried together, there were two separate juries. After weeks of deliberation, a mistrial was declared with both juries divided on whether Lyle and Erik should be convicted of murder or manslaughter. At the retrial in 1995, prosecutors argued the brothers were lying about being abused and convinced a judge to exclude some of the evidence of alleged abuse. There was only one jury and Lyle and Erik were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. Currently, both are incarcerated at R.J. Donovan State Prison in San Diego, CA. There is renewed attention to their case and murder convictions due to the allegations of Roy Rossello, a former member of Menudo, a boy band that originated in Puerto Rico which was very popular in the late '70s to mid '80s. Roy, who first spoke publicly in a documentary, and then in a sworn affidavit filed in 2023, claims Jose Menendez, an executive at RCA, who signed the group to a recording contract, raped and sexually abused him on three occasions. Lyle and Erik's attorney filed a habeas petition in May 2023, asking that their convictions be vacated; they are awaiting the judge's decision on whether new evidence supports their claim that they killed their parents in self-defense and should have been convicted of manslaughter instead of murder. If that happens, it will be up to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office whether to retry the case; in a statement, the district attorney's office said it is investigating the claims made in the habeas petition. **On-screen text graphic:** It is unclear when a ruling will be made in the case. Interviewed: Lyle Menendez (telephone interview) (Erik Menendez chose not to speak with 48 HOURS for this broadcast); Jackie Lacey, former elected district attorney, Los Angeles County, CA; Milton Andersen, Kitty Menendez's brother, does not believe his nephew's claims of abuse; Cliff Gardner, attorney, represents the Menendez brothers; Alan Andersen, Erik and Lyle's cousin, testified for the defense at both trials; and Dr. Judy Ho, neuropsychologist, specializes in childhood sex abuse trauma, 48 HOURS consultant, asked to review the case. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Chuck Stevenson)

03/09/24

48 HOURS: "The Monica Sementilli Affair" – an update to 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?", a report on the January 23rd, 2017, murder of Fabio Sementilli, who was sitting by his swimming pool in Los Angeles, California, when he was stabbed to death. At first, police believed he was the victim of the "knock-knock" burglars, a ring targeting Los Angeles celebrities. Fabio, who grew up in Canada and was a celebrity hairdresser and beauty executive, moved to Los Angeles in 2008 with Monica Sementilli, his second wife. They appeared to live a charmed life, while they raised their two daughters. Although the Sementilli house had video surveillance, the digital video recorder was missing, but a neighbor's security camera captured two figures in hoodies running close to the Sementilli home at the time of the murder. Investigators soon ruled out the "knock-knock" burglars—they had never killed anyone before, and Fabio's \$8,000 Rolex watch was still on his wrist when his body was discovered by one of his daughters. DNA from blood left at the scene led to Robert Baker, a registered sex offender and leader of a racquetball league Monica belonged to. Clues led to the discovery that Monica and Robert were involved romantically and police believed both were responsible for Fabio's murder, motivated by his life insurance policy. Both were arrested in June 2017 and charged with murder; both pleaded not guilty and are scheduled to be tried together. The accomplice seen in the neighbor's security camera has never been identified. **03/09/24 UPDATE:** Legal delays and COVID delayed the trial. In July 2023, Robert Baker skipped trial altogether and pleaded no contest; he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus one year. 48 HOURS visited him in jail; he claimed Monica had nothing to do with Fabio's murder and was unaware that he was her husband's killer. Monica's defense team and the district attorney declined to be interviewed before trial. Gessica and Isabella, the daughters Monica shared with Fabio, are supporting their mother. **On-screen text graphic:** Monica Sementilli's trial is scheduled to begin in April 2024. Interviewed for 48 HOURS: "The Monica Sementilli Affair": Julie Rendelman, New York-based defense attorney, reviewed Monica's defense team's pre-trial motions for 48 HOURS; and Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor, 48 HOURS consultant, reviewed the case against Monica. (Contains footage and interviews from the 2018 broadcasts of 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?": Joe Mercurio, restaurateur, Fabio's friend; Mirella Rota, Fabio's sister; Pete Castellanos, Fabio's colleague; Elyse Bleucl, Monica's friend, member of Robert Baker's racquetball league; Luigi Sementilli, Fabio's son from an earlier marriage; Bill Dunn, Los Angeles Police Department detective at the time of the 2018 broadcast; and Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor.) (See also: 48 HOURS: "Who Killed Fabio?", OAD: 03/10/18; Rebroadcast: 09/08/18) (Contributor: Michelle Miller – Producer: Chuck Stevenson)

03/16/24

48 HOURS: "Lamar Johnson: Standing in Truth" (10:30 – 11:30p) - a report on the case against Lamar Johnson of St. Louis, MO, who spent almost three decades in prison for the murder of his friend, Markus Boyd. In 1994, 20-year-old Lamar worked at Jiffy Lube and attended community college; he also sold small amounts of crack cocaine for extra cash. On October 30th, 1994, 25-year-old Markus, who worked at a printing company and sold drugs on the side, was shot to death by two masked gunmen on his St. Louis porch. Named as a possible suspect by Markus'

girlfriend and his photo selected by witness Greg Elking, who later chose Lamar in a police lineup, Lamar was arrested along with his friend Phillip Campbell, on November 3rd, 1994. Though he had an alibi – Lamar was miles away with his girlfriend and daughter – he went on trial in July 1995; it took the jury two hours to reach a guilty verdict, primarily based on Greg's testimony. Between his trial and sentencing, Lamar exchanged letters with the other suspect, Phillip Campbell, who admitted Lamar was not involved and named the other shooter: James "B.A." Howard. In September 1995, Lamar was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The Midwest Innocence Project discovered that Greg later wrote a letter to a clergyman, admitting he had lied at Johnson's trial. In 2018, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner agreed to look at Lamar's case. Convinced of his innocence, she attempted to get Lamar's conviction overturned, but was denied by the Missouri courts. In 2021, the Missouri Legislature passed a law, giving prosecutors the power to bring cases of innocence to court. On December 12th, 2022, Lamar Johnson and his legal team gathered in a St. Louis courtroom for a week-long hearing; Greg Elking testified he felt pressured by lead investigator Joe Nickerson to choose Lamar in the lineups. In February 2023, Lamar's murder conviction was overturned; the judge also found there was clear and convincing evidence of Johnson's innocence. After more than 28 years behind bars, 49-year-old Lamar Johnson was finally exonerated. **On-screen text graphic:** Under current law, Johnson is not entitled to compensation from the state of Missouri. Interviewed: Lamar Johnson; Brittany Johnson, Lamar's daughter; Kiera Barrow, Lamar and Erika's daughter; Erika Barrow, Kiera's mother, Lamar's former girlfriend; Greg Elking, lone eyewitness to Markus Boyd's murder; Ricky Kidd, Lamar's friend, met while serving a life sentence for murder before Ricky was exonerated; Lindsay Runnels, Lamar's attorney; Dwight Warren, original prosecutor; Kimberly Gardner, St. Louis circuit attorney; Robert Ogilvie, chief investigator, Circuit Attorney's office; Jonathon Potts and Charlie Weiss, attorneys appointed by Kimberly Gardner to handle Lamar's case; and Tony Messenger, columnist, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 04/29/23)

03/23/24

48 HOURS: "Who Poisoned Angela Craig?" – a report on the March 18th, 2023, death of Angela Craig and the case against her husband, Dr. James (Jim) Craig. Angela, a wife and mother, was raising six children with James, a well-known dentist, in Aurora, Colorado. On March 6th, 2023, Angela reported feeling sick and James took her to the emergency room at Parker Adventist Hospital, where doctors were unable to determine why she was ill and sent her home. Within 24 hours, Angela's symptoms came back and she returned to Parker Adventist Hospital, where she was admitted. Still unable to diagnose what was making Angela so sick, doctors sent her home on March 14th. Within a day, she started feeling sick again and was admitted to nearby University Hospital on March 15th. Through it all James was in constant contact with his wife and texted his business partner and fellow dentist, Dr. Ryan Redfearn and his wife Michelle, a nurse, for advice. While at University Hospital, Angela suffered a seizure and was put on life support. James reached out to Ryan again for support, unaware that he knew James had received a package at work, which contained Potassium Cyanide, a poison not needed in a dental practice. Ryan alerted a nurse, who called the Aurora police. Hours after Angela was taken off life support and died, Jim was arrested and charged with first-degree murder; he pleaded not guilty. Angela's autopsy revealed she had been poisoned and died from lethal concentrations of cyanide and a lethal concentration of tetrahydrozoline, the chemical found in some eye drops; she also had toxic concentrations of arsenic in her blood, found in those two earlier hospital visits. Police claim the evidence pointed to her husband and allege he researched poisons online and laced Angela's protein shakes. Investigators discovered Jim began an affair with Dr. Karin Cain, an orthodontist from Austin, TX, and that his dental practice was in debt in excess of \$2 million—Angela's life insurance was valued at \$3.4 million. At a preliminary hearing in 2023, Jim's attorney said his client has a history of depression, had sought counseling in the past and had plans to die by suicide. Three of Angela and Jim's children live with his brother, the other three are now adults living on their own. **On-screen text graphic:** Jim Craig's trial is scheduled to begin on August 8, 2024. Interviewed: Steffan Tubbs, podcast host, "Arsenic, DDS", talk show host, Denver, CO; Dr. Jeff Lapoint, emergency physician, director, division of medical toxicology, Kaiser Permanente Hospital, San Diego, CA, reviewed the arrest warrant for 48 HOURS; Skye Lazaro, criminal defense lawyer, reviewed the case against Dr. James Craig for 48 HOURS; Chelsea Otoy, former employee, worked for Dr. Craig at Summerbrook Dental; and George Brauchler, former elected district attorney, Arapahoe County, CO, former morning host, Colorado talk radio. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Jamie Stolz, Sarah Prior) **(WEST COAST FEED ONLY)**

03/30/24

48 HOURS: "Who Poisoned Angela Craig?" (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the March 18th, 2023, death of Angela Craig and the case against her husband, Dr. James (Jim) Craig. Angela, a wife and mother, was raising six children with James, a well-known dentist, in Aurora, Colorado. On March 6th, 2023, Angela reported feeling sick and James took her to the emergency room at Parker Adventist Hospital, where doctors were unable to determine why she was ill and sent her home. Within 24 hours, Angela's symptoms came back and she returned to Parker Adventist Hospital, where she was admitted. Still unable to diagnose what was making Angela so sick, doctors sent her home on March 14th. Within a day, she started feeling sick again and was admitted to nearby University Hospital on March 15th. Through it all James was in constant contact with his wife and texted his business partner and fellow dentist, Dr. Ryan Redfearn and his wife Michelle, a nurse, for advice. While at University Hospital, Angela suffered a seizure and was put on life support. James reached out to Ryan again for support, unaware that he knew James had received a package at work, which contained Potassium Cyanide, a poison not needed in a dental practice. Ryan alerted a nurse, who called the Aurora police. Hours after Angela was taken off life support and died, Jim was arrested and charged with first-degree murder; he pleaded not guilty. Angela's autopsy revealed she had been poisoned and died from lethal concentrations of cyanide and a lethal concentration of tetrahydrozoline, the chemical found in some eye drops; she also had toxic concentrations of arsenic in her blood, found in those two earlier hospital visits. Police claim the evidence pointed to her husband and allege he researched poisons online and laced Angela's protein shakes. Investigators discovered Jim began an affair with Dr. Karin Cain, an orthodontist from Austin, TX, and that his dental

practice was in debt in excess of \$2 million—Angela’s life insurance was valued at \$3.4 million. At a preliminary hearing in 2023, Jim’s attorney said his client has a history of depression, had sought counseling in the past and had plans to die by suicide. Three of Angela and Jim’s children live with his brother, the other three are now adults living on their own. **On-screen text graphic:** Jim Craig’s trial is scheduled to begin on August 8, 2024. Interviewed: Steffan Tubbs, podcast host, “Arsenic, DDS”, talk show host, Denver, CO; Dr. Jeff Lapoint, emergency physician, director, division of medical toxicology, Kaiser Permanente Hospital, San Diego, CA, reviewed the arrest warrant for 48 HOURS; Skye Lazaro, criminal defense lawyer, reviewed the case against Dr. James Craig for 48 HOURS; Chelsea Otoya, former employee, worked for Dr. Craig at Summerbrook Dental; and George Brauchler, former elected district attorney, Arapahoe County, CO, former morning host, Colorado talk radio. (Contributor: Natalie Morales – Producers: Jamie Stolz, Sarah Prior) (OAD: 03/23/24 - WEST COAST FEED ONLY)

03/30/24

48 HOURS: “The Troubled Case Against Jane Dorotik” (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: “A Family Torn Apart”, a 2001 report on the case against Jane Dorotik, a California mother and wife convicted of murdering her husband, Bob Dorotik. On February 14th, 2000, the murdered body of Bob Dorotik, a 55-year-old engineer and father of three, was found bludgeoned and strangled by the side of a mountain road near their home in the foothills of San Diego, CA. Despite her denial of any involvement, Jane, Bob’s wife of 30 years, was arrested for the crime. In response to the prosecution’s damaging physical evidence, including blood spatter, Jane’s attorneys tried a risky and divisive strategy—trying to shift suspicion to Claire, the couple’s daughter whose relations with her father had been strained. In 2001, Jane Dorotik was tried for murder, found guilty and sentenced to 25 years to life. **03/30/24 UPDATE:** Jane has always maintained her innocence and from prison, spent years filing motions asking for new testing of evidence; a motion was eventually granted in 2015. A wrongful conviction group, Loyola Law School’s Project for the Innocent took over her case and the court allowed them to have new DNA testing done on several items; results indicated foreign male DNA was found on several items. The state stood by its original investigation and Jane’s appellate team maintained the bedroom did not resemble a crime scene and questioned the handling of evidence. In 2020, Jane was temporarily and conditionally released from prison due to COVID health concerns. During the summer of 2020, the state requested that her murder conviction be overturned and the judge agreed; three months later, the district attorney’s office decided to retry her. In May 2022, just as jury selection was about to begin, the prosecution requested that the court dismiss the charges; the case against Jane Dorotik was dismissed without prejudice, meaning if new evidence surfaces, charges could be brought again someday. Jane works with advocacy groups that assist incarcerated women. **On-screen text graphic:** Jane Dorotik has filed a civil suit against the County of San Diego. The suit also names several members of the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department and its Crime Laboratory. (This broadcast contains footage and interviews from 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: “A Family Torn Apart”: Jane Dorotik; James Blackmon, deputy, San Diego County Sheriff’s department; Rick Empson, detective, San Diego County Sheriff’s department; Claire Dorotik, Jane and Bob’s daughter; and Kerry Steigerwalt and Cole Casey, Jane Dorotik’s attorneys.) Interviewed for the 03/31/24 update: Jane Dorotik; Matthew Troiano, CBS News consultant, former prosecutor, current defense attorney, reviewed some of the court documents for 48 HOURS; and Nathan Lents, professor of biology and forensic science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, reviewed court documents about new evidence for 48 HOURS. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERIES: “A Family Torn Apart”, OAD: 12/03/01; Rebroadcast: 06/17/02) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Ruth Chenetz, Dena Goldstein)

INVESTIGATE TV

- 1/31/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 68** Wrongful arrests linked to Facial Recognition Technology, and research uncovering automated bias.
- 2/1/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 69** A dentist gives a deadly dose of drugs but keeps his license. An in-depth look at the system that some say has no accountability. Plus, a danger in doorways.
- 2/6/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 72** Investigate TV+ examines how birds are compromising air safety and what’s being done to prevent a catastrophic collision
- 2/7/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 73** A former flight attendant haunted by an air disaster she survived more than 30 years ago makes it her mission to ban lap babies from commercial aircraft.
- 2/8/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 74** A mother is left shaken when her glass oven door explodes into hundreds of pieces. We investigate how often this happens, and what you need to watch for.
- 2/13/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 77** A deadly tornado exposes safety concerns at an Amazon facility and Investigate TV+ uncovers what’s being done to protect warehouses nationwide.
- 2/14/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 78**-Cutting-edge DNA technology uses family trees to solve crimes, and we explore the trends that have emerged from tracking cases that end in arrest.
- 2/21/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 83** - Firefighters face a new challenge in fighting electric vehicle

fires. We explore why they burn hotter and faster than a normal car and the actions firefighters are taking to gain the upper hand

- 2/23/24 **InvestigateTV - Season 3; Episode 13** Troubled dentists are often allowed to surrender their licenses to avoid more severe discipline. joce Sterman examined records from the boards responsible for holding these providers accountable. Plus, medical advocates ask for stricter training for dentists to prevent dental deaths.
- 2/26/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 86** Investigate TV+ reveals why communities are waiting longer for critical emergency services and the real-life consequences when callers are put on hold.
- 3/1/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 90** Investigate TV+ reveals why a shortage of volunteer firefighters isn't just a threat to safety, it's a threat to your finances
- 3/1/24 **InvestigateTV - Season 3; Episode 14** A government agency says you shouldn't trust "non-toxic" labels on everything – especially water beads.
- 3/4/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 91** A mother says a simple piece of tech in her family's car could've saved her son's life. We reveal the fight to make rear seat belt reminders mandatory in all vehicles across the country.
- 3/7/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 94** Makeshift parking spots on highway shoulders and ramps put drivers at risk, but truckers claim they have no other choice.
- 3/11/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 96** Investigate TV+ finds some firefighters are killed by a health issue doctors say is preventable.

CBS SPECIAL REPORT

On Wednesday, February 14, a CBS News Special Report (Shooting at Kansas City Chiefs Victory Parade) aired for :58 from 4:00:41-4:01:39pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Thursday, February 15, a CBS News Special Report (Press Conference on Shooting in Kansas City) aired for 19:08 from 11:33:48-11:52:56am cnyt, live to all stations.

On Tuesday, March 26, a CBS News Special Report aired for 8:07 from 5:00:04-5:08:11am cnyt (Baltimore Bridge Collapse), for 9:00 from 6:00:00-6:09:00am cnyt (Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update), for 15:48 from 6:26:06-6:41:54am cnyt (Baltimore Bridge Collapse Press Conference) and for 14:52 from 12:40:37-12:55:29pm cnyt (Biden's Comments on Bridge Collapse), live to all stations.

WTOC SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

1/9/24-12:55-2:23PM-WTOC WEATHER CUT IN

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 1-PUBLIC SAFETY-ALERTING THE PUBLIC ABOUT CRIMINAL AND UNSAFE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN CONTACT THE POLICE IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CRIME. SAVANNAH NYE DUI LAW ENFORCEMENT, MURDAUGH FILINGS, CEMA PREP FOR STORMS, EVANS CO. TORNADO, ABES ON LINCOLN LAWSUIT OVER SERVING ALCOHOL TO INTOXICATED CUSTOMER THAT KILLED SUANT'S SON. CANDLER CO. NAKED BANDIT ARRESTED, STATESBORO POSTAL WORKER ATTACKED BY DOG AND WHAT THE POST DOES TO ALERT OTHER WORKERS, MISSING BABY DIES, FIRST HOMICIDE IN 2024, BEAUFORT LAWYER PLEADS GUILTY IN HIDING FUNDS, COMMUNITY REACTION ON SHOOTING, CITY ALDERMAN REQUESTING TO HAVE CULTURAL AND SOCIETAL INVESTMENTS TO HELP YOUTH OFF THE STREET AND INTO PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP THEM STAY OUT OF TROUBLE. STATESBORO POLICE ON TRIPLE SHOOTING, STOLEN VOICES TO SCAM FAMILIES, EFFINGHAM STOLEN GOODS WAREHOUSE BUST, ST. PATRICK'S DAY SAFETY TIPS AND HOW OFFICIALS ARE HANDLING THE CROWDS, CATS IN BLUFFTON ABUSED AND SHOT, CANDLER CO. ELDER ABUSE CHARGES, BICYCLIST KILLED ON HWY 80, TEEN INMATES WHO APPEARED IN COURT IN BULLOCH COUNTY ESCAPED DURING TRANSPORT, AHMAUD ARBERY HATE CRIMES APPEAL, ALLYSON ROMEDY CASE AWARD FROM OC WELCH TO FIND MORE ABOUT HER DISAPPEARANCE, 3RD DISTRICT ANIMAL CONCERNS OVER DOGS BEING BIT BY LOOSE DOGS, TOOMBS CO. 18 YEAR OLD TURNS HER SELF IN AFTER DEADLY WRECK
SOURCE: SPD, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS,**

LL: 64 people were booked here at the Chatham County Jail for D-U-I from Friday...December 29th to Monday...January 1st. VO: That's higher than Christmas weekend but lower than other holiday weekends like the 4th of July and St. Patrick's Day. In the days leading up to the New Year holiday...several agencies including the Savannah Police Department said they would be out in full force as people rang in 20-24. Even with a heavy police presence...it was a deadly weekend on Georgia roads. The state's department of public safety says there were nine traffic fatalities statewide during the New Year holiday period. That includes a Candler County wreck that Georgia State Patrol says left the driver of a Chevy Tahoe dead after she lost control of her car while trying to steer around a chair in her lane on I-16. GSP says the New Year holiday travel period ended at midnight last night. LL: It's not clear if any of the traffic fatalities across the state were DUI-related. Reporting in Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.

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LATEST

You may remember - one of those deadly crashes was in our area on I-16 in Candler County. D-P-S has been tracking travel over the New Year's weekend since Friday evening. That ended at noon today. WTOC will keep an eye out for the final report from D-P-S.

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1/3/2024 4:30AM
4:30:00 DAYBRE PWW ROAD the railroad crossing at Crossgate Road will be closed today. Port Wentworth Police said that closure
AM AK CLOSURE started at Noon on Tuesday. You may want to find an alternate route to get around that closure. 00:00:12

1/3/2024
5:29:00 MURDAUGH
PM 5:30pm FILINGS
ORDER You may remember - Alex Murdaugh was convicted in March of 2023 for the brutal murders of his wife and son. Back in October, the defense team officially filed a motion for a new trial. Today - the South Carolina Supreme Court ordered all new filings regarding the request to be filed with them...not the Colleton County court where the case was first held. The order says that is because part of the request involves accusations against the county clerk of court. 00:00:27

1/8/2024
11:00:00 LINDSEY:
PM 11PM SCHOOL AND
PREPS KID STORM
Savannah Crews scattered throughout the city cleaning out locations that have the most flooding when we get heavy rain. ((ZACK HOFFMAN##SAVANNAH DIRECTOR OF STORM MANAGEMENT)) "Give it a quick cleaning of debris outside of the inlets and check the inlets to make sure they are clear" Clearing out leaves and gunk from these hot spots allows for more efficient stormwater drainage when the time comes. ((ZACK HOFFMAN##SAVANNAH DIRECTOR OF STORM MANAGEMENT)) "These crews are operating throughout the rainfall, during hours, and after hours, so they can mobilize to that inlet and clear it and get it draining as it should." While the City of Savannah is busy clearing out its drainage pipes, Lowcountry boaters are tying down their docks to avoid damage from the heavy winds. ((DANIEL MARCEY##LOWCOUNTY BOATER)) "As you can see we are just tying up and Im going to keep an extra crew on board ahead of the storm." As for the bridge connecting the coastal empire to the Lowcountry... the DOT recommends shutting down high bridges like the Talmadge Bridge at a consistent 35 mph. However, CEMA says that tomorrow it will be at the discretion of local law enforcement. ((DENNIS JONES## CEMA DIRECTOR)) 'In the height of the storm or high wind event, the law enforcement officers can make that decision to close the bridge if it looks like it is going to be a threat to transportation. 00:01:10

1/9/2024	5AM	530 LIVE SHEA	If there were to be a tornado, CEMA says that the best place to be is the lowest point in your home, like a basement if you have one. If you don't have one- head to an interior room without any windows. Dennis Jones, the Director of CEMA, says that folks should also have an emergency kit that includes things like water, flashlights, and external batteries for your phone. If you hear the tornado sirens- that means to take shelter.	00:00:25
4:59:00	DAYBRE	CEMA PREP		
AM	AK	FOR STORMS		

1/9/2024	5AM	5AM SHEA	One of the big concerns with this storm system is the winds. CEMA says that if winds reach 34 miles an hour sustained, the DOT recommends that certain bridges, like the Talmadge or Islands Expressway bridge, be shut down. However, local law enforcement can make the call on other bridges, as well- like the Lazaretto Creek Bridge that leads to Tybee.	00:00:21
4:59:00	DAYBRE	CEMA STORM		
AM	AK	PREPS TODAY		

1/10/2024			The National Weather Service confirmed at least an E-F-1 tornado touched down in Evans County in yesterday's severe weather. They say the damage is southwest of Claxton...and includes toppled trees, damaged sheds...and in at least one case - farm equipment blown into a nearby pond. WTOC has a crew in Evans County right now. Our Flynn Snyder will be live with more on this update, coming up on THE News at 4:30.	00:00:24
4:00:00		EVANS CO.		
PM	4PM	EWS LATEST		

1/10/2024			The sign was one of the more noticeable items in Tybee damaged by the storm. Any cars coming into the city now are greeted by what's left - Just some steel posts and wooden logs here. Making my way through Tybee earlier today, there wasn't too much damage. Some fallen tree branches here and there, and a few down power chords. Biggest concerns for the city—from these high wind speeds yesterday—were beach erosion from the strong waves coming in, as well increased flooding in these areas closer to the water. Again, there was not much of that yesterday. And the city's Mayor, Brian West, told me that the city is glad to make it through Tuesday without too much damage.	00:00:39
4:59:00		TYBEE STORM		
PM	5PM	DAMAGE FOLO		

			Tonight -- we're continuing to learn more about tornadoes that tore through the peach state earlier this week as we prepare for another First Alert Weather Day tomorrow. You're taking a look at drone video of the damage in Bacon County. The National Weather Service confirms this is the aftermath of an EF-1 tornado with 110mph winds on Tuesday. Several homes were badly damaged in the area of Norman Cole Circle.	
1/11/2024		BACON		
11:00:00		COUNTY		
PM	11PM	DRONE VIDEO		00:00:24

			PKG: The father of Steven Fagan is suing Savannah bar Abe's on Lincoln following what police call a deadly June 20-23 D-U-I crash that took his son's life. In the suit, Steven Fagan, Sr. claims on June 1st...Abe's sold, furnished, and/or served alcohol to customer Colleen Mond...while she was in a state of noticeable intoxication and that the bar should have known Mond would soon be driving a motor vehicle. The suit goes on to say in part that Mond was the proximate cause of the injuries sustained by and which culminated in Staven Fagan, Jr.'s wrongful death. Investigators say Fagan, Jr. was riding a motorcycle westbound on President Street June 1st when he was struck by a car traveling eastbound...attempting to turn left onto the Harry Truman Parkway. Following the 8:15 P-M crash...Savannah police arrested 43-year-old Mond...who they say was driving the car. Fagan, Jr. later died from his injuries at a hospital. Mond faces five counts including first degree vehicular homicide and driving under the influence. Fagan's father also accuses Abe's of "pre-suit bad faith, stubbornly litigious conduct which has caused Plaintiffs unnecessary trouble and expense." He's now suing the bar for pain and suffering, funeral expenses, and legal fees. WTOC spoke to the 24-year-old's family days after the deadly wreck. "It tore us apart it just broke my heart like you just cannot imagine and it will never go away." LL: I reached out to both Fagan, Sr. and his lawyer. Both declined comment. A representative for the Gaslight Group...which owns Abe's says this lawsuit will be handled by its insurance company or lawyers. They did not have anything else to say. As for Mond...she was denied bond just last week and is expected to be arraigned next month. Reporting in Savannah....FS...WTOCN.	
1/12/2024		ABES ON		
5:53:00		LINCOLN		
PM	6PM	LAWSUIT		00:01:46

	6AM	WCSC:		
	DAYBRE	MURDAUGH	Clifton Newman presided over last year's trial -- which ended in Murdaugh's conviction for murdering his wife and son. Four jurors from the original trial could also be called to the stand. Murdaugh's defense team argues Colleton county clerk of court Becky Hill tampered with the jury -- though she denies the allegations. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for January 29th in Columbia.	
1/13/2024	AK	JURORS		
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			"The other witness that surely needs to be called because of the allegations made is the clerk of court" BUTTED TO "She'd given an affidavit denying making any of these statements." BUTTED TO "When these allegations were first raised, we instructed SLED to do an independent investigation good, bad , or ugly. and only because of the results of that investigation are the reasons why we are standing here and litigating these issues before your honor."	
1/16/2024		MURDAUGH		
5:53:00		STATUS		
PM	6PM	HEARING		00:00:26

1/16/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	MURDAUGH STATUS HEARING	Today's hearing--the next step in Murdaugh's attorney's attempt at overturning his murder conviction. This all comes as Murdaugh's defense team accuses Colleton County Clerk of Court of jury tampering during his double murder trial last year. Today's hearing focused on who will be called to the stand for the evidentiary hearing in late January where Judge Toal will decide whether Murdaugh deserves a new trial. Both the prosecution and the defense making their arguments today for which witnesses should be called to the stand...most importantly the Clerk of Court Becky Hill. Judge Toal agreeing Hill needs to testify...	00:00:38
1/16/2024 11:00:00 PM	11PM	RINCON PLAYGROUND INCIDENT	Not often do you see police tape on a playground. This is the scene drawing attention at Patriot Park in Rincon. The city manager tells us the tape is there to keep people off the playground while it is being built. He says it appears people have been taking the warning signs down and using the equipment. He asks that everyone avoid using the playground until it's done because it's dangerous to get on the incomplete equipment.	00:00:25
1/17/2024 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBRE AK	MURDAUGH STATUS HEARING 6 PM	Murdaugh's defense team is accusing Colleton County Clerk of Court of jury tampering during his double murder trial last year. *Tuesday's hearing focused on who will be called to the stand during the evidentiary hearing where Judge Toal will decide whether Murdaugh deserves a new trial. Both the prosecution and the defense made their arguments for which witnesses should be called to the stand...most importantly the Clerk of Court Becky Hill. Judge Toal agreeing Hill needs to testify...	00:00:30

Standup As South Carolina struggles with the flu, impacts here at Hilton Head Hospital are direct. The man who runs this ER telling me concern is rising as he expects the case numbers in February to only increase from where they are now. Here's the CDC's map... South Carolina, one of four states across the U.S. shaded the scale's darkest color. Inside the island's Emergency Department... Nat door open that means trouble. Sot: "Currently I believe we are boarding patients in the emergency department, which means we're at capacity for the hospital." He says of late they've had to use up to 40% of their emergency beds for non-emergency patients, because the rest of the facility is taking on so much volume. Dr. Matthews attributing that to the combination of Influenza, COVID and RSV. "When you get three different avenues that are hitting at the same time it's going to affect us." Since 2024 started he estimates they've had 100 cases of influenza, 30 cases of COVID, and 20 cases of RSV here at Hilton Head Hospital... volumes that are difficult to deal with. "Ideally you'd like more staffing and more capacity to manage them, but we don't have that." Front-line workers here are doing their best... Nat beeping working through the high case numbers... and encourage you to get vaccinated so you can avoid being their next patient. "We have to basically look and see how our processes are ideal, how efficient we are to manage everything but it's going to be a challenge for us to find the space to care for patients." TYLER TAG Despite the worries Dr. Matthews tells me he's confident they'll be able to keep up the quality of their care and get treatment for every patient who needs it, even if that means transferring them to a different facility. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

1/17/2024
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 PM 4PM TYLER: SC FLU 00:01:46

The flu is hitting South Carolina harder than almost every other state in the country right now, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You'll see South Carolina in dark purple on this map of flu activity levels. That indicates a very high level of spread. The statewide issue is impacting one local hospital directly. Leaders at Hilton Head Hospital tell us they're at capacity right now, as they're being forced to use beds in the emergency department for non-emergency patients. They credit the troubles to the combination of high flu activity, along with COVID and RSV cases.

1/17/2024
 5:53:00
 PM 6PM SC & LOWCOUNTRY FLU LATEST 00:00:36

1/18/2024 9:00:00 AM SC & LOWCOUNTRY FLU LATEST MORNIN G BREAK

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1/18/2024 4:59:00 PM BEAUFORT CO. WARMING SHELTER 5PM

A church in Beaufort County is opening up as a warming shelter this weekend. Sea Island Presbyterian Church will be open Friday and Saturday from 5:30 p-m to 8 a-m. They'll also be providing showers, dinner and breakfast to those in need. The county says the church may also open on Sunday - depending on weather conditions. WTOC will keep you updated.

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1/18/2024 7:00:00 PM JASPER CO. SHOOTING 7PM

A shooting in Jasper County this morning is now a homicide investigation. Deputies tell us the shooting happened in the driveway of a home on Wagon Branch Loop in Ridgeland. They say the the victim and his three friends were sitting in the car at the time. They also don't know if the victim died on the way to or at the hospital. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division has now taken over the case. If you have any information, you are asked to call the sheriff's office right away.

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1/18/2024 7:00:00 PM	7PM	CHATHAM MURDER CONVICTION UPHELD	In their opinion - the court agreed with Remler on one point, writing in part, "we assume the trial court error regarding the limitation of the testimony of a defense expert," but they go on to say his other claims fail, writing in part, "we identify no other trial court errors."	00:00:16
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1/19/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	CHATHAM CO. DOUBLE SHOOTING ARRESTS	The 2023 crime stats come as two minors are recovering from being shot in Chatham County last night. Now, two teens are behind bars-accused in the crime. Police arrested 18-year-old Tamoris Jones and 17-year-old Michael Sampson. Both are facing charges including aggravated assault. The shooting happened on the 100 block of Little River Road around 5PM yesterday. Police say the two teens injured were taken to the hospital and were both alert when they got there. At this time, detectives are not releasing a motive.	00:00:31
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1/22/2024 4:59:00 PM	5PM	POSTAL WORKER ATTACKED BY DOG	<p>LL: Neighbors say this incident happened when it was dark out and tell me the mail carrier had to be air lifted to the hospital. They're describing this as a tragedy. PKG: nats of dispatch audio? Unconscious and not moving. That was the condition of a postal worker following a Bulloch County dog attack...according to a 9-1-1 caller's account to deputies. nats of cars? Emergency crews were called to Anderson Road in the Nevils community just before seven Friday evening. An incident report says when deputies arrived...they saw the 36-year-old woman on the garage floor...bloodied...with two dogs standing by her. Captain Todd Hutchens with the Bulloch County Sherriff's Office says one of the dogs would not let deputies into the garage...forcing them to use bean bag rounds to get inside and help the woman. "The deputy exited his vehicle, got his less lethal shotgun and discharged a round into one of the dogs, which scared that dog off and the other dog ran and got away from the victim as well." Another woman who told deputies she was on the phone with the victim during the attack and tried to help afterwards said it was the mail carrier's first time making a delivery at the house She goes on to tell deputies that the dogs began attacking the mail carrier while the worker was dropping a package off at the door. The U-S Postal Service confirms that the mail carrier works out of the Statesboro Post Office. A U-S-P-S spokesperson says the delivery service is saddened about the incident. They say in part..."Our carriers are trained to use their mail satchel as the first line of defense, which can be wielded like a soft shield, and they are equipped to carry a pepper spray. If a loose dog is known to be on the carrier's delivery route, the address can be programmed into their delivery scanner, and an alert will pop up when they approach that area to warn them." The sheriff's office report says the homeowner told deputies the dogs had never bitten anyone before and that he has a box in which delivery drivers can place packages. The report notes animal control did not take possession of the dogs...but left them with the homeowner. LL: Officials at the hospital where the mail carrier is being treated tell us she is in good condition. Reporting in Bulloch County...FS...WTOCN.</p>	00:02:15
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1/23/2024		MURDAUGH	New details about the upcoming evidentiary hearing for convicted killer Alex Murdaugh involving his appeal to get a new double murder trial. One of the murder trial jurors will be meeting with the judge	
11:00:00		JUROR	Friday morning due to a scheduling conflict. That's according to people who are close to the hearing.	00:00:18
PM	11PM	APPEARANCE		

1/24/2024	4:30AM	MURDAUGH	According to people who are close to the hearing - one of the jurors from the trial will be meet with Judge	
4:30:00	DAYBRE	JUROR	Toal on Friday morning due to a scheduling conflict. The judge is expected to conduct an	
AM	AK	APPEARANCE	examination of the juror at that time.	00:00:14

1/25/2024		CANDLER CO	A man responsible for breaking into homes while naked is finally in jail. the Candler County Sheriff's Office says with the help of Statesboro Police, Travis Jordan is now in jail. Metter Police called him the	
10:00:00	CBS CUT-	NAKED BANDIT	naked bandit. Security cameras at several homes captured video of who they say is is Jordan wearing	
AM	INS	ARRESTED	nothing but a rag covering his head. His charges include kidnapping and aggravated sodomy.	00:00:24

1/25/2024		SAV. GUN	*nat sound* "I am a survivor that's why I say that." Testimonies of surviving parents, siblings, and friends of those affected by gun violence. *nat sound* "I used to be a part of the problem.." Savannah leaders and organizations rally together in unity as they present their passion for helping people. Prisoner-turned-pastor, Julius Campbell, spent nearly 20 years in the Georgia Prison system and now tailors his outreach to system-impacted kids. He believes that conversations like tonight are the first step to fighting back against gun violence. ((JULIUS CAMPBELL##GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ADVOCATE)) "I am a man of faith and hope. I believe that we can do better than what we are doing. And as we are doing better we can begin to reduce gun and gang violence but it starts with situations like this." Campbell says that during his time in the system, he realized that he never looked beyond the present. He never took into consideration what his actions were doing to not only him but thoughts around him. ((JULIUS CAMPBELL##GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ADVOCATE)) "Your choices don't just affect you, and once you get that into your spirit then you get to know that what I am about to do is going to affect my mother who I love, it's going to affect my grandmother who I love, recognize that your choices don't just affect you."	
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1/26/2024		HINESVILLE	Police responded to a report about someone being shot when they arrived Police asked everyone inside the home to come outside. but they got no response. While on scene police heard what sounded like multiple gunshots. Officers say they found someone in the backyard - breaking glass and causing other damage. Police say they asked the man to surrender -- but he didn't comply. They tased him and arrested him. After his arrest -- officers found a hatchet and another weapon.	
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1/26/2024 3:00:00 PM 3PM	HINESVILLE POLICE SCENE	"The initial indication was that it was a potential hostage situation, so based on what information the police were provided at that time, indicated to them an armed person was potentially inside the residence and had 3 or more people held captive. So the officers responded with patrol rifles there. After a quick assessment they were able to determine the individual was actually in the backyard which ultimately led to his arrest." The assistant police chief says they have identified the suspect. They don't have a motive at this time and charges are pending.	00:00:33
1/29/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM	MURDAUGH NEW TRIAL HEARING	"The juror's cellphones were not confiscated or taken from them, and they tuned this thing in on Court TV and listened to all of what just went on"	00:00:08
1/29/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM	MURDAUGH DENIED NEW TRIAL	We continue to follow breaking news - Alex Murdaugh denied a new murder trial. The decision coming down from retired South Carolina Supreme Court Justice Jean Toal in the last 15 minutes. WTOC was in courtroom for that decision - and the entire hearing. We'll have more LIVE coverage ahead on THE news at 6. Coming up at 5:30 - we'll have more from the day in court.	00:00:21
1/29/2024 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm	MURDAUGH: JUROR QUESTIONED IN COURT	"Did you hear Becky Hill, clerk of court for Colleton County, make any comment about this case before your verdict." "I did. Yes ma'am." "What did she say?" "Ummmm, it was the day that Mr. Murdaugh was taking the stand. And...um...she made a comment about watch his body language..." "About watch his...?" "Watch his body language." "Watch his body language, I see..and what else?" "That's all I can recall." WTOC was in courtroom for that decision - and the entire hearing. We'll have more LIVE coverage ahead on THE news at 6.	00:00:30
1/29/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM	MURDAUGH HEARING DAY 1	She said Alex Murdaugh's legal team had to show that Becky Hill said things she should not have to jurors of this murder trial as it was going on in the first three months of 2023, AND had to show that those communications influenced the verdict. Toal called Colleton County Clerk of Court Becky Hill's testimony today not credible and said Hill was quote, attracted by the siren call or celebrity." Toal emphasizing though that Hill acting in that way did not change the fact that 11 of 12 jurors said in in this Columbia courtroom their verdict decision was not impacted.	00:00:34

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APPEAL "I simply do not believe that the authority of our South Carolina Supreme Court requires a new trial, in a very lengthy trial such as this, on the strength of some fleeting and foolish comments by a publicity influenced Clerk of Court," Before Murdaugh was re-handcuffed, Toal emphasized the importance of the appeal process, saying an appellate court can take more time to look over all the facts of the case. Murdaugh's legal team says they will continue to pursue a new trial at the Court of Appeals. Our Tyler Manion has more on the fallout on Monday's ruling coming up on THE News at 5 and 6. 00:00:35

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APPEAL The request came after Murdaugh's legal team said the jury in his original murder trial had been influenced by Colleton County's Clerk of Court, Becky Hill. Justice Toal called the case unique, but said that Murdaugh's legal team did not demonstrate that the jury's verdict was influenced. She also said that she agreed with Judge Clifton Newman from the initial murder trial in saying the evidence Alex Murdaugh murdered his wife and son is overwhelming. 00:00:27

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DENIAL: HILL
TESTIMONY Since Alex Murdaugh's legal team accused Colleton County Clerk of Court Becky Hill of jury tampering, questions have been swirling about her actions during the murder trial last year. Vo In the Richland County Judicial Center Monday, both sets of attorneys and Justice Toal questioned Hill... revealing inconsistencies in her story. After swearing to tell the truth Nat "I do" Vo Hill was peppered from all sides about her interactions with jurors leading up to Alex Murdaugh being found guilty of murder... and handed down two life sentences. Sot: "At any time did you have any conversations with any juror in which you tried to influence their decision? Sot" "I did not have a conversation with any juror about anything related to this case." Vo Hill was resolute in her responses, denying allegation after allegation from the defense. Sot: "Did you take a juror home one night? I didn't take a juror home one night. Did Mr. Polk and you take a juror home one night? No sir, we didn't. Ok. Never gave a juror a ride in a car with Mr. Polk or without? No sir." Vo Murdaugh's legal team poked holes in Hill's credibility, calling a witness who'd completely contradict that claim. Sot: "I mentioned to Ms. Becky I said, 'please tell me you didn't take a juror home last night?' and she told me 'I did, but I didn't talk about the case. I had a bailiff with me. Mr. Bill was with me.' and I said, 'Becky you don't do things like that.'" Vo That wasn't the only time Hill's testimony was disputed... prompting Justice Toal to say this... Sot: "Ms. Hill was attracted by the siren call of celebrity." LL tag Although Justice Toal believed Hill's testimony to not be credible, she said the clerk's actions didn't impact the guilty verdict... and thus Murdaugh's request for a new trial was denied. Reporting from Columbia, Tyler Manion, WTOG News. 00:01:46

take pkg Sot: "I have to report something to you and I am very very unhappy about it." Vo After the first juror of the day, who we're keeping anonymous, testified that their guilty verdict was influenced by the Colleton County Clerk of Court's ... a frustrated Justice Jean Toal made this announcement. Sot "The jurors cell phones were not confiscated or taken from them and they tuned this thing in on Court TV and listened to all that just went on." Vo Justice Toal said she was upset by that fact, because she had worked previously to ensure the jurors would not hear anything about the testimony of others by actually embargoing the testimony of the first juror to take the stand last Friday. Because the jurors had heard what was happening in the courtroom Monday morning - she was forced to ask each remaining juror if they were impacted by what they heard. Sot "Does that have any impact on the testimony you are going to give today? No ma'am." Standup While the phone situation caught everyone's attention... just minutes after Justice Toal denied their request for a new murder trial, Alex Murdaugh's legal team said right here their grounds for an appeal go far beyond that incident. Sot: "She made it very clear that the law in this area is unsettled at best and that makes it ripe for appeal." Vo Justice Toal said she believed the law required the defense to not only show Becky Hill acted inappropriately, but also that those actions influenced Murdaugh's guilty verdict. The defense... says they are confident another judge will lower that burden of proof... and ready to take it as high up the chain as needed. Sot "We go from here to the court of appeals and then to the South Carolina Supreme Court and then federal court." Tag standup As always, we'll follow the next steps with Alex Murdaugh and let you know when there's an update on his appeal process. Reporting from Columbia, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

1/30/2024 MURDAUGH
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In the meantime - here's what we know right now. The call came in just before noon today. Police went to a home on Bob White Road on Wilmington Island. They say the child was being cared for by family who told police they could not find him. Police began searching the woods and water around the house. Just before 1 p-m - an officer spotted the child in the water. He was taken to the hospital where he died. Chatham County Police believe the child wandered away and no foul play is suspected in this case. Again - we'll have more from the scene in just a moment.

2/1/2024 BREAKING:
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Fire officials say the victim died at the scene. The body has been taken to the crime lab to identify who it was. That name will not be released until the family is notified. Both the Liberty County Sheriff's Office and and C-S-X Railroad Police are investigating.

2/2/2024 DEADLY
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2/5/2024 4:30AM FIRST HOMICIDE 2024 IN CHATHAM COUNTY
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Officers responded to Mall Boulevard around 3 a-m and found a woman who had been shot. First responders provided medical care -- but she died at the scene. The Chatham County Coroner has identified her as 32-year-old Khadijah Jenkins. Savannah Police continues to investigate. Anyone with information is asked to call CrimeStoppers... we have that number along with this story on wtoc dot com. 00:00:24

2/5/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM FIRST SAV HOMICIDE OF 2024
"Police say they arrived on the scene here in this parking lot at around 3 o'clock Saturday morning after hearing reports of a shooting." Shortly after crews with the Savannah Police Department responded, 32-year-old Khadijah Latavia Jenkins, was pronounced dead on scene. Video showed police on scene just outside of Hideaway Sports Bar and Grill. They say everyone involved in the shooting, including the shooter, stayed on scene and detectives were able to interview them. As of now, no arrests have been made. I was able to speak with a business owner who works in the same parking lot as the shooting, who says when he heard the news, he was surprised. "The first thought was utter shock. We wouldn't expect that here at our shop." BUTTED TO "One of the reasons why we chose this location was because of that. The proximity to the police station across the street. Management is very in tune to what's happening over here. The security that works over at the shopping center. So, we were, this is the last thing that I would ever expect would happen here." ((ANNA)) "As this investigation continues, we will of course be keeping you updated both on air and online. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News." 00:01:11

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MURDER
CONVICTIONS
UPHELD And in a separate case out of Effingham County - the conviction and life sentence of a man convicted in a deadly domestic dispute was upheld. Louis Vendrell was convicted of the murder of Nova Saffles back in 2016. Court evidence summarized in the appeal details a gory murder scene inside the home the couple shared. The state supreme court says Vendrell failed to prove what he based his appeal on - which was ineffective assistance of counsel during his trial. 00:00:27

2/6/2024
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CRASH That collision took place near this intersection on Bellinger Hill Road. The three passengers that were killed were pronounced dead on scene. VO: The Jasper County Coroner identified the victims as 25-year-old Rodrigo Hernandez Soto, 18-year-old Habraham Hernandez Soto and a minor whose identity is currently not being released. All were residents of Savannah. The accident happened yesterday around 6:35 p.m. near Chalmers Road and Bellinger Hill. According to the highway patrol, a sedan with five people inside was traveling west when it lost control and hit an SUV. The three people who died were passengers of the sedan. The driver and one other passenger were injured. There was only one person in the SUV, who was injured and taken to a nearby hospital for injuries. Troopers are still investigating, and will update me as they learn more. Ryan Looklive: This is a developing story, so stick with WTOC for updates. Reporting from Jasper County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:00:58

2/6/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM TINSLEY ON MURDAUGH VICTIM FUNDS "From the Beach's perspective this thing has never been about 29% of what's available. It's always been about making an example, having accountability, hoping that someone's going to take stock in the fact that you can lose everything that you have if you enable a child to drink and drive." 00:00:17

2/7/2024 4:30AM 5:30:00 AM DAYBRE AK TINSLEY ON MURDAUGH VICTIM FUNDS 15 different parties petitioned for part of Alex Murdaugh's remaining assets. This is about two million dollars. A special referee was appointed to decide which victims would get how much... if any at all. The family of Mallory Beach was given the highest percentage of Alex Murdaugh's funds... at 29 percent. Beach's family attorney says... the money is less important than the message it sends. 00:00:30

2/9/2024 5:59:00 PM 5PM BEAUFORT LAWYER PLEADS GUILTY IN HIDING FUNDS 45-year-old Peter Strauss- who's the founder of Strauss Law Firm on Hilton Head Island- is facing up to 5 years in prison. Back in 2018- an investigation was launched into Jeff and Paulette Carpoft for taking investors' money for personal use. During the investigation it was revealed the Carpofts paid Strauss 11 million dollars. Strauss admitted to spending that money in an attempt to stop the government from seizing it. He will have to pay nearly three million dollars in restitution. 00:00:29

2/9/2024 5:59:00 PM 5PM FLYNN: JASPER CO. SHTG REAX The number we've been hearing a lot today is 14 minutes. That's how long investigators say it took between the time the shooting was reported and when a suspect was taken into custody. Despite the swift response...some people who were inside...say it felt like an eternity as they waited for help to arrive. I spoke with one man who tells me he's a delivery driver and was doing a routine pick up here when the shots rang out. He said he was leaving the bathroom when gunfire erupted and quickly turned around...went back in and called the police. 00:00:32

"I thought I was going to die. I was like, 'This is it. I'm going to die.'" While some people inside describe sheer panic...dispatch audio plays the moments first responders were called to the chaotic scene. Audio: "Respond to 8406 Speedway Blvd. 8406 Speedway Blvd. for an active shooter. Scene is not secure at this time..." Delivery driver Majestical Washington says he came to K-B-R-S for a routine pick up when the gunfire started. He says he was forced to take shelter in the bathroom while he heard the gunman talking nearby... "The only thing I heard was him talking and gunshots. I didn't hear nobody yelling, screaming, running, I didn't hear nothing. It was just him talking to whoever he was talking to, and I was under the thing in there." As a regular at the shower system manufacturer...Washington says he never thought he'd find himself hiding for his life on the job. "I hear about this stuff on TV, you become immune to it, you just think it's another thing. But when it happens to you, you realize hey, this is a real issue." By 8:36 a-m...investigators say police secured the scene and had the suspect in custody...finding him walking along Highway 17. Dispatch: "All law enforcement, we do have one subject in custody. We only have one patient. You can go ahead and release all units on scene." A sense of relief Washington says he's never felt before. "It felt like the heavens. The gates opened up when they came in for me."

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The Savannah Police Department responded to a shooting on Walter Simmons Court around 2 a.m. Sunday. The victim says he was shot by someone in a moving vehicle. Around 11pm Saturday, shots were fired on Stratford St. The victim also says he was shot by someone in a moving vehicle. He was treated on the scene and taken to the hospital. One person is dead after a shooting on West Bay Lane Saturday night. The Savannah Police Department Coroner says J'Quan Reed was shot at least once and died from those injuries. SPD responded to two incidents, just 15 minutes and a block apart, earlier Saturday afternoon. The first one around 2 p.m. on Ogeechee Rd. The victim who was shot was taken to the hospital. And the second one... at 2:15. It left a juvenile with life-threatening injuries. He was also taken to the hospital.

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The first shooting happened early Saturday when Chatham County police say they were called to Brasseler and King George Blvds. There they found 29-year old Donta'Veous Marshall dead with a gunshot wound. Later that day around two p-m...Savannah police says a male juvenile was left with serious injuries after a shooting on West 39th Street near Ogeechee. Then Saturday around 10 p-m here in downtown Savannah...police say 19-year-old J'Quan Reed was shot and later died at the hospital. Two other...separate shootings just hours apart...each left a man with non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. One happened on Walter Simmons Court...the other on Stratford Street. In the wake of this violence...renewed calls today from local faith leaders for people...especially young people to put the guns down.

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ANNA S.:
RADIATION
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"Everyone grab a hold of this thing, we're going to pull it even." Many emergency agencies taking part in a drill to prepare for radiation release. Savannah Firefighters among them. "The drill is based off of an emergency that happened in an X-ray room, and we have a possible radiology emergency." "Is that it?" Crews going through St. Joseph's Hospital trying to find the source of the radiation. Although it's not a common incident, emergency responders say it's important to be prepared for anything. CHRISTOPHER SHELNUTT "You've got to practice, and you've got to practice to standard because if you don't do it to standard when you're practicing, in a time of need, you're going to make the same mistakes you do when you're practicing." Officials say one major purpose of these drills is to make sure all the agencies involved are communicating with each other effectively. "We cannot wait until a disaster happens. We meet, we plan, get to know our response partners, get to know the team members." Folks with St. Joseph's Hospital say although they no longer have equipment inside the hospital that would cause this type of emergency, it still helps to better prepare them for any situation. "If we were to have someone in an industrial environment or some other environment that may get exposed and show up in our emergency rooms." Something that's especially important, as our area continues to grow. DAVID DONNELLY "You never know what's going to be on a ship, a truck, an airplane, or at a facility that you may be rolling up on at a fire or a medical emergency, and so being prepared for the unknown." "The fire department says after drills like these, they'll conduct an after-action review where they'll go over how everything here went and where there's room for improvement. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News."

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As the investigations into five separate shootings continue...some city leaders are describing the gun violence as an epidemic. nat pop: "We cannot police our way out of this." Three of the shootings took place in Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier's district. Police say one left a juvenile with life-threatening gunshot wounds. "We need to also make sure that we have these cultural and societal investments so we can attract these youth and get them off the streets and into programs where we can expose them to other opportunities and activities." nat pop: Shots fired City Market. Shots fired City Market. The shootings once again spilling into Savannah's popular downtown area. This time...leaving a 19-year-old...J'Quan Reed dead near Barnard Street and Bay Lane...according to the Chatham County coroner. Savannah police maintaining the city's downtown is safe and are pleading with community members to come forward with any information. "I have no problem with my own family going downtown. We want people to feel that they come down -- whether it's children or seniors -- everyone to come down to have a good time." Local faith leader Reverend Alan Mainor says these incidents impact everyone. "You have the family of the victim. You have the family of the shooter, and then you have the community's family. All three of us lose." Police say these investigations are ongoing as they work to piece together what caused the series of separate shootings that left two people dead.

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The Jasper County Sheriff's Chief Deputy explained to me what those charges mean as well as the current status of the investigation. VO: The shooting happened at the KBRS Home Center on Speedway Boulevard Friday morning. One person was injured and taken to the hospital. The arrested suspect, Jacob Rivers, now faces 24 counts of attempted murder and two counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. (I HAVE A GRAPHIC FOR THIS). SOT: "There was 24 people in the area where the shooter was at, at the time. With all the shots that he fired, he could have hit any one of those 24 people at any time, so we charged him with each individual that was in that room because each individual was a potential victim." VO: Now, deputies are working to figure out why the crime was committed. Investigators say that Rivers had an affiliation with KBRS. The victim of the shooting was a KBRS employee. SOT: "We're trying to figure out what his motive was behind it and go from there. It's still open and it will probably be a little while before we can get it closed." You can keep up with any updates to the investigation on our website WTOC.com. Reporting from Jasper County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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2/13/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM LINDSEY: STATESBORO CAMBRIDGE SHOOTING According to Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead, they are investigating a triple shooting at Cambridge at Southern - The Pines on Lanier Drive near Paulson Stadium. One person is dead and two others have been shot. Broadhead says the 3 people had a conflict with each other. Police believe they shot each other and one of them died. Police found the injured people in a car . The third, person who died, was found near an apartment across the parking lot. The survivors are being treated at the hospital. There's no word yet on their conditions. The chief doesn't believe anyone else was involved, but if you know anything about what happened, please call Statesboro Police. 00:00:40

2/13/2024 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm QUANDO RONDO STATE CASE DOCKET This comes after Savannah Police confirmed the rapper, who's real name is Tyquian Bowman, was arrested on D-U-I and reckless driving charges. Those charges are connected to a wreck he was in last summer. Bowman was out on bond for state drug and gang charges at the time of the crash. Before last week's arrest, Bowman was also on bond for a federal drug charge. He entered a not guilty plea in that case. WTOC will continue to follow both the cases against him as they play out. Everything we know right now is posted in the WTOC News app and on WTOC dot com. 00:00:32

2/13/2024 6PM STATESBORO TRIPLE SHOOTING Statesboro's Police Chief says this large of a shooting is rare, but some community members are still afraid after hearing about it. "There's a lot of students that come here. You know, a lot of people choose this small town because it's safe." Wail Alshuaibi owns a business just down the street from where police say Monday night's shooting happened... Alshuaibi says he's shocked. "To hear all this violence that's happening right where my business is, you know, it gives me fear." but Statesboro's police chief says there's no public threat..and all three men involved in the shooting knew each other. "People need to be assured, or can rest assured to some degree, that almost all of this violence is interpersonal. It's between people who know each other, have some kind of interaction with each other, prior to the violence." ..even still..it's something to worry about. Mike Broadhead "One thing that concerns us a lot is when you have this kind of violence in a parking lot of an apartment complex, you have fairly dense housing right there. So, a lot of good citizens who live right in that and you really hate the idea of them getting sort of caught up in something like that." Which is why he wishes less people resorted to gun violence. Mike Broadhead "What we need to do is try to find a way to educate, particularly our young men, that that's not the answer. That that's, the violence that you can wreak in such a short period of time and then you can't take it back." ((ANNA)) Chief Broadhead tells me no arrests have been made yet as they're looking to see if there are some legitimate self-defense claims that can be made in this shooting. As we learn more we'll be sure to keep you updated, so stick with WTOC both online and on air. Reporting in Statesboro, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News. 00:01:44

"We're hurting like no other. And it's something no parent should ever have to go through. So all those that have lost their children to gun violence, my heart goes out to you because I really know how you feel." Heartbreak at an Evans County hotel as relatives gather near the crime scene where investigators say two people were killed. The G-B-I says it happened around seven in the morning at the Relax Inn just outside Claxton. Authorities say two other people were injured after being shot. Police have not released any motive or whether they have someone in custody. As the search for answers continues...one of the victims' mothers is asking the community to stop the violence. (Williams): "Let's put these guns down. Just put these guns down because we got children that's under 30 years old losing their life behind guns. We've got to come together as a community and we've got to do something save our youth."

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As cars pass by on Abercorn Street the Memory of Desaray Gillard shines. On a day that should be a celebration of her 17th birthday...for her mother - it's a day of grief. ((GILLIARD)) "This pain never really goes away, honestly, but it gets better every day.." Desiree was shot to death in her neighborhood in Yamacraw nearly 2 years ago. And ever since that day, her family says it hasn't been the same. ((DETRAYA GILLIARD##Desaray MOTHER 0.08)) "I want to continue positively for her, the way she would want me to, and let her story be an inspiration for people and help save others so that her tragedy won't happen to them." Gilliard says she's choosing to use her grief to pursue changes she believes could spare another family from the same pain...a pain she says was caused by gun violence in underserved areas. ((GILLIARD)) "What happened to her shed my light on what was going on in certain communities, underprivileged communities, especially yamacraw and people could not turn a blind eye to what was going on." She now hosts a podcast that helps her and others go through grief. "In the beginning I didnt think it would tough anybody because I started it kinda as therapy for me, I needed to get that out." But what she wants more than anything is for Desaray to know that she is loved and missed every second of every day.

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LOOKLIVE: Bluffton Police told me that Murphy was coworkers with the victims of this shooting. The Beaufort County Coroner has released the identity of the two victims. VO: Their names are William Stewart, a 33-year-old man from Hilton Head, and Roshawn Middleton, a 34-year-old from Beaufort. Long-time Bluffton resident Orlando Murphy faces two counts of murder charges and a gun charge connected to the shooting. Bluffton Police say Murphy led officers on a car chase that ended on highway 278, when officers got him out of the car with their guns drawn. SOT: Sgt. Bonifacio Perez, Bluffton Police Department "Usually on a felon traffic stop, officers do pull their guns, give commands to the suspect. If they're not cooperating, they move in tactically and get them out of the car." VO: According to Bluffton Police say told me the shooting happened at Murphy's house. His backyard is next to the backlot of a nearby business, where one of the victims was found. Employees of that business were celebrating a coworker's birthday when they heard the gunfire. SOT: Eugen Pop, Nearby Business Owner "We were singing happy birthday to her and having cake when we heard the gunshots, at first, we thought nothing happening, but then in the second round, it was when we came out and realized that it's really something bad going on." VO: Eugen Pop says he and his employees heard two rounds of multiple gunshots and saw two men fighting outside when they called 9-1-1. Bluffton Police say this is the first homicide in Bluffton this year. That homicide... leaving Pop and his employees shaken. SOT: Eugen Pop, Nearby Business Owner "It's tough to believe that our little community can go through something like that but we just have to stay together and push through pretty much, and try to be better, every day." LL Tag: Additional charges for Murphy are still pending, so stick with WTOC for updates. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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nats of guilty plea? It was a negotiated plea that came nearly three years after a police chase ended in this fiery crash near Grayson Stadium. Jacob Palmer pleading guilty to six counts including hijacking a motor vehicle...aggravated assault on a peace officer and obstruction. It all started back on June 17th 20-21...when prosecutors say former Chatham County police officer Phillip Hutto was called to a hotel near 204 and 95 for a person causing problems. When Hutto arrived...he talked with Palmer and discovered that he was wanted out of Virginia. Prosecutors telling a judge Palmer ran away from and eventually got into a "tussle" with Hutto...causing the officer to fear for his life. "Later, the defendant pointed a firearm at officer Hutto, pulling the slide back, saying things to the effect of 'You're going to die today.' and 'I'm going to (expletive) shoot you in the head.'" Hutto was able to escape behind some bushes before Palmer got into the officer's patrol car and drove at him...according to prosecutors. Gregory: "This led to an incredibly dangerous high-speed chase upwards of 90 miles per hour on Ogeechee Road." It ended after prosecutors say Palmer hit several cars and the stolen patrol vehicle he was in caught fire. Gregory: "This all culminated in what almost became a wild west shootout with Georgia state police." Before Palmer pleaded guilty...Hutto took the stand to give a victim impact statement. "I truly believe that the only reason that that man sitting there did not kill me that day is because I was able to remove the magazine from his gun that he was trying to kill me with. And if I wasn't able to do that, my two little girls would be growing up without a dad." Hutto pushed back against the 18-year prison sentence...saying he thinks Palmer should spend his life behind bars. Hutto: "I don't think 18 years is long enough. I think that he should spend the rest of his life in a box." LL: 32-year-old Palmer was sentenced to 56 years total. He'll serve 18 of those in prison and the rest on probation. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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2/20/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM BREAKING: MONTGOMERY ST POSSIBLE SHOOTING But first -- WTOC is live on the scene of a shooting on the westside of Savannah tonight. You're taking a live look at the scene at West 54th and Montgomery streets at Montgomery Plaza. Savannah Police say one man has been critically injured. We first heard about this scene around 9:30 tonight. Police have not released any other details, but they're asking anyone with any details to call Crimestoppers. We have that number along with this story on our website. 00:00:27

2/22/2024 6:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK ACCIDENT 530 BN OVERNIGHT: WELCOME CENTER ACCIDENT "It's sad you can definitely tell that one of the semis is on its side so it always bears the question what caused it to go up in flames and what happened cause there's one semi that's like toward the back on its side and there's two that are next to each other so you always question like what happened to cause it to go up into flames like that." 00:00:20

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FROM A PHONE NUMBER, SHE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE SHE IGNORED IT. BUT WHEN THEY CALLED BACK A SECOND TIME SHE PICKED UP. "I heard my son's voice and he said, 'Hi Mom, it's and he said his name and he said please don't be mad and he's crying and he says, I've been in an accident. I hit somebody, I hit a pregnant lady." IT WAS THE KIND OF CALL THAT WOULD SEND ANY PARENT INTO A PANIC. IT WAS HER OLDEST SON, WHO'S IN THE ARMY AND STATIONED IN COLORADO. "It was my son's voice. I talk to him every day. I know his voice inside and out." THE TALLMADGE MOTHER SAYS HER SON TOLD HER TO WAIT FOR A PHONE CALL FROM A LAWYER. "The lawyer said, I just need you to get us \$5,000 that'll pay the bond. So, we can get him out of jail and, you know, because he's gonna be transported there soon as they, you know, take care of his injuries and I was in!" Kk: "You were gonna pay it?" "I was gonna pay it. Absolutely, oh, was going to book my flight to get out there. I was going to pay it. Yeah, they had me, 100%. I had a friend working on airline tickets, I called my husband in a panic telling him he had to get home so that we could get out there. I had to get to the bank and hook line and sinker, they had me." IT WASN'T UNTIL HER SON CALLED HER THAT SHE REALIZED IT WAS ALL A HOAX. "He's like, what are you talking about? I just woke up." PAUL SEMS IS A CYBER SECURITY EXPERT WITH TRUSTEDSEC IN FAIRLAWN. HE SAYS AI TECHNOLOGY CAN REPLICATE A HUMAN VOICE IN JUST A FEW SECONDS. "These threat actors, these, you know bad people are, that's their job, they are there to fool you. It's relatively easy money for people. They can do a lot of this very quickly." SCAMMERS CAN EVEN MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE CALL IS COMING FROM YOUR FAMILY MEMBER'S NUMBER. ROB SIMON WITH TRUSTEDSEC WAS ABLE TO DO IT TO ME IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. KK: "So, we're going to actually have my work phone call my personal phone and it should come up like I'm calling myself, right? " "Yep. So, when I go ahead and click the call button, you should see that come up on your phone here in just a second." "There you go. It's me calling me but it's not really me. That is so weird!" GIBSON SAYS IF THE CALL CAME FROM HER SON'S PHONE NUMBER, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BACKED DOWN. "I would have been on the plane long before I would have figured out that it wasn't real." SO HOW EASY IS IT TO CLONE SOMEONE'S VOICE? SIMON DID IT TO ME USING AUDIO FROM MY NEWS REPORTS. "Hey, it's Kelly I'm a reporter with 19 News." "I still feel like that sounded more like me, but it sounded like I just too many redbulls." "Hey, it's Kelly I'm a reporter from 19 News." "That was a little more professional." AFTER

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Beach was one of 6 people onboard a boat when it hit a bridge on Archers Creek. At the time, the boat was being driven by Paul Murdaugh, the since-murdered son of convicted killer Alex Murdaugh. Paul was later charged with driving that boat under the influence and underage. Last year... Alex Murdaugh was convicted of killing his wife Maggie and son Paul three days before a motion hearing in the case in 2021. Earlier this month, the remainder of Alex Murdaugh's assets were distributed, with nearly half going to the victims of the boat crash.

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2/26/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM HUSBAND DENIED BOND IN MURDER "We still believe Mr. Kassotis is not a flight risk, he has minimal resources, he is retired from the Navy with distinguished service and multiple commendations. He has no priors, your honor. His parents support him, they're here. They've come down from New Hampshire to support him, and we believe if the court were to set a reasonable bond, there's no reason to believe that Mr. Kassotis would not return to court." The judge denied the reduction request after hearing from the state. Kassotis' bond was set at 5 million dollars cash in August of last year. WTOC will continue to follow this case and bring you updates. 00:00:36

2/26/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM DISMEMBERED BODY COURT A man accused of killing his wife in Liberty County is denied a request to reduce his bond. Mindi Kassotis's body was found in multiple places in Liberty and McIntosh counties about two years ago. The attorney for former military officer Nicholas Kassotis had bond set back in August at \$5 million dollars. His attorney's argument for bond reduction is Kassotis would not be a flight risk since he had limited funds available to him. Prosecutors argued Kassotis was a flight risk because he had drivers licenses with different names on them. 00:00:32

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FATAL HIT &
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A WTOC update-- The Beaufort County Coroner has confirmed the name of the person killed in a hit-and-run on Hilton Head Island. The victim is 45-year-old Jason Flack, from Bluffton. The crash happened early yesterday morning on Gumtree Road near Squire Pope Road. South Carolina Highway Patrol says the man was walking and crossed Gumtree Road when he was hit by a car. Troopers continue to investigate what happened.

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That poodle is now being taken care of by the people at Noah's Arks Rescue. They've decided to name him Treasure. VO: On their website... staff at Noah's Arks rescue say that treasure is safe and needs medical care. They also say despite his condition, Treasure is friendly, giving kisses to the team taking care of him. A few days ago... treasure was found in this dumpster at a DHEC building in Burton. An employee heard him crying... and called the authorities when they found him. SOT: "He had about two pounds of matted fur... his nails were unkept, cataracts in both eyes. He was transported to Port Royal Veterinary Clinic for treatment." VO: Major Viens says that it was very apparent that Treasure had been severely neglected by his owners, and the sheriff's office is trying to find them. SOT: "The animal abuse cases that we investigate aren't typically this severe, where you have a dog or a pet that is presented in such poor care." VO: I spoke with Beaufort County Animal Services, who helped in this case... and they told me they're here to help struggling pet owners. They often see abandoned animals because affordable pet care can be hard to find. In order to help, they've created an application for a judgement-free emergency help application. You can find a link to the emergency aid application on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort county, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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That includes cell phones, exercise equipment/parts, cars, food and more. You're taking a look at pictures of what was found now. Multiple law enforcement agencies worked together during the operation. They are back out there today surveying and collecting the items. At this time, no one has been arrested or charged. WTOC's Ryan Tisminezky is talking to deputies and businesses surrounding the area about what happened. He's working on that story for THE news at 5 and 6.

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Brian Bailey, Public Information Officer, Effingham County Sheriff's Office "This is definitely something that the deputies and our criminal investigation division is always looking out for just in case something like this happens. But to kind of stumble upon it like that was very interesting."

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There are currently no people of interest or anyone in custody because the investigation is still in its early stages. Yesterday the scene was swarmed with law enforcement from the state and federal level, who participated in the joint investigation. Investigators told me that with the constant shipping that goes through Effingham County, they keep a watchful eye on stolen goods. But it's not every day you find stolen items on this scale.

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SOT: "There was at least 18 to 20 cop cars... we didn't even hear them coming. And then next thing you know, they're just going into the building." VO: I was able to get a look into one of the trucks taking away stolen products... and it was filled with pallets of some sort of canned drinks. Investigators told me that the stolen property included energy drinks, thousands of iPhones, pelotons and entire cars. The number of goods and their location near the port led to the Georgia Cargo Theft Intelligence Group, Georgia Ports Authority Police Department, and the Bureau of Industry and Security joining the investigation. SOT: "Potentially they were brought in, they were out in the warehouse, potentially being- getting ready to be shipped off." VO: There are currently no people of interest or anyone in custody because the investigation is still in its early stages. Investigators told me that with the constant shipping that goes through Effingham County, they keep a watchful eye on stolen goods. But it's not every day you find stolen items on this scale. SOT: "This is definitely something that the deputies and our criminal investigation division is always looking out for just incase something like this happens. But to kind of stumble upon it like that was very interesting."

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mom." Mallorie Lazusky shared these photos of her mom, Allyson Rometry.... As she remembers what it was like... noticing something was wrong on March 1st, 2002—when she called her mom's office after getting home from school. "My mom didn't answer the phone at her desk... it was her boss. I asked her if I could talk to my mom, she told me that my mom didn't show up for work." Mallorie says she called for help that afternoon... and the family reported Allyson missing to Rincon Police. Mallorie says the last time she saw her mom at their home the night before on February 28th 2002... at Weisenbaker Place Apartments on Wisenbaker Road. The initial incident report states Rometry did not have her cell phone or her medication for Multiple Sclerosis with her. On March 3rd, investigators found Rometry's car less than a mile from her home at Fair Oaks Lane Apartments on Lisa Street... Investigators say they've suspected foul play from the beginning.. Still, more than two decades later – this missing person poster still hangs in the Rincon Police Department lobby. "There's never been any remains found, there's never been any sightings of her. It's like she vanished into thin air. She didn't obviously we know that." In 2022, Rincon PD investigators said they were getting close to cracking the case—telling WTOC this – SOT FROM 2022: "We do have someone we want to talk to, we have some, I won't call them witnesses, but we had some people who came forward, and gave some vital information that we think is going to be extremely helpful." But now, two years later, – the city's police chief says that lead... didn't pan out. "We felt pretty confident in that lead. Nothing came of it. It's real frustrating, it kind of knocks us back a notch any time we go through something like that." Effingham County Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie was the lead investigator on the case ... when he worked for the Rincon Police Department. Both agencies in Effingham, along with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have been involved with the case. "It's a case I would like to give the family some closure. If we could just find Allyson and give her back to the family, that would be something." Closure... Mallorie says she's still hoping to find. "My grandma, she had to go to her grave without that closure. My aunt, my mom's sister, the same thing. My pawpaw, the same thing. Everybody is gone. They had to go without that closure, without that peace of mind." Now... both Mallorie and investigators – echoing the same call for tips to solve the case. "Whoever either did it, or was involved, knows anything, to just... Have some mercy." "I feel 100 percent confident that there is someone in this county, or who used to live in this county that knows what happened to her. That knows if not exactly where she is, roundabout where she is, or roughly what took place. We're just begging

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You're looking at pictures of what was found. That includes cell phones, cars, and food. Multiple law enforcement agencies worked together during the operation. They were back out there on Wednesday surveying and collecting the items. At this time -- no one has been arrested or charged. WTOC also spoke to deputies and businesses surrounding the area about what happened. You can find more on that on our website, wtoc.com.

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"It was around 4 o'clock Wednesday night that the fire department received a call about a car in a retention pond. A call they say they responded to immediately." It all happened after a car drove through a lot in the Riverport Industrial Park and into a pond behind it. Two people were inside the vehicle at the time, one of them escaping as it went into the water with no injuries. The other, trapped in the vehicle and pronounced dead on the scene. Hardeeville's deputy fire chief says two bystanders were at the scene when it happened and tried to help get the person out, but couldn't. He also says when his crews arrived, they couldn't find exactly where the vehicle was and needed the help of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Dive Team to get it out of the water. The chief tells me right now, they're still working to learn more. "It's still under active investigation to kind of find out the reasoning for the vehicle that entered the water way. I'm sure the police department, coroner's office will have some type of conclusion to that probably by the end of the week I would imagine." ((ANNA)) "As this investigation continues, we'll be sure to keep you updated. Stick with WTOC both online and on air. Reporting in Hardeeville, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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PERSON DEAD
AFTER CAR IN
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sitting on the boyfriend's lap when they hit the bridge" Vo The frantic moments after a 19-year-old went missing... Nat "We hit a bridge in the boat... We can't find Mallory Mom." Vo That's the voice of Mallory's boyfriend, Anthony Cook. News of the crash... making it's way to her father a few hours later. Sot: "He told me what happened and there was an accident, and they were looking for her and my whole world just... my heart just dropped." Vo The law enforcement response was vast... Nat "Last name Beach. Bravo echo alpha charlie hotel, first name Mallory." Vo But they wouldn't find her for more than a week. Sot "She was a loving caring person. She had a passion for less fortunate people as well as neglected and stray animals. Her faith meant a lot to her." Vo The investigation began right away... officers trying to figure out how this boat hit a bridge... launching Mallory overboard, leading to her death. Nat What about the driver of the boat is he 21? No. So everybody on the boat's been drinking. Yeah. Vo That fact seemingly obvious to law enforcement on scene... in legal interviews later multiple officers describing some of the people on the boat as "highly intoxicated", specifically Paul. Mallory's boyfriend... confronting Paul in the moments after the crash. Nat "Bro you're f smiling like it's f funny. My f girlfriend's gone bo. You think it's f funny." Vo Cook told officers Paul was the last person he saw driving the boat, meaning the driver would've been intoxicated when they crashed. Mallory's father, Phillip, telling me that is where his eyebrows start to raise. Here's the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Boat Accident Report. In this section where an officer would list what contributed to the accident... Alcohol is not checked. Later in that same report, the primary cause of the accident is listed as No Proper Lookout... the secondary cause... excessive speed. Alcohol, yet again, nowhere to be found. Sot Q - "Do you feel as though the investigation into your daughter's death has been tampered with in any way? A - "Absolutely. Absolutely. Without a doubt. Q - How does that make you feel? A - Betrayed, as a citizen of South Carolina. Betrayed - by the ones that were sworn in to protect us." Vo Our WTOC investigates team looked through hundreds of pages of documents, including a deposition with the lead SCNDR investigator the night of the crash... Michael Brock. We called Brock... Nat phone Vo Who now works at the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. Although Brock himself said he wanted to interview with us, his agency shut that down... telling WTOC "SLED is not available for interviews at this time." We also requested an interview with the agency he worked for in 2019, SCDNR, who answered our questions via email. While Brock was the lead investigator the night of the crash, his deposition revealed that didn't

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3/7/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM DAYS INN HOMICIDE ARRESTS Officers have arrested-- 20 year old Kentaevius Davis. on 2 counts of murder and aggravated assault. Statesboro police say 23 year old Jamaryce Mincey of Statesboro and 20 year old Christopher Joyce of McDonough were shot and killed. The shooting happened last Thursday at the Days Inn in Statesboro. If you have any information about this case... you can leave an anonymous tip or call Statesboro police. We have the numbers with this story on wtoc dot com. 00:00:27

3/7/2024 5:59:00 PM 5PM RYAN: BLUFFTON ABUSED CATS KILLED Ryan Looklive: Both of the cats that were shot were from a feral colony just outside the Belfair Towne Village. VO: Last Thursday, one of the cats, named Stitch, was found paralyzed at this dumpster with a .22 caliber bullet stuck in her back. She was taken to the vet and had to be put down. A small memorial was put up in her honor. Five days later... it was reported that another cat, named Whitney, was found dead. Officers believe she was shot by a BB gun. Bluffton Police were notified after each incident, which they say is making the investigation harder. Officers are now patrolling the area and looking for surveillance video. In Bluffton, feral cat colonies are looked after by volunteers. Bluffton police say the last incident with a colony was vandalism in 2022. SOT: Sgt. Bonifacio Perez, Public Information Officer, Bluffton Police Department "It's very rare to see that happen around here, and like I said... these cats, they're feral cats, they don't reproduce, they've all been spayed or neutered and at some of these businesses they actually do some good. They kind of control the rodent population so there's some benefit to having them around. LL Tag: Sgt. Perez told me that whoever is arrested for this can face felony animal cruelty. That includes a penalty of up to five years in prison. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:01:20

3/7/2024 5:59:00 PM	5PM	2 INDICTED IN HOUSE BOMBING	The indictment says the two men conspired to harass, intimidate, injure or kill their victim, who owned the home. The indictment alleges that Glosser found the victim's home and built an explosive device along with Kinsey. It says they two used a destructive device to blow up the victim's home. The conspiracy charge carries penalty of up to 20 years in prison, with an additional 10 years for the charge of using an explosive to commit a felony.	00:00:26
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3/7/2024 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm	WIS: SAV. MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUAL REL.	37-year-old Michael Copson was sentenced to 28 years to prison. He pleaded guilty to 2 counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the second degree. Officers say he would drive from Savannah to Lexington County to visit people he knows back in March of 20-22. During those visits- Copson began a relationship with the teen. He later admitted to also having sexual contact with her. They were in a relationship for 9 months before it was discovered and reported to law enforcement. Copson will be transferred to the South Carolina Department of Corrections where he will serve his sentence.	00:00:35
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3/7/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	BRYAN CO. BOMBING INDICTMENT	34-year-old Caleb Kinsey and 37-year-old Stephen Glosser already face state charges of unlawful possession of an explosive and first-degree arson. They have now been indicted Federally on charges of Stalking, Use of an Explosive to Commit Another Felony Offense; Conspiracy to Use an Explosive to Commit a Felony; and Possession of an Unregistered Destructive Device. Kinsey also faces additional weapons charges.	00:00:25
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3/9/2024 12:00:00 AM	11PM	PETA \$5K REWARD FOR BLUFFTON CAT KILLER	Bluffton Police are still looking for the person responsible for shooting and killing two cats. WE first told you yesterday The first cat -- Stitch -- was found paralyzed at a dumpster with a .22 caliber bullet stuck in her back. She was taken to the vet and had to be put down. The other cat -- Whitney -- was found dead five days later. Officers believe she was shot by a BB gun.	00:00:22
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3/10/2024 11PM TOOMBS: 2 Just a few minutes later- around 12:46 a.m.- deputies responded to *another* crash on Georgia
11:01:00 WEEKEN TEENS, 1 Highway 130... near the intersection of Kingwood Drive.... Preliminary reports say a Dodge Charger
PM D ADULT DEAD IN SEP. was traveling west on the highway... when it went off the road and struck a tree.... Two teens in the
CRASHES vehicle- 18-year-old Brooke Williamson... and 19-year-old Kyle Jackson- died on the scene from their
injuries... A third passenger was ejected from the car... and taken to the hospital with another
passenger with life-threatening injuries.... Both crashes are being investigated by Georgia State Patrol. 00:00:36

3/12/2024 ST. PATRICKS Today - city leaders encouraged folks to have a plan - especially when it comes to transportation. One
4:00:00 DAY SAFETY option they're reminding you of - Chatham Area Transit is offering zero fare fixed-route and Paratransit
PM 4PM PUSH AHEAD services on Friday and Saturday from four-thirty a-m until 10 at night. They also walked WTOC through
a couple others things to know when it comes to getting around downtown. Our Flynn Snyder is working
on that story for THE news at 5. 00:00:26

This is surveillance video from June 20-21 at the Abercorn Street Travelodge hotel. A Chatham County Police Department case report says it shows officer Phillip Hutto walking towards Jacob Palmer...about a possible stolen tag on his truck. Palmer appears to run away from Hutto who then grabs the man...and both fall to the ground. It was then...the case report says Hutto fired his taser...but failed to take down Palmer as the suspect broke away from him. The report goes on to say Palmer had a gun in his left hand and pointed it at Officer Hutto while running towards his police car. The video then shows Palmer driving the police vehicle towards Officer Hutto who was taking cover behind bushes. Palmer exits the vehicle to pick up Hutto's taser, but then drops it and his bag...Palmer fled the scene in the stolen patrol car. nats of police chase/radio traffic? That then led to this wild chase captured from above in Savannah-Chatham police's Eagle One helicopter. It shows the stolen police car weaving through Savannah traffic and driving over medians before ending in a fiery crash near Victory Drive and Bee Road. nats of body cam footage? According to the case report...Georgia State Patrol took over the pursuit. It says Palmer shot at the Troopers...who then returned fired striking the 29-year-old three times. That's when Palmer was arrested and taken to the hospital. For the first time we're learning that Palmer used Officer Hutto's cellphone during the chase. The case report says Palmer called 9-1-1 and told a Chatham County dispatcher that he "just stole a police officer's car and now they 're chasing him." nats of Hutto reaction Body cam footage shows responding officers at the Travelodge talking with Hutto after the chase. Hutto later told investigators that before his police car was stolen...Palmer asked him "Do you want to die" and "Go home to your girl buddy." Hutto saying he kept a photo of his wife in his patrol car and believed Palmer saw it. nats of plea hearing? At Palmer's plea hearing in Chatham County Superior Court last month...Hutto took the stand...saying he was seconds away from death. (from February) "I truly believe that the only reason that that man sitting there did not kill me that day is because I was able to remove the magazine from his gun that he was trying to kill me with. And if I wasn't able to do that, my two little girls would be growing up without a dad."

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This room here at the city's Adams Complex serves as the emergency operations center throughout St. Patrick's Day weekend. Local leaders will have the ability to monitor more than 100 traffic cameras to help keep the city safe. The City of Savannah is expecting one of their biggest crowds yet for this St. Patrick's Day – and while people are celebrating along the sidewalks of downtown... Nearly two dozen people across multiple departments... will be keeping watch... here. "What you see here, you'll have many eyes on these screens. You can see behind me, there are a ton of screens up there. From an event perspective, best practices, we're looking for safety, we're looking for of course, continuing government services." Some departments in this room this weekend include Savannah Police, Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and even the FBI. "Anybody that potentially can be pulled in, or needs to know how the parade is going, is involved in cleanup, traffic management, emergency response, we have a lot of different people who could need to be activated during the parade." This room is typically operated by the City of Savannah's transportation department.... For traffic control. But on special events, it becomes the Emergency Operations Center, or E-O-C. This is the second St. Patrick's Day it's been based at the Adams Complex. "Technology has come a long way. When I first started doing this, we had projector screens, and pull down screens set up. Lots of projectors in an old room. What I want everyone to know, because of the new technology, because of how many cameras we have out there, because of how many eyes we have on those cameras, we can really get a good picture." A good picture... of a historic tradition here in the City of Savannah. City leaders want to remind parade-goers to arrive early and be sure to be patient the day of the parade due to those large crowds. In Savannah, HB WTOCI NEWS.

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SAV ST PATS
COMMAND
CENTER

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As thousands of people hit the streets of Savannah for the 200th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, doctors at Memorial Health are getting ready for a busy emergency room. "People are going to be drinking and things of that nature and we just want them to be very responsible with what they're doing downtown." One way he says you can be responsible... making sure to hydrate. DR. JAY GOLDSTEIN "One drink to one glass or bottle of water is what we recommend. Try not to drink anything more than one and a half to two drinks an hour." He says another thing to be aware of is the higher temperatures we're expecting on parade day. With temperatures set to be in the 80s, Goldstein says it's not something many of us are acclimated to, making it even easier to experience heat exhaustion. He tells me if you're starting to feel dizzy, tired, or just not right, it's best to get inside. DR. JAY GOLDSTEIN "Seek shelter, get something to hydrate you, whether it's a balanced electrolyte solution or water, and just see how you go from there." He also says for anyone planning on running the squares early in the morning on parade day, you have to be extra cautious of your health and safety. DR. JAY GOLDSTEIN "You talk about lack of sleep, when you talk about the sun, when you talk about alcohol, unfortunately those three things don't mix." BUTTED TO "It just kind of creates more of an environment for you to get into trouble with the alcohol and the surroundings during St. Patrick's Day." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

3/15/2024 ST. PATS
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LL: Vidalia police say the shooting took place here at East Jenkins and Epstein Streets. It happened around five p-m Saturday in broad daylight and witnesses tell me many people were outside at the time. PKG: "Chaos and pandemonium." That's how long-time Vidalia resident Connie Williams describes this neighborhood after Saturday's shooting. Police say it left 23-year-old Justin Godfrey and 18-year-old Iesha Wicker dead...both the victims are from Soperton. Williams: "This is not normal. It shouldn't be this way." Several members from Vidalia's police department declined an on-camera interview for this report...but staff there tell me officers worked the shooting scene until early Sunday and have been following up on leads. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is assisting with this case and had crews out in the area for several hours today. Vidalia P-D says officers found Godfrey and Wicker shot at the scene Saturday evening. The two were taken to a hospital where they died. Williams says she grew up in this neighborhood and wants more to be done about the violence here. In another incident...a man was shot on Epstein Street last year. Williams: "I can't even bring my grandkids over here because they're afraid to come here and that hurts my heart." LL: I reached out to Vidalia's city manager who referred me to the police department. I have not heard back yet from the councilmember who represents this area. Anyone with info on Saturday's shooting is asked to call Vidalia P-D or the G-B-I. In Vidalia...FS...WTOCN.

3/18/2024 VIDALIA
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NEW COVID
GUIDELINES
They recommend that while you're feeling sick, you stay home, but after 24 hours without symptoms, you can return to work or school. These changes mirror the CDC's recommendations for the flu and other respiratory illnesses. Doctors at Memorial Health say this is likely because so much of our population has been vaccinated or exposed by now, giving them more ability to fight the virus.
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CANDLER CO.
ELDER ABUSE
CHARGES
UPDATE
You may remember - the co-owner and executive director of Southern Manor were arrested last August. The Candler County Clerk of Court confirming to WTOC today two charges have been dropped against Ralph Cowart and Meghan McCullogh. They are still charged with exploitation and intimidation of disabled adults, elder person and residents, along with failure to report a case of abuse of disabled adult. They were originally also facing neglect and reckless conduct charges - but again, those have been dropped.
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3/21/2024 SECOND Beaufort Police say Desarai Bennett turned herself in connection to the shooting on March 3rd at Cross
11:00:00 SUSPECT IN 6 Creek Apartments on Ambrose Run. They also arrested and charged 18-year-old Benjamin Seabrook
PM 11PM YO SHOOTING with many charges including involuntary manslaughter. Police say the 6-year-old found his gun in the
DEATH home and shot himself in the head. 00:00:20

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SUSPECT IN 6
YO SHOOTING
DEATH Bennett is also facing many charges including accessory to a felony, and criminal conspiracy. 00:00:06

3/22/2024
4:59:00
PM 5PM JASMINE:
BICYCLIST
KILLED The Georgia State Patrol is investigating a fatal crash on Highway 80 that happened last night. They say it happened near Bryan Woods Road on Whitemarsh Island. The crash involved a Ford F-150 and a bicyclist. We talked to people who live in the area today... They didn't want to go on camera, but they say accidents in that area aren't new to them and it is unfortunate that this time, someone died. We are working to get more information on the accident and victim, so we'll continue to keep you updated. 00:00:29

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CNN GA: TEEN INMATES ESCAPE DURING TRANSPORT
Colonel J. W. Jimmy Wylds, Burke County Sheriff's Office: "They are 14 and 15-years-old. They were being held in RYDC for burglary and firearm charges. And they had been in court in Bulloch County today and were on their way back to Augusta when this happened." the bloodhounds found the teens hiding in some woods. the dogs used the scent from a t-shirt belonging to one of the suspects that had blood on it. the teens were found hiding in a storage container still in their shackles. 00:00:28

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ST. HELENA DOUBLE HOMICIDE
Ryan looklive: Beaufort County sheriff's deputies are investigating the deaths as murders, saying both Alkire and Gardner suffered gunshot wounds. VO: Deputies said that Saint Helena Island was relatively quiet leading up to the murder. SOT: "We haven't had anything recently that seems connected to it, but the investigation will go into that." VO: The Beaufort County Coroner told me that the autopsy, which determines how the two victims died, should be available tomorrow. The sheriff's office had a busy weekend.. they're also investigating a homicide in Sun City. SOT: "We would love to have a weekend where we have no one injured, no one hurt. But at least we do know we have the resources available to us to respond to incidents like this, and to investigate them as thoroughly as possible." VO: Sheriff's Deputies are asking for anyone with information to contact investigators or Crime Stoppers of the Lowcountry. Their contact info can be found on our website. Looklive Tag: We'll be following this investigation as it continues. You can find updates on air and online at WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:01:08

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PM NOON LEILANI SIMON IN COURT "We have to keep in mind as well that the courthouse is going to be changing sites and locations, so in the back of my mind, I know that that may have some impact, but that's probably the least of the concerns. The most important thing is making sure that motions are heard and that we can move forward." 00:00:17

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PM 4PM ARBERY HATE CRIMES APPEAL TMRW The men who killed Ahmaud Arbery have a court date tomorrow. Travis McMichael, Greg McMichael and Roddie Bryan are appealing their federal convictions. You may remember - they were convicted on hate crimes and kidnapping charges separate from the murder charges in the state case. They're currently serving multi-decade sentences for their crimes at both levels. Just a reminder - cameras are not allowed in federal court, so WTOC will be working to get you updates from inside courtroom. 00:00:29

"It's 22 years old. The girl was 10 years old when her mom disappeared. That's brutal. I mean, it caught my attention." When O.C. Welch watched Mallorie Lazusky talk about her mom's disappearance, he knew he wanted to step in and help. "She's entitled to closure. You just can't have a story like that without some effort being put forward to solve that mystery." This \$10,000 reward is in addition to the \$7,500 previously offered by Crimestoppers – resulting in a potential reward of nearly \$18,000 for information. Mallorie Lazusky, Allyson's daughter says... she believes there's a reason for this recent development. "Could it be to lead to some kind of movement in her case? Okay. Could it be to restore my faith that there are still good people? There are still people who do care about my mom." "I am so thankful. I'm still kind of in shock." This isn't the first time Welch has offered to help with a case. He says it started when his son's friend, Wesley Franklin, an Isle of Hope Firefighter was shot and killed in June 2012. Welch says he offered reward money then, ultimately aiding in an arrest in the case. Wes's name and picture still hang in Welch's car dealership today. "As a community, we need to all come together and fight crime, and stop it as best we can. So many people lose their lives over stupid stuff." As for Mallorie – she has a plea to anyone with information: "If there is someone that knows something or can shed any kind of light that can lead to some tangible results, or actual momentum in getting this closed, and getting that closure, then I would hope to think \$10,000, \$7,500 that's almost \$18,000.... Would be some kind of incentive." Welch says he agrees. "She's entitled to closure. So far, she's lived 22 years without it, she's a mom. You know, that's not asking too much is it?"

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WTOCI:
ALLYSON
ROMEDY CASE
REWARD

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nat pop: Good morning, Ms. Simon? Leilani Simon...the mother accused of murdering her son...20-month-old Quinton Simon...back in Chatham County Superior Court Tuesday for a hearing in the case. Prosecutors telling Judge Tammy Stokes that they're waiting on forensic and toxicology testing from the F-B-I before the case can continue. The State is hoping to have those reports back by May. "What remain outstanding are forensic toxicology testing of certain materials recovered by law enforcement in this case, mainly a pillow case from Quinton's Pack 'N Play." Judge Stokes expressed her hope try the case before year's end...but said moving into the newly built county courthouse next door could delay future proceedings. "The most important thing is making sure that motions are heard and that we can move forward." She set an April 16th date for what's known as a Jackson-Denno hearing. That's when Leilani Simon's defense team will give their arguments on why any of her statements of guilt should not be admissible in trial. "At some point in time, I think we just have to draw the line and proceed to trial." Simon was indicted in December 20-22 and faces 19 counts. She's accused of murdering her son Quinton and disposing his body in dumpster. That lead to a weeks-long search in a local landfill with help from federal investigators...and drew national attention.

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"They might not know that the local rescues can provide spay and neuters. I think that reaching out to the local rescues will help with the overpopulations of animals." "The citizens are our eyes and if they don't let us know, then we can't work on it. So any city, any district in the 3rd, the 1st, if you're having a problem with feral cats, please let us know so we can entertain that and offer some real solutions to mitigate that."

3/27/2024 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBRE AK 5AM ANNA: 3RD DISTRICT ANIMAL CONCERNS 00:00:25

3/27/2024 6AM 5AM ANNA: Holly Murphy lives in the third district and says that her dog has been attacked and bitten by other loose
5:59:00 DAYBRE 3RD DISTRICT dogs four times- and one of those times was bad enough for a trip to the vet. It's to the point that she
AM AK ANIMAL carries an airhorn and citronella spray when she takes her dog on walks in case of an attack. She also
CONCERNS says that she sees feral cats all the time.. and that she believes there are solutions available in the
community... city leaders agreeing, saying residents just need to speak up about the issue. 00:00:30

3/28/2024 TOOMBS CO. Also new this hour - Toombs County Sheriff's Office records show an 18-year-old turned herself in on
3:00:00 FATAL CRASH charges connected to a deadly wreck. Lauren Wilcher had two warrants for homicide by vehicle, along
PM 3PM ARREST Jackson died in the crash. One other passenger and Wilcher were both taken to the hospital with
serious injuries. WTOC will continue to bring you updates in this case. 00:00:39

**ISSUE 2-LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW LAWS -LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT ISSUES THAT FIRE, POLICE AND OTHER MIGHT HAVE THAT INCLUDE BUDGETS, HANDLING OF PRACTICES AND NEW ADDITIONS INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND STAFF AND PROGRAMS IN DEPARTMENT. PRAYER WALK TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE IN SAVANNAH, SPD NYE DUI NUMBERS WITH 9 PEOPLE KILLED ON GA ROADS, SPD CHASE POLICY, BEAUFORT AMBULANCE UPDATE, CHATHAM DETENTION CENTER RENOVATIONS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, SPD MOTORCYCLE TRAINING, CCPD 2023 CRIME STATE NUMBERS, SPFD OFFICER SUSPENSION REDUCED, CHATHAM CO. 911 RESPONSE TIMES, BEAUFORT POLICE CHIEF SEARCH, POLICE CHIEFS CASE GOES TO GA SUPREME COURT, CHATHAM CO. NON EMERGENCY CALL CENTER PROBLEMS WITH STAFF SHORTAGE AND NON EMERGENCY CALLS, 2 INMATES DEAD AT SMITH STATE PRISON, CNT UPDATE THAT OVERDOES NUMBERS ARE HIGHER BECAUSE OF A BETTER WAY TO TRACK THEM, SPD POLICE CHIEF TALKS ABOUT DECREASED CRIME IN 2023. SPD OPERATION TOTAL FOCUS RIDEALONG, ST. PATRICK'S DAY DOWNTOWN SAFETY, TYBEE'S 1ST POLICE DRUG K9, ST. PATRICK'S DAY ARRESTS AND EMS CALLS, BEAUFORT EMS AWARDS SPD DETECTIVE POLICIES VIOLATED, HINESVILLE POLICE CHIEF RETIRES
SOURCE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

VO: Community advocates... gathering at the end of the year... to continue to address an issue that's top of mind for them – gun violence in Savannah. Debbie Bennett, Savannah Resident/Gun Violence Walk Organizer SOT: "It's sad, it hurts my feelings to see a lot of young kids dying. I lost my nephew from gun violence. I lost a lot of my friends from it. It hurts." VO: This is Debbie Bennett. So far, she's organized two community walks here in Savannah to raise awareness for gun violence. SOT: "The idea came to me. I was laying in the bed, and this is what I wanted to do. So, I said I would go ahead and try it and I tried it the first time, it came out pretty good. So, they asked me if I would do a second walk and I said sure, so when all of this killing was going on, I said I would do another one." Luckily, according to data from the Savannah Police Department – So far this year, homicides are down four compared to 2022... and down five from 2021. However, non-domestic shootings – or aggravated assaults – have increased by 28 when compared to this time last year. It's numbers like these... community members say they want to see drop. Anne Allen Westbrook, SR Georgia House 163 VO: While Saturday's prayer walk at Forsyth Park didn't bring out as many people as they'd hoped – organizers say they plan to continue advocating for an end to gun violence... with another walk in the future. SOT: "Anytime I can see citizens doing their part to highlight this issue, then I want to come out and try and support them." In Sav, JB, WTOG NEWS. 00:01:29

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PRAYER WALK

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NUMBERS A busy holiday weekend for law enforcement in Chatham County. According to the sheriff's office, more than 60 people were booked for driving under the influence over New Year's weekend. You can see by the numbers here--that's higher than Christmas weekend but lower than St. Patrick's Day. During Christmas --more than 50 people were arrested for D-U-I. And over 90 were booked for St. Patrick's Day last year. 00:00:24

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TRAVEL
PERIOD
LATEST The Georgia Department of Public Safety says 9 people were killed on roads across the state over the last three and a half days. The WTOC update comes as holiday travel winds down. one of those deadly crashes was in our area on I-16 in Candler County. D-P-S has been tracking travel over the New Year's weekend since Friday evening. That ended at noon today. WTOC will keep an eye out for the final report from D-P-S. 00:00:24

LL: 64 people were booked here at the Chatham County Jail for D-U-I from Friday...December 29th to Monday...January 1st. VO: That's higher than Christmas weekend but lower than other holiday weekends like the 4th of July and St. Patrick's Day. In the days leading up to the New Year holiday...several agencies including the Savannah Police Department said they would be out in full force as people rang in 20-24. Even with a heavy police presence...it was a deadly weekend on Georgia roads. The state's department of public safety says there were nine traffic fatalities statewide during the New Year holiday period. That includes a Candler County wreck that Georgia State Patrol says left the driver of a Chevy Tahoe dead after she lost control of her car while trying to steer around a chair in her lane on I-16. GSP says the New Year holiday travel period ended at midnight last night. LL: It's not clear if any of the traffic fatalities across the state were DUI-related. Reporting in Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.

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The first is that an officer has to have "reasonable grounds" to believe the suspect has or is trying to commit a crime. The department policy also says an officer will chase when "the necessity of immediate apprehension outweighs the level of danger created by the pursuit." WTOC will continue to follow this case and bring you any updates.

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1/3/2024
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PM 5:30pm BEAUFORT
AMBULANCE
UPDATE

"Giving the residents and visitors of Beaufort County up-to-date technology as far as the sirens, the lights, but as far as the patient care, it's still the same high-quality patient care that we provide on a regular basis. It's just in a more updated model of transportation." In addition to the Daufuskie Island ambulances, a different gasoline-powered model is coming to Bluffton.

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1/5/2024 6AM 530 LIVE SHEA This is video of two other units that received similar renovations earlier this year. You can see that the
5:59:00 CHATHAM flooring and the walls are new and fresh. Sheriff Wilcher says that in the old units, there are aesthetic
AM DAYBRE COMM ON DET issues as well as safety issues- such as porcelain toilets that can be broken and used for weapons. He
AK CENTER says it's important to make sure that inmates in the detention center are living in humane conditions. 00:00:25

1/5/2024 5AM SHEA Commission proclaimed this month Human Trafficking Awareness Month for Tharros Place. It's a local
3:00:00 THARROS organization that combats teenage human trafficking. According to Tharros place, Chatham County
PM PROCLAMATIO ranks #4 for most human trafficking cases in the state of Georgia, and the average age of a victim is 12-
3PM N TODAY 14. Commissioner Aaron Whitely has been working with Tharros Place. He says that it's important for the
County to recognize this month because people might not realize how deep the issue runs. 00:00:29

LL: Chatham County's E-9-1-1 director told leaders that the center faces a shortage of 22 staff members. VO: Several commissioners asked for the briefing and noted they've received constituent concerns about wait times for 911 response in Chatham County. Leaders discussed ways to boost recruitment and also emphasized the center has outdated technology for recognizing call locations. They say the current technology has an easier time recognizing locations of calls made from a landline...but the county's 9-1-1 deputy director says 85 percent of the 15-hundred calls the center receives each day are made from a cell phone. He told commissioners that 9-1-1 officials met with AT&T earlier this month to finalize a contract that would bring updated technology to the county's call center and hopefully overcome that challenge. SOT: "That's part of our challenge of trying to locate people and part of having to stay on the phone with for extended periods of time, especially if they're tourists, trying to figure out exactly where they're at. That's one of the challenges that we do definitely have." LL: Officials noted the county's recently upgraded computer-aided-dispatch system has helped in handling calls more efficiently. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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CHATHAM CO.
911
RESPONSE
TIMES

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According to Chatham County Police data, gun-related assaults have increased in their jurisdiction over the past 6 years, and in 2023- there were 101 instances. 36 times someone shot a gun at a person- and in 15 of those cases, victims were hit. In Five, 15 people died. Three people were pistol whipped in the past year, and 11 times a building with people in it, was shot at. 51 of those incidents involved a gun being pointed at someone in a threatening manner. There were also 13 road rage incidents involving guns.

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5AM SHEA
CCPD 2023
CRIME STAT
NUMBERS

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LL: Chatham County police chief Jeff Hadley told commissioners that in 20-23...there were 101 aggravated assaults and homicides with firearms in unincorporated areas. VO: Chief Hadley says violent crime rose more than 15-percent in Chatham County from 2022 to 2023. Department data shows half of those gun related incidents involved a firearm being pointed or used in a threatening manner...but not discharged. Chief Hadley says even though there weren't any shots fired in those incidents...that type of situation could lead to a very dangerous encounter. SOT: "The propensity for people to rely on a weapon or the showing of a weapon to try and solve a conflict or be intimidating or whatnot is really unacceptable because we definitely don't know what the other person will do if they're confronted with that." VO: County commissioners also questioned the department's ongoing staffing shortage. The latest data shows C-C-P-D currently has a 20 percent vacancy rate. Chief Hadley said the department is constantly recruiting...and current tactics have yielded...what he calls a mixed bag of results. He says that the department wants to make sure the people that are hired fit the job well and are qualified to meet department standards. SOT: Hadley: "Police officers have a lot of responsibilities and a lot of powers, and we want to make sure that they're the type of people of character and ability to go deliver law enforcement services to the best of our abilities." LL: Despite the rise in violent crime...department data shows overall? crime in unincorporated Chatham was down nearly nine percent in 20-23 compared to the year before. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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5:53:00 PM 6PM CCPD 2023 CRIME STATS 00:01:40

Breaking news - Hinesville Police chief announcing his retirement. Chief Lloyd Slater says in a statement says this comes after several months of reflecting on his career...deciding now is the right time to step away. Slater has spent 37 years in public service...the last three of them as police chief in Hinesville. Slater says his retirement will be effective March 29th. WTOC is going through the statement he published through the department today. We'll have more details on THE News tonight.

1/22/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM HINESVILLE POLICE CHIEF RETIRING 00:00:30

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POLICE CHIEF
RETIRING Tonight -- we're learning more after a Hinesville Police Chief announced his retirement today. Chief Lloyd Slater says in a statement says this comes after several months of reflecting on his career...deciding now is the right time to step away. Slater has spent 37 years in public service...the last three of them as police chief in Hinesville. 00:00:21

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PM 5:30pm JASMINE
WTOC News. He started at the police department 37 years ago with one thing in mind... SOT: "Simply for the sense of adventure and excitement." but realized he could also make a difference.. "There's that other side of it that produces changes... some of which are very consequential and some of those changes, changes people's lives forever." During his time here, he says he was able to raise two daughters, find community and make a great impact. Saying 37 years few by. "I like the people, I like the job, I like the city that I work for. If I didn't like it, I would've been long gone.. and if I didn't like it, it would've seemed longer than 37 years." Thanking his community for the support he's receiving after announcing his retirement. "Looking at some of the comments on Facebook, on our social pages, apparently I'm, getting a lot of favorable comments adn well wishes from the community and it's very, very touching." Slaters will officially retire on March 29. The Police Department says they have begun the search for a new police chief. We'll continue to keep you updated as we get more information. In Hinesville... Jasmine Butler... 00:01:06

1/24/2024
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PM 6PM SPD
MOTORCYCLE
TRAINING "It's a very intensive course. It's physically and mentally exhausting. These students they are putting in more than 100 percent effort every day we come out here. So if they earn their wings, they definitely earn them. They don't just get them." He says they have two students in the basic motor course. And three riders plus a sergeant to get refresher training. 00:00:21

1/25/2024		BEAUFORT	New at 11 - the City of Beaufort says it has officially begun the search for a new police chief. The job was posted this week - following the retirement of Chief Dale McDorman. McDorman will officially retire tomorrow after announcing the decision back in December. The city says public feedback will eventually be a part of the hiring process, along with input from City Council. The city says in the meantime - They swore in Stephenie Price as interim police chief this week.	00:00:28
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1/29/2024		NEW HOPE	"I feel real good about receiving my certificate. I'm looking forward to leaving out of here, joining the animal service program and just move on with my life." "I'm grateful just to be part of it. We're doing some wonderful things down here at the sheriff's office. The programs department is fantastic." You can adopt the dogs that go through this program. The first step is to set up a meet and greet...then the adoption goes through Chatham County Animal Services.	00:00:27
4:59:00		GRADUATION		
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1/30/2024		SPD OFFICER	Corporal David Bates was taken off the job for 20 days following a deadly 20-22 wreck at Abercorn and East DeRenne. This...after the department said Bates violated chase policies. Bates appealed that decision...saying he did nothing wrong. According to a decision letter obtained by WTOC...the Civil Service Board has reduced the corporal's suspension on his record to three days.	00:00:23
4:59:00		SUSPENSION		
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1/31/2024		POLICE	The indictment came after a state investigation into a member of the now defunct Glynn Brunswick Narcotics Enforcement Team in 2019. At the time - it led to a recommendation for criminal charges concerning that unit and the county police department. Powell and Scott are appealing a trial court's decision *not* to dismiss the criminal cases against them. They're arguing the indictments do not correctly charge them and are "unconstitutionally vague." The state is arguing their motions to dismiss were properly denied. That case will go before the Georgia Supreme Court next Thursday, February 8th.	00:00:36
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			PKG: Chatham County's District 6 commissioner Aaron Whitely says the biggest challenge with the 9-1-1 call center is staff's ability to answer calls. Whitely partly blames staffing shortages. "Another reason is because our call lines are clogged up, often times with calls that aren't necessarily emergencies." That's prompting county leaders to spend more than 300-thousand dollars to hire one non-Emergency communications manager and five lead call takers for a new call center... meant to handle non-emergency situations. Standup: County 9-1-1 staff say non-emergency calls can clog lines...but commissioners hope with the new funding...administrative and information related phone calls will be diverted away from the 9-1-1 center. Whitely: "Maybe it's an animal control issue. Well, we don't need to tie up our emergency responders for that. Let's divert that to the non-emergency call center and make sure that whoever is on the other line is getting the attention they deserve." Whitely says the county is looking into getting a shorter...non-emergency number for unincorporated Chatham County to make it easier for the those who need help to make a call. Whitely: "If you were to ask me what the non-emergency number is right now, I wouldn't know it of the top of my head. I have to go into my phone and even then it's seven digits." Commissioners hope that by diverting non-emergency calls from the 911 center...those in serious situations will have an easier time reaching a call taker. Whitely: "Nobody should call 911 and not get an answer." In Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:34
2/5/2024		CHATHAM CO. NON EMRGNCY CALL CENTER		
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			According to a statement from the Department of Corrections- Donquerius Mahone died on February 4th. Right now- Mahone's death is listed as undetermined. Another inmate- Gineli Gray- died FRIDAY. Gineli's death is also listed as undetermined. Both bodies have been turned over to the County coroner and will be taken to the GBI crime lab to determine an official cause of death.	00:00:22
2/11/2024	7AM	2 INMATES DEAD AT SMITH STATE PRISON		
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2/12/2024 1:16:00 AM	11PM WEEKEN D	GARDEN CITY COFFEE WITH A COP	Happening tomorrow- Get a chance to connect with your local officers with Garden City Police Department's Coffee with a Cop! They're partnering up with McDonalds to have both coffee and refreshments. It starts tomorrow morning at 8 at the McDonalds on Augusta road. Representatives from Savannah Crimestoppers will also be there.	00:00:20
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2/16/2024 5:59:00 PM	5PM	ANNA S.: CNT UPDATE	<p>"CNT's director says one of the reasons why those overdose numbers are up so much in comparison to 2022 is in part because the team now has a better way of tracking that data." "We had just really instituted how we record things and that we were even recording and taking the statistic." Michael Sarhatt, the director of Chatham-Savannah CNT, presenting last year's numbers to the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. In 2023, 86 people in Chatham County died because of a drug overdose. That's up from the 59 deaths in 2022. Sarhatt says another reason behind that increase, is because of how quickly fentanyl turns deadly. MICHAEL SARHATT "The difference between now and days of the past is because of the fentanyl and it's so deadly, you know, there's no real time." That's why he says his team is trying to raise awareness about fentanyl and other drugs across the community. One way they're doing that is by partnering with the Savannah Chatham Public School System and the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire for the Positive Peer Influencer Program... where high school students serve as mentors to middle schoolers. MICHAEL SARHATT "The thought process there is that, rather than me going into a middle school and talking to a bunch of middle schoolers that aren't going to listen to me, they would probably take the message better from a high schooler that they looked up to." They're also trying to make parents more aware of the dangers, by walking them through different simulations... showing them signs to look for in their children's bedrooms. MICHAEL SARHATT "We've had over 200-300 people, and no one has walked out and said, 'that really wasn't worth my time.'" ((ANNA)) "Sarhatt says he's looking forward to continuing those efforts and see what impact they may have on overdose numbers in 2024. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	00:01:49
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SPD Chief Lenny Gunther presenting 2023's crime statistics, showing that a number in what the department calls part one crimes decreased. "Homicides, aggravated assault with gun domestic, aggravated assault without gun non-domestic, residential burglary, entering auto and auto-theft." While Chief Gunther says he's proud to see these numbers down, he knows there's still room for improvement. In 2023, they saw 30 more cases of aggravated assaults with a gun compared to 2022.... a number Gunther says they're always working to bring down. CHIEF GUNTHER "That is something that we deal with daily, internally and externally." He says one of the most important things the department is trying to do to bring these numbers down is engage more with the community, especially with Savannah's youth... something the department does through its Police Athletic/Activities League. CHIEF GUNTHER "We focus on conflict resolution, right, how to mentor males and females in life skills and job skills." Gunther says the department has also been greatly utilizing its Behavioral Health Unit... something aimed at reducing the amount of people going to jail with mental or behavioral issues. CHIEF GUNTHER "The BHU interacted with 868 individuals, completed 259 follow ups, connected 507 individuals to services." Gunther says he and his team will continue their efforts to try and keep up with community engagement in 2024... all in an effort to bring down crime rates in the new year. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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ANNA S.: SAV
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nat sound They call it total focus. *nat sound* an operation the Savannah Police Department does monthly where they call in extra officers to patrol throughout the city, to make sure officers are seen. ((WILLIAM HUSETH##SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT)) "If by that interaction, by that citation by my sheer presence and that lawful stop, I can gain voluntary compliance from the citizen to stop doing a bad thing or do a good thing, than thats my job." According to SPD their operation in November resulted in 13 arrests and 63 citations, including 7 DUI arrests, and recovering 6 guns, and 2 stolen cars. ((HUSETH)) "There was the chief of police who Declared that the total focuses have been successful and will continue." Officer Huseth says that Patrolling and spending time in higher crime areas is what the department is hoping will discourage crime. ((WILLIAM HUSETH##SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT)) "Where the crime hot spots, the people in those hotspots not only are we being present but we are being proactive in hopes to discourage criminal endeavors." Lindsey Stenger WTOC News.

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OPERATION
TOTAL FOCUS
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The operation led to 20 arrests last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Officers also recovered more than 200 grams of illegal drugs and 10 stolen weapons. Savannah Police runs this operation several times throughout the year in hopes of removing illegal guns, dangerous people, and drugs from the street.

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"As calm as Tybee is, you know, we're not- we still fall victim to the drug problem that's around the United States." That's where K-9 Nauti comes in. The German Short-Hair Pointer is Tybee's first and only Narcotics Detection K-9.. and Officer Kendrick believes she's the youngest in the state. Kendrick: "It makes me proud to see her as young as she is being as talented as she is." At just eight months old, Nauti is trained to recognize the odors of six different narcotics. None of it would've been possible without Kendrick. He spent 6 years in the Army as a military working dog handler.. and when he got out, Tybee PD wanted him to start their first ever K-9 program. Kendrick: "You work on the fundamentals, the stability, the basic obedience stuff first, then you start working on imprinting that odor, your target odors." All in all, Kendrick said the process of training K-9 Nauti up took around eight months. When she's off the clock.. she's just like any other dog. But when she's at work...she's ready to protect and serve. Kendrick: "People should be able to come to Tybee and feel safe and not worry about dangerous drugs in our community. This is going to be a huge asset in combatting that."

2/27/2024 6AM 5AM SHEA
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Megan Barbee was arrested and fired Tuesday after what the Sheriff's Office calls "alarming confessions." The sheriff says Barbee was interviewed before her shift as a part of an ongoing investigation. He says that's when she told them she took money from inmates in exchange for bringing controlled substances into the jail. The office says Barbee was fired immediately and booked. Barbee faces possession and conspiracy charges in the case.

3/6/2024
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3/7/2024			"We've used all the measures that we can. We stop all the non-personnel coming in except people who actually work here. We make them go through the x-ray machine. We do everything we can do to keep it from going back there." "You just got to rely on your officers. You got to know that they're trustworthy and not going to do something like this."	00:00:20
5:29:00		CHATHAM CO		
PM	4:30PM	ARREST FOLO		

3/12/2024		SLED 2	WTOC has been following these issues for a while now. SLED tells WTOC that it launched investigations into the Hampton County Sheriff's Office and Government back in January and April of 2023. It says both of those investigations are active. Residents protested outside the County Courthouse yesterday, calling for an audit to find around 5 million dollars that was reported missing in 2022. WTOC is continuing to follow this story as it develops.	00:00:27
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3/12/2024			If you're heading to Savannah for St. Patrick's Day celebrations...you won't be alone. On top of S-P-D crews.... "We're bringing in another 200 officers from outside agencies." ...hundreds of officers from across the state will be descending on the Hostess City this weekend...making sure crowds stay safe. nats of crowds? Savannah Police Department Sgt. Jason Pagliaro says daytime enforcements will focus on traffic woes...but after the sun goes down... Pagliaro "If you are out drinking and driving, you are probably going to get stopped." ...G-S-P nighthawks and H.E.A.T. units will be out in full force on area roads. Pagliaro: "If you get stopped it gets costly. Do not drink and drive." Police are also urging those downtown pedestrians to stay alert and follow all traffic laws. Pagliaro: "There's going to be a lot of people, a lot of cars, a lot of things like that down here." Cars parked along the parade route will start being towed as early as four a-m Saturday. Pagliaro: "There's no way around it. We try to avoid it. We will try to make contact with you if we can." As for those restaurants and bars...fire marshals from across the state will be checking that they aren't overcrowded. "...checking for occupancy loads in the establishments that will be operating. That's inside the facility and right on the outside of the front door of the facility."	00:01:20
5:53:00		ST. PATRICKS		
PM	6PM	DOWNTOWN		
		SAFETY		

3/14/2024
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PM 5:30pm JASMINE: CES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PREPS CEO Chuck Kearns says they expect even more people than most years, but that his agency has learned a lot over the years of working the festival weekend. Chatham EMS will have everything from ambulances to ATVs ready to weave through crowds and get to anyone who is injured. Kearns also says they have some new plans in place this year to handle the super sized crowds. 00:00:22

3/14/2024
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PM 5:30pm JASMINE: CES ST. PATRICK'S DAY PREPS Chuck Kearns, Chatham Emergency Services "One thing we're doing different this year is we're bringing out our medical disaster bus. So we will actually have hospital bed type setups on St. Julian Street where we can bring the person there, get them into the bus and treat them if it's a twisted ankle or if they've fallen and gotten cut and need to wrap the wounds and things like that. So that will be different this year. That's a step up because again we're expecting bigger crowds." Kearns asks you to stay aware of what's around you if you go downtown over the weekend. He encourages everyone to have a ride plan if you think you might have alcohol. If any emergencies do come up, he says there will be lots of medics in the festival zone you can look for to get help quickly. 00:00:45

3/15/2024 CHATHAM EMS New video shows how Chatham Emergency Services is getting ready for the 200th Saint Patrick's Day
4:29:00 ST. PATS parade. This video shared with WTOC by the group's C-E-O Chuck Kearns...showing all the units ready
PM 4:30PM RESPONSE for parade response. 00:00:13

3/18/2024 ESTILL PD "This is the first of its kind. So it not only mean to me but, the town, the citizens of Estill and all the
3:00:00 GROUNDBREA people who came before me. I'm on their shoulder." Chief Solomon says the new station is expected to
PM 3PM KING be done in about 9 to 11 months. 00:00:14

3/18/2024 ESTILL PD New at 3-- One lowcountry town will officially have its first-ever police station. The Estill Police
3:00:00 GROUNDREA Department was formed in 19-19. But, the department has always been housed in city hall. That will
PM 3PM KING had to deal with a lot of challenges. That includes storage, evidence collections and office space in
general. He says it's everything that they will have a new building to call their own. 00:00:29

3/18/2024 RYAN: At this year's symposium, Beaufort County EMS responders won awards for Paramedic of the Year,
4:00:00 BEAUFORT EMT of the year and Advanced EMT of the Year. Beaufort County EMS told me that winning the three
PM 4PM EMS AWARDS to do that, it doesn't take a title, it doesn't take an award. VO TAG: Reporting from Beaufort County,
Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:01:05

Crowds filled the streets of downtown Savannah for the 200th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. "This one was one of the biggest ones I've ever seen, when you've got six people deep on the sidewalk." It's something Sheriff Wilcher, along with officials from the Savannah Police Department say they've been preparing for, for a while. "We work for months out, planning, preparing, getting everybody ready." With the event being so big, it's something law enforcement agencies need to work together to handle. SHERIFF JOHN WILCHER "We all want to work together because we all are trying to do one job. Serve and protect the people of this community." Sheriff Wilcher says over a four-day period, 192 people were arrested, 44 of them being DUI's. This is across the whole county and not just the festival area. SPD is still working to collect this weekend's statistics for incidents related to the festival, but they say it was not bad overall, especially for how busy the city was. "We didn't have too many incidents occur and we just really appreciate as far as the residents working with us." SPD officials say they believe that's likely due to the information the department passed on ahead of the parade. MAJOR MICHELLE HALFORD "We told you the do's, what you could do, what you couldn't do." 00:01:16

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ST. PATRICKS
DAY WEEKEND
ARRESTS

Here's a breakdown of calls they responded to. From Friday at noon to Sunday at noon they responded to 145 calls in the parade and festival area downtown. 31 people had to be taken to the hospital. For the parade only, emergency officials responded to 41 calls with 11 being taken to the hospital. And for a county as a whole--Chatham EMS responded to 414 calls with 183 being taken to the hospital. Chatham EMS says the most common responses were for falls, unresponsive patients, assaults, alcohol-related, heat-related and dehydration as well as diabetic emergencies. 00:00:34

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CHATHAM EMS
ST PATS
NUMBERS

<p>3/19/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM</p>	<p>MAYOR JOHNSON ON ST PATS WRAP UP</p>	<p>LL: The city says the Alcohol Beverage Compliance Unit investigated 38 businesses from Friday to Sunday. 11 of those were cited for giving alcohol to underage people. VO: This is a look at where the businesses who failed compliance checks are located. The city says 30 businesses were cited after failing server permit compliance checks. City sanitation crews were busy over the weekend too. They collected 54-hundred pounds of trash in roll off containers and removed 280 tons of debris. The Park and Tree department says crews also collected more than 12 thousand pounds of trash on Saturday and Sunday. The city says 52 cars were towed from the parade staging area and more than 400 citations were handed out for parking violations. Today Mayor Van Johnson pushed back against claims that the city didn't do enough to warn people about the parade's no parking zones and what some say are high towing fees. SOT: "Although people were not happy, I would not be happy if my car was towed, but the reality is that they were towed according to the law and the fines were assessed according to the law. The Department of Public Safety does not have the authority to establish a maximum tariff rate on towing abandoned cars. The City of Savannah has a head-out contract. Those rates are governed by those contracts. LL: For those alcohol checks, a full list of the businesses that passed and failed can be found on our website WTOC dot com. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.</p>	<p>00:01:26</p>
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<p>3/22/2024 5:30:00 PM 5:30pm</p>	<p>FMR CORRECTIONS OFFICER SENTENCED</p>	<p>Georgette Bennett has been sentenced to 20 years- also including a mandatory 6 years of confinement followed by probation. Last year- Bennett was accused of smuggling drugs to inmates. Sheriff John Wilcher says she smuggled fentanyl into the jail in a cup. Another accomplice- Montez Wade was also arrested and charged in connection to the case. He's accused of supplying the drugs to Bennett. His case remains active at this time.</p>	<p>00:00:26</p>
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3/25/2024 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM HINESVILLE NAMES NEW POLICE CHIEF Assistant Police Chief Tracey Howard will be promoted to the job when the current chief, Lloyd Slater retires on Friday. This comes about three months after Slater announced he would retire. Howard tells WTOC he will switch roles after that. Howard has been with the department for 33 years...most recently appointed to assistant chief in 2021. We have more on this announcement posted right now on WTOC dot com. 00:00:25

3/25/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM EXCHANGE CLUB POLICE OF THE YEAR "It's an honor and privilege serve the community of chatham county. But its humbling when you're selected amongst your peers as being an officer of the year, as a standout. It just reinforces the fact that we're doing our service to the community and your co-workers and peers also recognize the excellent work we're doing." BUTTED SOT "I can't do my job without the officers that I work with, work for every day. And we're just one big team and I'm proud to work with them, work for them." WTOC would like to send out a big congratulations to them! 00:00:31

Darryl Repress was a detective for SPD and before he was fired back in September he had six disciplinary incidents and multiple citizen complaints against him. He was disciplined by SPD for things like calling women crude, and for using excessive force against people that weren't resisting arrest. But none of those incidents were what got him fired. Repress: "It's just embarrassing." Int: "I get that man, I know. And there's a lot coming down on you right now. I can't even imagine it. But don't throw a truthfulness on top of it." Repress: "This just has destroyed my home and everything." Cpl. Darryl Repress was fired for violating nine Savannah police department policies...including having a sexual relationship with a felon in which he revealed confidential police information, knowingly took part in the purchase and sale of stolen items, and lied to SPD about it...according to Savannah Police Department Documents. A woman that complained to SPD's Internal Affairs Office, who we'll call Jane Doe, says Repress was threatening an ex-friend of hers, who we'll call Jane Roe. Doe saying that Roe and Repress had a sexual relationship, violating an SPD policy against officers associating with felons. Jane Doe said he was threatening to take out warrants on her, and others for "playing with his name", which would be a clear abuse of power by an officer. That threat that was captured on this Facebook Live stream. "I'm finna put warrants on ?, I'm finna put warrants on ?**** mom." SPD records show..after the live stream happened and the complaint was filed, SPD called Repress in for an interview. Interviewer:" But do you understand how that looks as an officer.. to the public? Repress: "I definitely understand how it look. That's how I said.. I get it. Trust me, I get it." Jane Doe also said Repress used her friend as a source for investigations. When asked about this undisclosed source by SPD Internal Affairs, Repress also admitted to having at least one sexual encounter with Roe on two separate occasions, giving her money out of his own pocket in exchange for information. A separate complaint filed says Repress sent this bodycam footage to Jane Roe that put an inmate's family in danger because he was providing information in a homicide case. Interviewer: "Have you ever provided or sent anybody bodycam outside of law enforcement?" Repress: "I can't attest. Probably. But I can't attest." Following the conclusion of the Internal Affairs investigation in September 2023, Repress was fired from the Savannah Police Department. The investigation found that he violated his oath of office, ethics, and conduct. Now- the effects of Repress' firing are being felt in the court system on cases he was involved with. Attorney Jonah Pine tells WTOC that Repress had key testimony in a triple homicide case from 2015. Jerrell Williams was put in jail after being accused of taking part in the 2015 killings of Anderson Mells, Gary Mells, and Johnny Green. The three were found shot to death in a house in Savannah. Williams, along with two other suspects, were indicted on murder charges in 2021. Repress was part of the major-crimes unit that reopened the murder investigation that same year, and according to court documents, Repress testified that Williams was identified by a witness in a photo lineup. However, a motion filed by Williams' defense claims that Repress was not the one who conducted the lineup...and it was another detective- who says the witness identified one of the other suspects, but NOT Williams. Pine, says if Repress' integrity is questioned his client could get out. "Absent Detective Repress' lies, I don't think that the State of Georgia has any evidence left." Darryl Repress did not return WTOC's request for comment. The Savannah Police Department declined to comment. So did the Chatham County District Attorney's Office, saying they don't comment on pending cases. SHEA: The case involving Williams has been scheduled for a jury trial several times- but each of those calls have been cancelled. There is a motion hearing in the case slated for May 7th. Detective Repress' POST certification, which you have to have to be a police officer in Georgia, is currently under investigation. We'll continue to follow this case on WTOC.. stick with us for the latest updates. 00:04:16

3/25/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM WTOCI: SPD DETECTIVE POLICIES VIOLATED

3/26/2024 4:30AM 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBRE AK EXCHANGE CLUB POLICE OF THE YEAR The Exchange Club has recognized its officer and supervisor of the year for the Chatham County Police Department. Officer of the year -- Corporal Hiram Rivera -- is part of the behavioral health unit. Watch patrol commander -- Lieutenant Mark Cartwright -- was named supervisor of the year. 00:00:18

VO: Lloyd Slater officially closed his chapter as Hinesville's Police Chief today. "Fortunately, I've been in a great community that supported any project that I've absolutely needed." That community, showing up in great numbers to give a warm good-bye after 37 years of service to the Hinesville Police Department. "37 years is a long time, and you don't see much of that these days and the bottom line is, it's just been a great place to work. I'm certainly going to miss the people, certainly going to go ahead and miss my co-workers..." But he says he's ready to move on to the next chapter of his life and everything it has to offer. But he's not going too far... "I plan on getting on a few boards, I've been active at least within this agency, and this city for the last 37 years, so to immediately turn it off like that, no." And he's passing the torch to Tracey Howard, the current Assistant Police Chief. "I've worked with him a long time, I'd like to think that I've mentored him through a lot of this process, I will still be here at least for the next week. I want to make sure this is a smooth process as possible and that the city and the police department are on good footing before I leave." In Hinesville, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News. 00:01:11

3/29/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM HINESVILLE POLICE CHIEF RETIRES

ISSUE3-ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ROAD HAZARDS. GA POWER STORM AFTERMATH, COLD WEATHER AND WARMING STATIONS, FLU AND OTHER VIRUSES, BLUFFTON UNSAFE WATER NOTICE, NEW COVID GUIDELINES, COLON CANCER AWARENESS, SAVANNAH MOLD, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY, SAVANNAH SAND GNATS, TALMADGE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS AFTER BALTIMORE BRIDGE COLLAPSE SOURCE: POLICE DEPTS, STATE OF GEORGIA AND SC , etc

SOT : "As of about noon, we're seeing about 32,000 customers without power." With the damage caused by this combination of wind and rain coming from today's storm, people across the state of Georgia have already lost power in waves. I spoke with John Kraft, a spokesperson for Georgia Power. He says they've been working near and far to try to tackle the damage caused by the storm. SOT : "Our crews are able to go out and safely start to restore power, they're doing that. Of course our control centers are working there in the background. And in our control centers, for instance, looking to re-route power where we can. So they're certainly seeing a lot of down trees, limbs on lines. Things like that." With recovery from today's storm still underway, Kraft says it's already time to get ready for the next one. Whenever that may be. SOT : "With an eye to the next one. There's always going to be a new weather system coming. Learn the things you need to do to prepare. As simple as plugging in your electronic devices, your phones, making sure you have all those devices charged." Georgia Power is estimating the number of people without power to go down by tomorrow. Reporting in Savannah. Ethan Stamm, WTOC News.

1/9/2024		GA POWER			
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"We don't want to see any of our unhoused neighbors out in the cold, because we understand that not only does the weather impact them physically, but it also impacts them other ways as well, so the Salvation Army will open its door to anyone who's seeking shelter during the cold weather nights. Being able to provide those warm beds. hot meals."

1/16/2024		ANNA: COLD			
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COLD
WEATHER
PREPS AND
SHELTERS

Earlier this afternoon the City of Savannah announced that a warming shelter here on Ogeechee Road will be open to all those without proper heating. It allows those to get a bed in a well-heated area. This shelter is a last resort shelter but it is open for those who need it.

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WATCHING
PETS IN THE
COLD

Keeping our pets warm and safe is also important in cold temperatures. Renegade Paws Rescue went the extra mile on Tuesday to make sure this happened. They say its pretty common for them to work with the city throughout the year to temporarily house animals for those experiencing a crisis.

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1/17/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM	SC & LOWCOUNTRY FLU LATEST	"When you get three different avenues hitting at the same time it's going to affect us. It affects our volume, our capacity to take care of patients, and then we have increased admission for patients that need more time - more care - so it's very trying for us because we just have to manage this increased volume." Despite the concerns, Dr. Matthews is confident the hospital will be able to continue providing a high quality of care for their patients.	00:00:26
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1/17/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM	LINDSEY: INSULATING AGAINST THE COLD	<p>Although we can plan, we never really know when Mother Nature will snap. And with temperatures dropping below normal winter weather here in the south, people aren't always sure how to prepare their homes... So I found someone who could help.. Don Newman is a local handyman who has been having clients reach out to him all week about preparing their homes for the weather.. ((DON NEWMAN##HANDYMAN)) "Because they are worried about their pipes freezing, and I have seen some things in the past." Pipes are one of the top 3 things to worry about for your home when temperatures drop... according to Newman. But an easy way to avoid that is to find a spigot somewhere outside or inside. ((DON NEWMAN##HANDYMAN)) "You want to keep it the spigot, to a small drip, just enough where it is running you dont want it too low or it won't serve its purpose, that way water is flowing through the pipe." *stand up* I also spoke with Guaranteed contractors who say that there is a trick involving cabinets *shuts cabinet door* that can prevent disaster ((voice of Joey Ruger##Guaranteed Contractors)) "If you just open up your cabinet doors with that ambient temperature that you set your house to it will allow your pipes to get that heat and stay at room temp so they dont freeze and bust." In case that happened it's important to know how to turn that water off so that it doesn't flood your home. So locating your water meter is crucial. ((DON NEWMAN##HANDYMAN)) "It's important to be able to locate this so in the event that something does burst in the house you'll be able to shut it off to prevent even further damage.. I went ahead and marked mine with a flag." Lastly, Moving away from the pipes and to your windows and doors, making sure those seals are vital to keep that hot air in and the cold out. "You wanna go around the door, where the door seals to the door jam itself if you notice that it is loose or it's not sealing properly, if you see daylight coming through whenever it the middle of the day you will want to cover those spots up, so to put some of the seal between the door or put blankets at the bottom."</p>	00:01:54
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1/20/2024 6:00:00 PM 6PM	OSCM WARMING CENTER	"We've been working closely with the homeless authority. What they've been doing is bringing individuals at night that they find on the street - they've been getting their van and bringing them to the shelter so that we don't have any individuals on the street at night during the freezing temperatures." Ray says they have been getting 100 to 120 individuals over the last few nights, so there is still plenty of space. An important note to be aware of... Old Savannah City Mission only takes men into their shelter.	00:00:30
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1/20/2024		OSCM	Old Savannah City Mission is one of those centers, as they will be open as an emergency shelter through Monday. The program director tells us they have 44 beds year-round and in extreme weather like this another 200 mats that are a much better option than the outdoors. He says they've seen an uptick in guests over the last few nights and expect even more tonight as temperatures are expected to drop to their lowest point of the weekend.	00:00:26
6:00:00	WKEND	WARMING		
PM	6PM	CENTER		

1/24/2024		BLUFFTON	I spoke with representatives from the Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority, and they helped clarify the details of the letter. VO: In the letter, BJWSA explains that quarterly water test averages showed a high level of haloacetic acids, or HAA5, which can potentially cause cancer if ingested over long periods of time. BJWSA representatives told me that by a long time, they mean years and years of drinking water with high levels of HAA5. In a short term-situation like this, they told me there is little to no concern. A scientist from the University of South Carolina Beaufort confirmed this claim. SOT: "A decade, or decades is when you start to worry about cancer-causing properties, so no, a short-term increase in these compounds should not be a problem, assuming they go back down." VO: And go back down they did... a recent test from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control showed that the levels of HAA5 were cut nearly in half... well below the allowed level. HAA5 is a byproduct of water treated with chlorine. The more chlorine used, the higher levels of HAA5 will be. For now... levels of HAA5 will continue to be looked at during tests. Reporting from the Lowcountry, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:01:13
5:53:00		WATER		
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2/20/2024	5AM	RICHMOND	A health professor at the University of Georgia says Pine Beetles find weaker trees... burrow into the bark... and lay eggs. Some of those weaker trees were damaged in a hail storm last April. The beetles can kill the trees -- making them a hazard that could easily fall.	00:00:16
5:59:00	DAYBRE	HILL PINE		
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2/27/2024		SAV MINOR	New at 4 - the city of Savannah says a force main break is now repaired after a sewage spill Monday. This happened behind a building on Port Royal Drive on Wilmington Island. Betz Creek is in that area - not too far away from Saint Andrew's school.	00:00:14
5:00:00		SEWAGE SPILL		
PM	4PM			

3/5/2024		COLON	Colorectal cancer, commonly referred to as colon cancer, typically comes from abnormal tissue building up in the colon. "That's what makes screening for colonoscopies very important. To screen for these colon cancers and that we can cut them out early before they turn into cancer." According to the American Cancer Society, in 2020, 12% of colorectal cancer cases were diagnosed in people younger than 50, a number they've seen increasing since the 1980s. Mansour says that's a big reason why the age guidelines for colonoscopies have lowered from 50 to 45. WILLIAM MANSOUR "We were finding that there were a lot of colon cancers and pre-cancer legions prior to age 50 that we were catching." He says if you have a family history of colon cancer, you should start your screenings even earlier. WILLIAM MANSOUR "If one of your family members had a colon cancer, say at age 45, than we would actually recommend 10 years prior, to start screening at 35." As a result, Mansour says they're trying to make it easier for people to book their appointments. WILLIAM MANSOUR "A lot of people don't want to take off work to come see us in clinic and it is a lot." BUTTED TO "Even our clinic and St. Joseph's and Candler, we have initiated what's called direct access, that makes it easier for young people that they can just call our office, they don't even have to come see us in the clinic." He says as long as you're healthy, once you make that call, you can set up their appointment and go right to the office... skipping all the initial check-ups. Reporting in Pooler, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.	00:01:32
6:53:00		CANCER		
PM	6PM	AWARENESS		

We have officially entered the season of coughs, sneezes, and runny noses. "by the end of the day I was miserable, full of allergies, I couldn't talk, couldn't breathe". And with dozens of pollen coated cars riding around you may be thinking that pollen is the source of your latest headache or congestion. But according to regional allergist Dr. Robert Chrzanowski that may not be the case. "mold is in fact our number one pollen most of the time when you're outdoors". According to experts with Accuweather, the risk for mold allergies is high right now in the Savannah area. And it's been that way for more than a week. "most of your mold is going to appear when it's hot and humid, when there's a lot of rain and heat". Chrzanowski also mentioned that mold can be found both inside and outside. And because of the symptoms being close to other allergies many don't think about mold being the cause. "symptoms like itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, sneezing, it can also aggravate asthma too". According to accuweather grass and ragweed pollens are considered low allergy risks right now. Tree pollen is considered to be at a moderate allergy risk. Leaving dust or dander and mold considered high allergy risks. But even with this data Dr. Chrzanowski says there is only one way to find out if mold is the cause of your irritations. "you ought to be skin tested so you know exactly what your exposures going to be" There are several ways to combat mold-related allergies. Accuweather suggests that you Keep your home's indoor humidity below 45% to avoid mildew build-up. You should also Increase the airflow inside your home, especially in bathrooms and the basement. And remove your shoes when you come from outside. Dr. Chrzanowski says if you start to have symptoms you can take an over-the-counter antihistamine Or a nasal spray But if that doesn't work. And your symptoms continue. "Recommend taking allergy immune therapy, it does reduce your sensitivity so you have less symptoms and may be able to use less medications". So the next time you sneeze or find yourself coughing up mucus. Consider mold as the cause before deciding how to treat your symptoms.

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A&A:
SAVANNAH
MOLD

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LLINTRO: Springtime is approaching, and temperatures are rising. But so are the number of motorcyclists hitting the road. Officials say now is the time to more careful, more aware and more alert. Lt Scott Hensler, Traffic Enforcement Unit-- Hinesville Police Department SOT: "They've got to be attentive while operating the motorcycle." VO: Lt Scott Hensler is with the Hinesville Police Department's traffic enforcement unit. But outside of his uniform, you can sometimes find him on a motorcycle. ON CAMERA QUESTION: "So you are a motorcyclist... what are some of those extra steps and extra things that you do to ensure you're being safe while you're driving?" Lt Scott Hensler, Traffic Enforcement Unit-- Hinesville Police Department SOT: "Wear the proper clothing, always reduce my speed in heavy traffic and I'm watching out for the other motorist because I'm going to always assume that they don't see me." VO: And he says, that's the advice he'd give people riding motorcycles. And for the people driving cars... Assistant Police Chief Tracey Howard says... Tracey Howard, Assistant Police Chief-- Hinesville Police Department SOT: "Please check to make sure that there's no one that might be entering into the intersection from a different direction." VO: Because it's at these intersections where he says many of the accidents happen... typically when bikers are making left turns. Tracey Howard, Assistant Police Chief-- Hinesville Police Department SOT: "They often enter into the intersection faster than what a car might be able to." VO: Putting everyone on the road, at risk. So when you're on your bike... or in your car... they want you to remember... Lt Scott Hensler, Traffic Enforcement Unit-- Hinesville Police Department SOT: "Drivers and motorcyclists, be safe and pay attention out there. Especially this time of year and throughout the summer hours. In Southeast Georgia, there's motorcyclists on the road all the time." VO: I'm Jasmine Butler, WTOC News.

3/7/2024 5PM

JASMINE:
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SAFETY

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3/15/2024 5AM
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Work on the site is on pause until Monday at the earliest. They are also temporarily removing the lane shift on York Street. Bull Street will stay closed for safety reasons. The agency says Savannah Fire will still have access in case of emergency.

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work on the federal courthouse in Savannah is on pause because of the St. Patrick's Day parade this weekend. Work on the site is on pause until Monday at the earliest. They are also temporarily removing the lane shift on York Street. Bull Street will stay closed for safety reasons. The agency says Savannah Fire will still have access in case of emergency.

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3/19/2024
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PM 6PM NEW COVID GUIDELINES
"We have to move forward as a country, we have to move forward as a society and now is the time to kind of relax a little bit on some of those restrictions and take that leap forward so that we can return to normalcy." The CDC still recommends that you continue to take precautions after leaving isolation, like wearing a mask around others, washing your hands, and practicing social distancing when around others who are at a higher risk of illness. 00:00:26

3/22/2024
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PM 6PM CHATHAM CO. GNATS OUT
VO: If you've been outside in Georgia in the evening, you've probably seen... or felt... the gnats. Byron Loomis is a manger at Yates-Astro Termite and Pest Control...he says, it's just that time of year. SOT: "As soon as it starts warming up, that's when you'll start noticing them, that's why we're noticing them now. VO: And when it starts to cool down... SOT: "You can go all the way to the first frost. And then they will go dormant." VO: He says the best advice he could give to protect yourself is to wear light clothing and use repellent.. SOT: "With deet in it.. and if you do that, that'll help also." VO: And if you just so happen to have a gnat issue at home... SOT: Vacuum very very thoroughly, because when they're not flying around and all that, they're in cracks and crevices... so they'll get down in carpets around the baseboards. And there's a few pesticides you can use. It's easier to get rid of gnats inside the house than it is outside naturally." VO: But I think we can all agree... SOT: "They're just a nuisance." TAG: In Savannah, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News. 00:01:01

3/27/2024
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PM 6PM WTOCI: TALMADGE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS
It's an iconic Savannah landmark...and serves as an entrance for large cargo ships into one of the country's busiest ports. At 185 feet of clearance and an average of 20-thousand car crossings a day...the Georgia Department of Transportation's February 20-24 inspection report says the Talmadge Bridge is in "Satisfactory Condition." It scored a six out of nine on the National Bridge Inspectors Scale...meaning there are some minor problems. The report notes there were not any critical deficiencies found but inspectors did find evidence of excessive cable vibration and cracks on guide pipes. They say these findings require some action within six to 12 months. "When we calculate the probability that an accident like this will occur, it's extremely low." Georgia Southern University Engineering Professor Dr. Gustavo Maldonado points out crucial support structures on Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge were located in the water. "They are close to the river. They are close to the margin of the river, but they are not in the water." The Georgia Ports Authority says the Talmadge Bridge does not have any support columns in the Federal shipping Channel. Savannah River Pilots handle 45 ships a week and two-thousand ships in fiscal year 20-23. They use daylight only transit whenever there is a first call for a new ship into the port. For the future, GDOT has announced a maintenance plan for the 33-year-old bridge...where it will replace existing cables and possibly increase the height to accommodate larger ships. There's also a feasibility study underway that is exploring alternatives to the current bridge. Dr. Maldonado says these efforts can help further reduce the chance of a catastrophic event with a cargo ship. "You also reduce the probability that a very tall ship will hit the deck of the bridge." G-DOT released a statement following the Baltimore incident that are awaiting results from investigators as to the official cause. 00:01:56

ISSUE 4-FIRE SAFETY-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY OF FIRES IN THE AREA MAKING THEM MORE AWARE OF PREVENTING FIRE IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. TYBEE FIRE SAFETY DURING COLD WEATHER, BURTON FIRE GRADUATION, 6 WEEKEND BURTON FIRES, BURTON FIRE STATS, FORT STEWART PRESCRIBED FIRES, POOLER FIRE BRINGS AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF OLD SPACE HEATERS, BREAK-INS AT CES FIRE STATIONS, MAJOR FIRE AT GA WELCOME CENTER AFTER TRACTOR TRAILERS RUN INTO EACH OTHER, BURTON FIRE COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT, TWO CHATHAM COUNTY FIRES AFFECTING A HOTEL AND LUMBER YARD SOURCE: FIRE FIGHTER, SAV. FIRE DEPT AND OTHER AREA DEPTS

LL: This fire left six people displaced. Four people...including two children...were able to escape the flames upstairs. Richmond Hill fire says two people in the downstairs unit were also forced to evacuate. PKG: The flames started around two Saturday afternoon and could be seen shooting out from the upstairs unit. Richmond Hill fire says crews arrived within minutes...but it did not take long for those who live here to lose everything. Everyone was able to get out okay...and first responders say they had to rescue a cat. Boarded up siding and charred windows are all that remain. Many are now looking to help. Standup: While cleanup and the investigation here continue...they're coming here? to Richmond Hill's Fire Station 1...dropping off donations for the family in need. nat pop: "We've gotten a pretty good amount so far." Captain Chad Woodard says the department is looking for clothes...pet supplies...school items and towels. The two children are a 10-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl. In just 48 hours...firefighters have already received several bags of donations. (00:51-00:59) "One thing with our community, they always go above and beyond with helping out when something like this happens. It's always a good feeling." As people continue to drop off items...Captain Woodard hopes the donation pile continues to grow. Woodard: "It's always heartbreaking when something like this happens. We just try to do whatever we can, and this community always comes together and helps." PKG: Donations can be dropped off here outside Richmond Hill fire station one on Ford Avenue. Reporting in RH...FS...WTOCN.

1/1/2024
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PM 6PM RICHMOND
HILL HOUSE
FIRE

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"During that time, not having the privileges of a true free man, it had to be a difficult time. To only get paid when you go to a fire and then you had to be the first ones there to start working those fires." WTOC'S Simone McKenny interviewed Savannah Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen and local historians to learn more about how the department has evolved on hundreds of years but why it is important to honor Houston's ultimate sacrifice nearly 200 years later. The story will be available on WTOC plus this evening

1/3/2024
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FIRST ON
DUTY DEATH

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"It's not common. It made me wonder: Did somebody start it? Or was it something that might've, you know, well in California sometimes fires start because of trash and stuff, but you know, obviously we're not in California so I don't think it was hot enough for that." Chatham E-M-S workers are still attempting to determine the cause of the fire. We'll be right back.

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Statistics from the number of calls that the Burton Fire District responded to in 2023 are in. I checked in with the district to see how the numbers hold up compared to 2022. VO: While overall emergency calls went up, the district says those numbers are expected for the growing population. What did surprise the district was a 12% increase in fires they responded to. SOT: "That was a surprise to us to see that number so high, thankfully none of them were very serious fires. We did have a couple serious ones last year, a lot of them weren't very serious, but nevertheless, they were fires." VO: Byrne told me that most of the calls they received were for electrical or cooking fires, which tend to be results of not paying attention to what's going on inside your home. SOT: "I think it's just an overall lack of awareness and education on how dangerous fires can be, how quickly they can spread, and how dangerous they can be with electricity if electricity isn't being used properly." VO: The district is constantly working to increase that awareness through education events. Byrne says to reach out to Burton FD for a free class, and even free smoke alarms. SOT: "If you are a member of a church, social group, exchange club, rotary club, even a book club, invite a firefighter to come and talk about some of the leading causes of fire in your community so you have a really full understand of what the problems are." You can find details of how to reach the Burton Fire District on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Burton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

1/17/2024
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PM 6PM BURTON FIRE
STATS 2022 &
2023 00:01:31

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UPHELD In their opinion - the court agreed with Remler on one point, writing in part, "we assume the trial court error regarding the limitation of the testimony of a defense expert," but they go on to say his other claims fail, writing in part, "we identify no other trial court errors."

1/18/2024
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Burton, Ridgeland, Lady's Island and St. Helena Island will all welcome new firefighters who have completed a 13-week training program hosted by the Burton Fire District. The school teaches Lowcountry firefighters the skills and techniques they need for their region, while working in said region. Before the program was created, recruits would be sent to train in Columbia and have to spend time learning the Lowcountry after graduation. SOT: "Often times when we send them to the fire academy, they learn all those great things but when they come back here we have to teach them then how it applies here locally. This way we get it done in one academy, and they're ready to go to work tomorrow." VO: There have been four building fires in Burton throughout the first three weeks of this year. The new recruits were able to ride along to the fires during training, which leaders say is a valuable experience. SOT: Daniel Byrne, Assistant Fire Chief, Burton Fire District "Well, it introduces them to old man fire at the right time in their career. They've had an opportunity to really see how we work." VO: New firefighters... already getting ready to go to work. SOT: "I'm going to on shift next week and I'm going to go to work, and I'm going to train, and I'm going to do the best I can. And then we'll see where that leads." VO Tag: Reporting from Burton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

1/19/2024
5:29:00
PM 5:30pm BURTON FIRE
TRAINING
GRADUATION 00:01:20

Firefighters responded to Mosley Street Sunday evening. When they got there, they found a building on fire. After saving the firefighter who was trapped inside the building, both firefighters were able to make it out. They were taken to the hospital for burns. We spoke with Scott Boyd - a Fire captain today about what happened.

1/19/2024
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PM 7PM SAVANNAH
FIRE RESCUES
FIREFIGHTER 00:00:20

"Believe it or not you can get frost bite for certain temperatures and you don't want that. I would encourage anyone if they go out on the beach walking, be clothed appropriately because that wind chill factor is greater than what it might be in town."

1/21/2024
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PM WEEKEN
D TYBEE FIRE
COLD SAFETY 00:00:15

In coastal areas like Tybee Island it's about as far from summer beach weather as we can get this weekend. The cold temperatures prompting Tybee Fire to recommend folks on the island take extra precautions... and the winter weather seriously.

1/21/2024
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D TYBEE FIRE
COLD SAFETY 00:00:14

1/22/2024 3:00:00 PM	3PM	BURTON FIRE RESPONDS TO 6 WEEKEND FIRES	That includes a house fire, and 4 brush-trash fires. Burton Fire says the two of those brush fires spread and damaged cars as well as structures. Firefighters are asking you to NOT leave burning piles unattended. WTOC's Ryan Tisminezky will have more coming up tonight on THE news at 6.	00:00:17
1/22/2024 4:59:00 PM	5PM	UTILITY CONTRACTOR FIRE LATEST	Thanks for joining us on THE News at 5. I'm Mike Cihla. I'm Dawn Baker. A timelapse shows that fire dwindling as crews worked to quash the flames. We want to get out to our Anna Stansfield who is LIVE with the latest. Anna -- what do we know about this fire right now?	00:00:15
1/22/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	6 WEEKEND BURTON FIRES	Ryan Looklive: The Burton Fire District responded to six different fires this weekend. Four of those were the result of brush burning. I got in the truck and sat down with Lieutenant Lee Levesque from the district to learn safety practices for burning brush. VO: Levesque told me that safety with burning debris in your yard starts before even lighting the fire. A quick phone call to the South Carolina Forestry Commission can prevent disaster. SOT: "That recorded line gives information to the property owners. 'Is it safe to burn today?' 'No it's windy, no it's too dry,' even when you have great moisture in our area. It's been dry for too long, and the moisture hasn't had a chance to do its greatness." VO: When it comes to what you can do during the burn, the most important thing to do is pay attention. SOT: "Regardless of where you burn or when you burn, there are always good practices. Having a hose line, a phone close by, tools to keep it at bay. Don't burn too big a pile, make sure it's controllable by you, and again, never leave it unattended." Looklive Tag: You can find details on how to contact the South Carolina Forestry Commission on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Burton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:01:11
1/22/2024 7:00:00 PM	7PM	GARDEN CITY FIRE	Thanks for watching The News at 7. I'm Dawn Baker. A firefighter is recovering after being injured while helping put out a fire on Chatham Parkway this afternoon. You're taking a look at drone footage we got of the scene today.	00:00:13
1/22/2024 11:00:00 PM	11PM	GARDEN CITY FIRE	A firefighter is recovering after being injured while helping put out a fire on Chatham Parkway this afternoon. You're taking a look at drone footage we got of the scene today.	00:00:10

1/23/2024	5AM	WTOCI	A Garden City water tower is also located next to that property. City Manager Scott Robider tells us	
4:59:00	DAYBRE	BREAKOUT:	there was no impact to the tower or to the city's water service as a result of the fire. We will continue	
AM	AK	GC FIRE	to track the investigation into the cause and keep you updated as we learn more.	00:00:17

1/23/2024			Continuing coverage- A firefighter is recovering after being injured while fighting a fire on Chatham Parkway Monday afternoon. This happened around noon on Monday. Garden City Fire, Port Wentworth Fire, Savannah Fire and ATF -- the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives -- were called	
12:00:00		GARDEN CITY	in for help because of the size of the fire. Some people in the area lost power while the fire was going,	
PM	NOON	FIRE	and one man who works near where the fire happened said he saw the whole thing.	00:00:29

1/23/2024			Shifting gears to follow up on a massive fire that badly damaged a Chatham County business. Fire officials tell WTOC they still working to figure out what caused the fire just off Chatham Parkway	
3:00:00		CHATHAM	yesterday. We know a firefighter was injured responding to the blaze. WTOC's Anna Stansfield spoke	
PM	3PM	FIRE LATEST	with officials less than two hours ago. She'll have the latest coming up on THE News at 6.	00:00:23

1/23/2024			WTOC is still following a massive fire that badly damaged a Chatham County business on Monday. Fire officials tell WTOC they still working to figure out what caused the fire just off Chatham Parkway. We	
4:59:00		CHATHAM	know a firefighter was injured responding to the blaze. WTOC's Anna Stansfield spoke with officials	
PM	5PM	FIRE LATEST	today. She'll have the latest coming up on THE News at 6.	00:00:21

1/23/2024			Black smoke filling the sky Monday afternoon after the fire broke out. Crews from the Garden City Fire Rescue arrived on the scene at around 12:30 in the afternoon and called for help shortly after. "We	
5:53:00		CHATHAM	knew it was going to be hard work, we knew it was going to take a lot of personnel, so just knowing that,	
PM	6PM	PARKWAY	we knew we needed to call additional help." Port Wentworth and Savannah Fire crews came out to	
		FIRE FOLO	help. Savannah Fire says one of their firefighters injured his knee while inside the building. They say he	
			was taken to the hospital and is expected to be ok. Navarez tells me there were about eight people	
			inside the building when the fire broke out, and another two outside, but luckily, they all made it out	
			safely. Navarez says the cause of this fire is still under investigation. "With the fire that extensive, you	
			know, all that fire damage, it's going to be hard to pinpointing. You know, we kind of focus on that area	
			where the initial ignition was."	00:00:56

In December, SLED told me they charged 23-year-old Jamar Smith-Hagood in connection to the deadly shooting. Now... they tell me that another suspect is being charged... 26-year-old Andrew Lee Grober II. VO: Both Smith-Hagood and Grober face charges including murder, attempted murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. SLED obtained warrants for Grober last week on the 24th, while warrants for Smith-Hagood were obtained over a month earlier on December 20th. I asked SLED why there was a gap in time between the arrests, they told me every investigation is unique, and cannot release more information as this is an active and ongoing investigation. In the warrants, SLED officers describe surveillance video showing a fight between two rival groups of people in this parking lot of the Riverwalk Business Park in Okatie. State investigators say the video shows Smith-Hagood and Grober shooting toward the victims. First responders to the scene were Hardeeville Police Officers, who described what witnesses saw back in December. A man told one of the officers that as soon as he heard gunfire, he hit the ground. Officers say that when they got to the scene, they found people running around the bar, screaming that people had been shot. Ryan Looklive Tag: The investigation is still ongoing, so stick with WTOC for any updates. Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

2/5/2024 MONDAY
6:29:00 MT JASPER CO.
PM PRACTIC SHOOTING
E ARREST

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The city says the fire department is doing it's annual fire hydrant testing right now. It's expected to last through the end of April. That means people within the city and the 5-mile area the department serves may temporarily have low water pressure or discoloration in their water. the fire department says you should flush your cold water lines until they run clear. Anyone with questions about where the department will be working can call Statesboro Public Utilities Department.

2/8/2024 SBORO
12:00:00 HYDRANT
AM 11PM TESTING

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LL: Crews here in Fort Stewart hosting a prescribed burn. Wearing flame resistant outfits like these, they're bright yellow tops and dark green pants. They say they these pre-planned burns are to keep the ground ready for military trainings and conduct research. PKG: SOT: By prescribe burning, we're achieving multiple goals simultaneously that sustains the military training mission." VO: Goals like research... on things like fire behavior and how it consumes fuels.... or even smoke... and its impact on the environment around them... SOT: "Many of the plants and animals here are well adapted to fire particularly in the southeast, so what the fire will do is, it'll slowly consume some of the dead and down litter and then it'll deposit some nutritious carbon on the ground." A joint effort with the crews that do the burns and the scientists that study them. Fort Stewart has the biggest sites for these kinds of fires, burning more than 100,000 acres of land every year. SOT: So the prescribe is the prescription that we write months in advance and it has the weather conditions, safety concerns and obviously smoke management as we just talked about to ensure that when we put a match to the ground that the fire is going to do what we want it to do and the smoke is going to go where we want the smoke to go." TAG: Fort Stewart burns as often as the weather allows it, but the next burn like this, will be on Saturday. In Fort Stewart, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News.

2/8/2024 JASMINE:
5:29:00 FORT
PM 4:30PM STEWART
FIRES

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A fire blitz is when the department goes house to house performing a fire safety survey. This usually comes after an area has a fire. They are checking to see if people in that area have batteries in their smoke detectors, as well as letting people know the different resources they have.

2/9/2024 6AM
6:59:00 DAYBRE FIRE BLITZ BY
AM AK SFD

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2/12/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM	POOLER WEEKEND FIRE FOLLO	<p>Pooler's fire chief says crews arrived about four minutes after they received the call... finding flames about 20-30 feet taller than the home. With no water source nearby, they called on the help of Bloomingdale and Garden City for extra water tankers. While fighting the flames, two fire fighters, one from Pooler and the other from Bloomingdale, suffering minor injuries. The investigation into this fire is closed, and Pooler's fire chief tells me they believe it was caused by a space heater. It's something he wishes more people knew the dangers of. "The biggest thing with space heaters is, A, the older ones, they don't have a shut off. They will just keep heating and heating and heating, and then you'll have the tendency to move stuff closer to them. So, keep everything three feet away from them. If it's an older one, try to replace it, and if it's an older one and you can't replace it, use it for shorter periods of time. 5-10 minutes and then turn it off, unplug it." ((ANNA)) "I did speak with the owner of this home off-camera who tells me he is working with the American Red Cross right now to find some temporary housing for him and his family. Reporting in Pooler, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	00:01:10
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2/19/2024 12:01:00 AM 11PM	JASMINE: INTERFOR WEEKEN EFFINGHAM D FIRE	<p>LL INTRO: I talked to officials here on the scene and they say they were dispatched around 2 p.m. this afternoon and they've been here ever since. But, the fire is mostly under control. VO: Effingham Fire and Rescue responded to a fire at Interfor Lumber in Meldrim... located in the south end of Effingham County. Hannah Jenkins, Captain-- Effingham County Fire Rescue SOT: "When we responded out here, we found a fire located in one of the kiln buildings. We assisted the crews on site with extinguishing the fire.. getting the fire under control. We also asked for assistance from Bulloch County, Bryan County, the city of Rincon and the city of Pooler." VO: More crews were called in to assist with the water supply to help put the fire out. Jenkins says FIRES at Lumbermills like this one, don't happen that often. Hannah Jenkins, Captain-- Effingham County Fire Rescue SOT: "This is an infrequent occurrence, but it happened while they were operating the kiln machine..." VO: A kiln is an oven-like machine used for firing, drying, baking, hardening, or burning a substance. They had been on the site for more than 5 hours by the time we arrived. Hannah Jenkins, Captain-- Effingham County Fire Rescue SOT: "We're also trying to refill the water cistern that's on site for the plant itself so that they can continue operations once we're done." VO: There was substantial damage to the kiln on fire, but no injuries were reported. LL TAG: Officials also say the community should have no worries at this time, but we'll continue to keep you updated as we receive more information, both on air and online. In Effingham County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.</p>	00:01:37
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2/20/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM	BOLO: CES FIREFIGHTER BREAK INS	<p>The organization posted this video to Facebook, saying several break-ins have happened over the past few months -- the most recent happening just yesterday. All of them were at Station 10 on Ogeechee Road. They're looking for two men in their late teens or twenties who were wearing dark clothing, hoodies and face masks. If you have any information, please call the Chatham County Police Department. That number is on our website along with this story.</p>	00:00:27
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2/20/2024	5AM	BOLO: CES		
5:59:00	DAYBRE	FIREFIGHTER	Happening now -- Chatham County Police is asking for help to track down two people who broke into	
AM	AK	BREAK INS	Emergency Service employee's personal cars while they were on-duty.	00:00:10

Chatham County firefighters at a local station say they had things stolen from their personal cars while on duty. "They're aggravated. They feel like we shouldn't be targeted. Captain Carl Sapp with Chatham Emergency Services' fire division says the thieves – caught on this surveillance video – have taken mostly small amounts of money and minor personal items. He says it's disheartening for firefighters to find items stolen after putting their lives on the line. Sapp: "To come back and find out someone was taking advantage of you while you were either here sleeping or out serving the community, it doesn't feel good." According to emergency crews...the thefts occurred over the past couple months at Station 10 off Ogeechee Road and Heathcote Circle...the most recent happening around 2:30 Sunday morning. Sapp says he believes the thieves are targeting surrounding neighborhoods and the fire station just happened to be nearby. Sapp: "They're looking for opportunity. Find a door unlocked, they're going to take what they can and take off." Chatham Emergency Services now reminding fire crews and residents to lock their personal cars before starting work. Sapp: "Taking the time to do that, even though they're trying to get into the station and start their job. Go back out take that second, lock your truck, make sure everything that's valuable is hidden."

2/20/2024		SAV FIRE		
8:00:00		TARGETED		
PM	7PM	BREAK INS		00:01:20

New tonight -- the Burton Fire District cautioning about the dangers of trash and brush fires after one nearly destroyed a home this afternoon. You're taking a look at the picture on the left side of your screen. They said it happened around 4:30 on Franklin Drive. Firefighters say an outdoor trash fire spread to the home, damaging the siding before they could get it under control... But the burning grass spread to the house's dryer exhaust, igniting lint inside the vent piping and damaging the pipe and dryer. Thankfully, the homeowners were able to go back in after the fire was out. The fire district says they responded to 14 illegal brush and trash fires last month.

2/21/2024		BURTON		
12:00:00		TRASH FIRE		
AM	11PM			00:00:40

2/22/2024 6AM 530 BN
6:59:00 DAYBRE OVERNIGHT:
AM AK WELCOME CENTER ACCIDEN

According to Georgia State Patrol... they first received calls around 7:18 last night. When they arrived at the welcome center... they found that a tractor trailer had hit the rear of the welcome center and caught fire. Multiple agencies responded to the fire including... Garden City... Pooler... Port Wentworth... and Effingham. We're also told one of the tractor trailers was carrying furniture and the other was carrying tires... making it more difficult to fight the fire. The vehicles were sprayed down in foam to put out the flames. GSP says the fire was put somewhere between nine and 9:30 last night. One witness tells us that she doesn't understand how things deteriorated so quickly.

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2/22/2024 6AM SHEA: GA
6:59:00 DAYBRE WELCOME
AM AK CENTER FIRE 5 AM

Georgia State Patrol has confirmed -- two of the drivers died in a crash Georgia Welcome Center in Port Wentworth.. According to Georgia State Patrol... they first received calls around 7:18 last night. When they arrived at the welcome center... they found that a tractor trailer had hit the rear of the welcome center and caught fire. Multiple agencies responded to the fire including... Garden City... Pooler... Port Wentworth... and Effingham. We're also told one of the tractor trailers was carrying furniture and the other was carrying tires... making it more difficult to fight the fire. The vehicles were sprayed down in foam to put out the flames. GSP says the fire was put somewhere between nine and 9:30 last night. One witness said he couldn't believe what he saw.

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2/22/2024 DEADLY
6:53:00 TRUCK CRASH
PM 6PM FOLO

Flames shooting into the sky after a catastrophic...six-vehicle crash in the back lot of the Georgia Welcome Center. "As I approached the welcome center, I could see the flames from I-95." Pooler Fire was one of at least five agencies that responded to the wreck. Captain Josh Daniels says five tractor trailers and one passenger vehicle hauling a camper were involved. Daniels: "Considering the location of where this one was at, it was definitely not as common being in the parking lot of the welcome center, especially with the devastation in the incident." Georgia State Patrol tells WTOC that an 18-wheeler driven by Charles Steven from Jacksonville was traveling fast through the welcome center's parking lot. Steven's rig then hit a parked truck...killing the unidentified driver who was sleeping inside. Steven was also killed and investigators say it's unclear if the 62-year-old suffered a medical condition. Troopers say * that * wreck caused an "accordion effect" with four other vehicles being struck...and engulfing in flames. The drivers of those vehicles were able to escape. Cleanup...continuing long after the flames were out. Standup: Throughout the morning...tow crews have been carefully getting these mangled trailers onto their flatbeds and towed out of here." "Bad news. It was a lot. I knew it was going to take a long time, and it has. It's kind of like a domino effect, you have to take it one piece at a time." Drivers stopping at the welcome center in shock to learn what happened. "You would think pulling in the rest stop is a safe area you could pull over. I really feel bad for the people who died here. It's the worst thing that can happen to anybody – to die, but in such a horrible way, it's just really too bad."

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2/22/2024 8:00:00 PM 7PM MISSISSIPPI AVE FIRE LATEST "That's a construction dumpster. We can't tell what the construction workers threw away. But it probably could have been a cigarette or whatever they threw in among other stuff because its an array of different types of material inside the dumpster." The capatin also emphasized that although this is a rare situation, it can happen. He advises all residents and workers to avoid throwing away flammable materials such as smoked items. 00:00:26

2/27/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM QUACCO RD HOUSE FIRE Video from earlier today shows what it looked like when we got here. As you can see, several agencies were here. Some crews working to cover a hole in the home's roof. We spoke with Pooler's fire chief who says they responded to this call around noon. He says when they got here they saw heavy smoke coming out of the roof. That's when crews found the husband and wife that were inside of the home when the fire broke out. They say the wife was able to get her husband out of the house, avoiding injuries herself, but the husband suffered burns to about 50% of his body. A medical helicopter flew in to take him to the burn center in Augusta, Georgia. Since then, we haven't heard any updates on his condition. The state fire Marshal was out here and will be working alongside the Chatham County Police Department to investigate what might have caused this fire. 00:00:50

2/28/2024 4:30AM 5:30:00 AM DAYBRE AK QUACCO RD HOUSE FIRE It happened near Quacco Road around noon Tuesday. This is what it looked like when WTOC got to the scene. Pooler's fire chief says a husband and wife were inside the house when the fire broke out. He says the wife was able to get her husband out of the house , but the husband suffered burns to about 50 percent of his body. A medical helicopter flew him to the burn center in Augusta. 00:00:22

			<p>"It was in this home behind me where one man was severely burned after a fire broke out inside of his home." Crews arrived at this home on Aquinnah Drive off of Quacco Road at around noon on Tuesday. They say a husband and wife were inside the home when the fire started. The wife was able to get her husband out of the house, avoiding any injuries herself, but he suffered burns to about 80% of his body. That's when a medical helicopter came to take him to the Burn Center in Augusta. Right now, he is in critical but stable condition. The state fire marshal is working to investigate what might have caused this incident, something Pooler's fire chief says will likely take days. "Fire investigation is extremely difficult because the fire itself starts to destroy all your evidence. So, not only are they looking for the cause, but they're also looking to eliminate causes. So, while he's on the scene there, he's going to have a K-9 come in that detects accelerants and things like that. So, what he's doing is going through his checklist and saying these are things I can say started it, these are things I know didn't start it." ((ANNA)) "As this ongoing investigation continues, we will keep you updated. Stick with WTOC both on air and online. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	
2/28/2024		CHATHAM CO.		
6:53:00		FIRE FOLO		
PM	6PM			00:01:15

			<p>Happening overnight... we're working to find out what sparked a fire that burned several vehicles in Rincon. This was the scene around 10:00 last night. The fire happened at a car auction lot on Commerce Drive. We're working to learn more about the extent of the damage. Stay with WTOC for updates.</p>	
2/29/2024	5AM	EFFINGHAM		
5:59:00	DAYBRE	CARS ON FIRE		
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			<p>Overnight, fire crews responded to a fire that damaged multiple cars in Rincon... New WTOC drone video shows where that happened -- at the I-A-A Auto Auctions lot on Commerce Drive. Effingham County Fire Rescue tells WTOC a tow truck driver reported a fire in the back of the lot shortly before 8:30 last night. They say crews got the fires under control just after 9, and all fires were out about an hour later. They say 42 of the 2-thousand vehicles on the lot were damaged. Fire officials say the cause cannot be determined due to the extent of the fire, but security footage showed no signs of foul play.</p>	
2/29/2024		EFFINGHAM		
4:00:00		CAR FIRE		
PM	3PM	LATEST		00:00:36

Straight VO: For the Burton Fire District, the Community Risk Assessment has helped them grow to where they are today. SOT: "Fire departments way back and historically have always just been worried about fire, that's what we do, that's the service we provide. But over the decades, the services expected from the fire service has become very dynamic, very diversified across the board to an all-hazards response." VO: The data from 2023's assessment showed most of what the district is used to. Byrne said there were significant increases in the number of vehicle-pedestrian collisions and collisions that leave people trapped in the cars. One of the biggest surprises was what the leading cause of fires was in 2023... electricity. SOT: "It's been cooking for as long as I've been a firefighter here, cooking's been number one but electrical surpassed it. So I think it's a combination of people using electricity improperly, excessive use of extension cords has been an issue, and we also had some older mobile homes where the wiring is just starting to give out and causing some fires, and that's something that has us very concerned." VO Tag: Byrne says the district will keep an eye on the specific causes of these electrical fires to learn what's next for prevention. Reporting from Burton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC news.

3/22/2024		RYAN:			
11:00:00		BURTON			
PM	11PM	COMM. RISK			
		ASSESSMENT			00:01:18

We want to bring you another live look from the Southside of Savannah - as WTOC continues to follow breaking news. Our crews are on the scene of a hotel on fire at the intersection of Abercorn and Mercy Boulevard. We're working to get more details from officials right now. We'll have another update ahead on THE news at 4:30.

3/26/2024		SAV FIRE			
4:00:00		BREAKING			
PM	4PM	LATEST			00:00:19

Following more breaking news on a different scene Savannah Fire crews are working right now. This is a LIVE look from our Chatham Parkway Toyota Skycam as a timber fire continues to burn. This is happening off the intersection with Ogeechee Road. Right now, firefighters say there is no danger to residents or businesses in that area. And fortunately, no injuries have been reported. At this time, there's no word yet on how this started. But firefighters say they believe it was unintentional.

3/26/2024		CHATHAM			
4:29:00		PKWY FIRE			
PM	4:30PM	LIVE LOOK			00:00:29

3/26/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM BREAKING: CHATHAM PARKWAY FIRE Right now, firefighters say there is no danger to homes or businesses in that area. You're taking a LIVE look at the smoke from our WTOC Chatham Parkway Toyota Skycam. Fortunately, no injuries have been reported. At this time, there's no word yet on how this started. But firefighters say it was unintentional. 00:00:18

3/26/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM BREAKING: ABERCORN STREET FIRE LATEST SOT: "We've been out here, my wife's been sitting out here for the last three hours. I got called at 3 o'clock saying 'the hotel's on fire.' I left work to come out here to help my wife with our dogs, to save my dogs." 00:00:12

3/26/2024 7:00:00 PM 7PM BREAKING: ABERCORN STREET FIRE LATEST WTOC first heard about this just after 3 o'clock this afternoon -- and the fire is still going as of our last check-in about a half hour ago. This is near Abercorn Street and Mercy Boulevard. Savannah Fire says the building has been evacuated and there are no injuries. They're still working to find a cause. 00:00:18

3/26/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM RACHEL: TWO CHATHAM COUNTY FIRES "Torn up...we have no idea what we're going to do." "Total loss. I'm looking at about \$10,000 worth of stuff that I lost in my room." In a moment, life completely changed for many of those renting rooms at the Red Roof Inn. According to Savannah Fire, they received a call around 2:45 in the afternoon. Once on scene, crews reacted quickly, as heavy smoke and flames were visible. "We entered fast-attack mode, which is quickly getting water on structure to ensure the integrity of the structure is still sound, so we're able to prevent it from collapsing." The last time a fire of this scale happened in the area? You don't have to go back very far at all. "Well, I guess we could point to today -- that brush fire is kind of large." WTOC first learned of that large timber fire located off the 4-thousand block of Ogeechee Road around 1:00 this afternoon. There was no danger to residents or businesses in the area and no injuries have been reported as a result of either incident. Savannah Fire says one of the toughest issues they faced fighting both fires, though, was the wind. "We can definitely attribute some of the spread to the high winds, kind of making it a little more difficult to mitigate the spread, but there's nothing our boys aren't prepared for -- boys and girls aren't prepared for." 00:01:15

3/27/2024
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM RED ROOF IN FIRE UPDATE An update on a story we brought you yesterday as breaking news...we're learning about 70 people were helped by the Red Cross after a fire at a Savannah motel. It happened yesterday at a Red Roof Inn on the Southside. Savannah Fire says the fire was an accident - caused by some welding work being done on-site. We'll have more on recovery efforts in our next hour. 00:00:21

3/29/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM FLYNN: OGEECHEE LUMBER FIRE UPDATE You're taking a LIVE look out of our Chatam Parkway Toyota skycam. Smoke can still be seen shooting into the sky. The fire department tells WTOC five units remain on scene in the 41-hundred block of Ogeechee Road. A debris pile has been burning there since Tuesday. An S-F-D spokesperson estimates crews will be battling the flames through the weekend. They note there's no threat to homes and businesses. Firefighters say a lot of lumber debris will likely burn before the blaze is completely put out. 00:00:30

3/30/2024
7:00:00 PM WKEND 7PM LINDSEY: OGEECHEE TIMBER FIRE LATEST I was able to speak with Savannah Fire on the scene today who says that it's just a waiting game. They have been monitoring the situation on a 24-hour rotation since it first broke out on Tuesday. They say that something that also played a huge part in its longevity is the wind, as soon as they would fight the fire on one side the winds would shift and they would have to change up and fight it again. 00:00:23

((RODGERS)) "It isn't very pleasant" Gene Rodgers and Richard Hagen live right down the road from the lumber yard that has been up in smoke since Tuesday. ((RODGERS)) "I can smell it in my house when the winds blow this way but you can't breathe" The two say that over the last week, its been hard to smell anything other than smoke, with only a few moments of relief. ((GENE RODGERS AND RICHARD HAGEN##NEIGHBORS OF THE LUMBER YARD.)) "When the wind is blowing it's great, but at night all that smoke settles, and when we get up in the morning, it's nasty out here." "Yeah" Hagen has been living in this neighborhood for 15 years and says that when he saw the orange sky on Tuesday, he was worried about the days ahead. ((HAGEN)) "Behind us, that's where it's at it was just, at nighttime especially, you can see the orange over the trees, and i saw the helicopters dumping the water and I knew something was up." The fire sparked on Tuesday with flames visible over the tree line and since then Savannah Fire has been able to get it under their control. They say that this is all just a waiting game at this point until all the smoldering ash dies down. Rogers and Hagen say -- they're hopeful the end of the smoke is in sight. ((HAGEN)) "You just deal with it, haha I mean you have to."

3/30/2024 11PM LINDSEY:
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“97 Books” – a report on the banned book controversy. The highly opposed campaign to ban ninety-seven books from Beaufort, South Carolina’s school system has been inspired by the Florida-based conservative group Moms for Liberty, which aims to censor literature they consider unfit for American children. Includes interviews with Dick Geier, vice chair of the Beaufort County school board and retired Army colonel; Karen Gareis, high school librarian and Navy veteran; Tiffany Justice and Tina Descovich, founders of Moms for Liberty; and Ruth-Naomi Jones, who volunteered to judge the proposed banned books, works for the schools, and has a 16-year-old student. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte)

CBS SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

INVESTIGATE TV+

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- 2/19/24 Children shouldn’t have to worry about where their next meal will come from, but it’s a reality for millions of kids in the country. An in-depth look at the hunger crisis in U.S. schools and the push to make a pandemic-era rule permanent.
- 2/23/24 Our investigation reveals why your CPR training may be outdated and the push to bring updated training to schools across the country
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- 3/6/24 A survivor of human trafficking shares how a predator posed as a classmate, and we have insight to the manipulative tactics being used to prey on teens. Plus, a bedtime tradition could help set your kid up for success in school.
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- 3/11/24 Investigate TV+ finds some firefighters are killed by a health issue doctors say is preventable. High school athletics programs across the country add another sport to their roster—e-sports. Plus, a group of elementary school students are inspired to create a new sign language club.
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WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 5-SCHOOL SAFETY-HOW SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTING THEIR STUDENTS AND WHAT MEASURES ADMINS HAVE TAKEN. NEW SCHOOL ZONE CAMERAS, 14 YEAR OLD STUDENT AT BATTERY CREEK IN BURTON KILLED BY STRAY BULLET IS REMEMEBRED, EFFINGHAM PREK AND K SCHOOL VAC CLINICS, UGA PRESS CONFERENCE UPDATE ON STUDENT KILLED, BULLOCH CO. STUDENT FALLS OUT OF BUS, RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL ARREST THREAT, BEAUFORT SCHOOL OFFICIAL ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SCCPSS PEER PROGRAM TO TEACH MIDDLE SCHOOLERS THE DANGERS OF DRUGS AND TO RESIST PEER PRESSURE, SSU NEW POLICE CHIEF, PROM PROMISES CAR CRASH DEMONSTRATIONS FOR STUDENTS, SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE, SCCPSS, BEAUFORT AND OTHER CO. SCHOOLS, GSU ETC

NEW

SCHOOL "We need people to slow down by the schools they don't need to be speeding. There's a lot of car accidents that happen every day, so anything that can stop the car accidents, I'm for it." Like we ZONE mentioned - the cameras are active tomorrow. There will be a 30-day warning period before drivers start CAMS getting a ticket mailed to them. WTOC has more details about that process right now in this story on TOMORRO W WTOC dot com.

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LL A community is heartbroken at tonight's viewing service for 14-year-old Jeriemme Washington. Hundreds have shown up in the past 3 hours to show their love and support for the family. A somber Friday night for the community of Battery Creek and Burton as it begins the funeral services for one of their own. 14-year-old LJ Washington was always smiling that big smile that people who knew him say was contagious. Members of his high school, his band, and his soccer team filed into the service tonight to say goodbye to their teammate, classmate and friend. Parents declined to speak with me on camera but did share with me their thoughts and the pain they've endured since learning Washington had been killed. One saying that she has been trying to make sense of it since she heard about his passing. That 14 years just doesn't seem long enough, But seeing how many lives he touched in that short time gives her peace in this time. While another parent says that this is a hard day to watch her son have to say goodbye to his friend... its something she says no child should ever have to go through. WTOC spoke with Washington's Soccer Coach just a few days ago, who says that this tragedy has cut deep with his team. (((ADD the date of the interview to the Super))) ""All the kids are still crying. They used to sit and have lunch together at school every day and talk. All the teammates he had for many years are very sad." Almost everyone believing that while they will never understand why this tragedy happened, they know they will never forget L.J. Tag: the funeral for Washington will be held tomorrow at 11am at Cross Community Church. Beaufort county, Lindsey stenger WTOC

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"We can eliminate any type of financial barriers for students to get to school because we know that there are choice programs that don't necessarily have transportation. We wanted to kind of start public transportation in the younger generation early, so when they become adults and great citizens they can know about public transportation." Our Anna Stansfield is working to give you a broader look into this program. Coming up on THE News at 6 -- she will talk about what CAT will be doing to try to keep your child safe

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ANNA: CAT
STUDENTS

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SHOTS
FIRED
NEAR
BEACH
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SCHOOL

Here's a look at where that is in terms of the impact it had on area schools. Savannah-Chatham Schools say the incident put Beach, DeRenne and Hodge schools on a brief lockdown. That delayed dismissal for DeRenne and Beach. No other details have been released at this time. WTOC will let you know if we learn any more information.

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RICHMOND
HILL HIGH
SCHOOL
THREAT
ARREST

New at 3--- One person is arrested after a threat was made against Richmond Hill High School. Richmond Hill Police say they learned about the threat last night. They say investigators identified the suspect and arrested that person. No other suspects have been identified at this time. Police say there will be an increase of officers at the high school as a precaution.

2/5/2024
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"Heartbreaking. This is a heartbreaking time for the university." Police announced Friday evening that they had a suspect in custody for the murder of Laken Riley. "We are obtaining arrest warrants for Jose Antonio Ibarra, 26 years of age." Chief of Police Jeff Clark says surveillance video led to Ibarra's arrest. The investigation continues to raise more questions for police, as they look into how Riley and the suspect are connected. "the investigation suggests that they had no relationship. He did not know her at all." University of Georgia police and staff are making it very clear – they don't believe there's a threat to the student body. "The evidence suggests that this was a solo act. Um We, we took three or four people in custody, however, we're only gonna arrest one in this case." "there's no higher priority at the university of Georgia than the safety and security of our campus community..." "We haven't had a homicide at the University of Georgia in almost 30 years. Um this as I stated before, this was an individual who woke up with bad intentions on that day." Students still in shock over the news, though, as police continue gathering evidence. "it's usually really busy. People bring their dogs and their friends. It's usually a super social place, so it's definitely not somewhere I ever thought was unsafe." "I mean it's tragic because it happened in my back yard... I jog in that park about every single day... so I don't feel safe... I've been robbed 5 times by people in the back of that park who are camping, people experiencing homelessness... so I know it's not safe for me and then you get a young woman, something's going to happen eventually" "as a woman, it's just like, I have to be extra, extra careful and be extra protective. And it's just super scary,"

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Looking ahead to March - the Effingham County Health Department is offering two chances to your family to make sure your future student has the vaccines they need to start school in the fall. The department is hosting "Pre-K and Kindergarten, Here We Come" Clinics on March 12th and March 21st. Those clinics will offer the vaccines and health screenings your child needs to start school. You'll need to go online or call them to make an appointment. And a heads up for parents who need to schedule around their work hours - the March 21st date has availability until 6:30 p-m.

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LONG CO. This all happened relatively early into the school day at McClelland Elementary and Long County Middle Schools. As you can see from this map - the school share a campus. The district says students riding the bus went home around 10:30 this morning. Parent pick up started around 9:15. Thankfully, everyone was safe.

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BULLOCH STUDENT FALLS OUT OF BUS
In a statement - the district says bus drivers teach students about bus safety at the beginning of the school year in August. Those sessions review everything from how to get on and off a bus, to danger zones on board. Our Rachel West has been working in Statesboro on this story today. We'll have more coming up on tonight on THE News. 00:00:20

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RACHEL: STUDENT INJURED FALLING OUT BUS
"Odd things can happen. It's just going to kind depend on how he acted and what happened, as far as what the results are going to be...We've done our initial investigation. It's going to be turned over to our investigations bureau just to follow up and make sure everything was covered, and then I'm sure the Board of Education's also doing their own investigation into the instance. We'll work together with them to find a good resolution." 00:00:26

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Bulloch County Schools tells us that the student opened the rear door and jumped from the bus based on eyewitness statements and surveillance video. Police say the bus was traveling between 30 and 40 miles per hour and accelerating at the time of the incident, having just been stopped at the light at that intersection. Once the driver of the bus realized what had happened, they immediately stopped, and that's when people came over to help. The boy was transported by ambulance to the helipad, where he was then airlifted to Savannah. The rest of the children were taken from the accident scene by a different bus. Meanwhile, school social workers and counselors have been alerted to help support them and the family of the injured child. 00:00:44

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BULLOCH STUDENT FALLS OUT OF BUS
when officers arrived on scene, they say they found a 13-year-old male lying in the roadway, with witnesses trying to help. Bulloch County Schools tells us that the student opened the rear door and jumped. That's after gathering eyewitness statements and surveillance video. The rest of the children were taken from the accident scene by a different bus to their school. school social workers and counselors brought in to help support those kids and the family of the injured child. We'll have more on the investigation ahead tonight on THE news at 7. 00:00:33

At 7:49 this morning, Statesboro Police received a phone call about a child lying in the middle of the road on Veterans Memorial Parkway, just west of Fair Road...also known as Highway 67. And when officers arrived on scene, they did, in fact, find a 13-year-old male lying in the roadway, with witnesses surrounding him giving him aid. VO Bulloch County Schools tells us that the student opened the rear door and jumped from the bus based on eyewitness statements and surveillance video. Police say the bus was traveling between 30 and 40 miles per hour and accelerating at the time of the incident, having just been stopped at the light at that intersection. SOT "The bus immediately stopped as soon as they knew what was going on. People were there rendering aid. The ambulance showed up about the same time we did or pretty close – they were dispatched at the same time, and um, was able to get the juvenile to the helipad to fly them to Savannah." VO The rest of the children were taken from the accident scene by a different bus to their school. Meanwhile, school social workers and counselors have been alerted to help support those kids and the family of the injured child. SOT "Odd things can happen. It's just going to kind depend on how he acted and what happened, as far as what the results are going to be." LL TAG There is no update as to the boy's condition at this time, and Bulloch County Schools is also not releasing the name of the middle school where that bus was headed towards. Statesboro Police, though, do acknowledge the help of those who stepped in and saw the incident happen, saying that they acted quick to help ensure the safety of the boy. In Statesboro, Rachel West, WTOC News.

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It happened on Ogeechee Road. The district says one bus rear-ended another in front of a school there. About 15 students were on board when it happened. The district says EMS checked them out. No one had visible injuries. WTOC will let you know if more details are released.

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3/11/2024 4:00:00 PM 4PM SSU NEW POLICE CHIEF A WTOC Update - Savannah State University named a new police chief. The school says Clarella "Meshia" Thomas will take over the role effective immediately. Thomas is taking the reigns from interim chief Frederick Denson. Denson has been in the role since February 2023. Thomas has been in public safety since her start at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2001. She most recently served as the chief of police and director of public safety at Wellesley College. 00:00:28

3/11/2024 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM EFFINGHAM M SCREENS AND VACCINES TOMORROW Looking ahead - The Effingham County Health Department is helping keep your kids safe. specifically children entering pre-K and Kindergarten. They're hosting two events this month that will allow screening and vaccinations for families. The first event will be *tomorrow and the next event will be next Thursday. They will accept most insurances... and a small fee will be charged for those without insurance. They are asking parents to sign up for appointments on their website. We have a link for you to do that with this story on wtoc dot com. 00:00:32

3/12/2024 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K EFFINGHAM M SCREENS AND VACCINES TODAY They're hosting two events this month that will allow screening and vaccinations for families. The first event will be *today and the next event will be *next Thursday. They will accept most insurances... and a small fee will be charged for those without insurance. They are asking parents to sign up for appointments on their website. We have a link for you to do that with this story on wtoc dot com. 00:00:24

3/13/2024 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K BEAUFORT JASPER ACAD CAR CRASH DEMONSTRATION "There are studnet from Beaufort High School Bluffton High School Jasper County so we want to make sure the message gets out about safety wearing a seat belt not having the distracted driving going on so they can enjoy their prom and go forward and enjoy the rest of their life as well too." They had a coroner on scene... and a Life Star helicopter -- to show how quick critically injured victims are taken to the hospital. 00:00:25

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 ACAD CAR Take a look at this... Several local first response agencies staged a deadly car crash at Beaufort
 5AM CRASH Jasper Academy yesterday. It's all part of an event called "Prom Promises" put on by the school.
 3/13/2024 DAYBREA DEMONST The drill included C-P-R and first aid demonstrations to treat an injured victim. One E-M-S worker said
 4:59:00 AM K RATION they wanted to open students eyes to the dangers of distracted driving. 00:00:22

BEAUFORT James Corbin is facing five counts of second degree sexual exploitation of a minor. The Beaufort County
 Sheriff's began its investigation on January 26th. They got a lead from the South Carolina Attorney
 SCHOOL General's Office -- that images of minors engaged in sexual activity or sexually explicit nudity were spread
 3/14/2024 ARREST from an address in Beaufort County. Our Ryan Tisminezky spoke with the Sheriff's office and will have
 4:59:00 PM 5PM PUSH TO 6 more on the arrest coming up on THE News at 6. 00:00:27

Ryan looklive: Beaufort County Sheriff's deputies told me the investigation into Corbin started back in
 January, when they got a tip from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. They searched his home
 last week, and he turned himself in yesterday. SOT: "Second degree, it's looking at the fact that maybe it
 wasn't firsthand things, but again this is information... internet crimes. So, stuff that was disseminated, so
 having that in his possession." VO: Corbin faces five of those second-degree charges. Master Sergeant
 Allen explained to me how tips like the one from the Attorney General help deputies find these crimes.
 SOT: "Unfortunately we don't always know when something's going on, but definitely when we are
 advised of it or come across it in any way, whether it's the Attorney General's Office, whether it's
 someone leaving a tip for us anonymously through the website, crime stoppers, or even it's some other
 report we're always going to follow up with it. VO: Yesterday, the Beaufort County School District sent the
 following statement to families, saying "The Beaufort County School District (BCSD) has been made
 aware of pending criminal charges involving the Beaufort High School Girls Varsity golf coach, James
 Corbin, who also volunteered with the Boys JV soccer team. The purpose of this communication is to
 BEAUFORT inform you that this individual is no longer employed by the BCSD." The statement continues, "Although
 GOLF the district is unable to comment on an active law enforcement investigation or personnel matters, please
 COACH do not hesitate to reach out to school administration if your child is in need of any support." The
 3/14/2024 ARREST investigation is still ongoing, so stick with WTOC on air and online for any updates. Reporting from
 5:53:00 PM 6PM FOLO Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:01:45

"When you're making the decision to do the right or the wrong thing, how do you figure out if it's the right or the wrong thing?" That's just one question these Positive Peer Influencers cover. These influencers are from Jenkins High School, just one of the four high schools involved in the program from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. It's designed to teach middle schoolers about the dangers of drugs and how to resist peer pressure. "We show them how to do it, we role play, basically so that people won't force them to do drugs and other bad things." Olivia Jones is one of the positive peer influencers. She says it's important to have high schoolers like herself speaking to these middle schoolers because they'll be more likely to listen. OLIVIA JONES "When it's a child and they're telling them, 'oh well this happened to me too, I was just in middle school a year ago,' they're more willing to listen because they feel like you're kind of in their shoes." This program is in partnership with the school system, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team and the Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire, to make sure kids are aware of some of the dangers all around them. "Kids younger and younger are finding out about certain substances." BUTTED TO "And so, we have to start while they're young. It doesn't exempt them from hearing and seeing things that are going on." The influencers say it's important to get this knowledge out, so kids learn about the risks they could face any day. OLIVIA JONES "Most of the time when you hear things on the news, you think, 'oh it's in California, it's not going to get to me.' But it's actually in Chatham County and happening to people around me." She says as this program continues, she's hoping she'll be able to make an impact on at least one of their lives. OLIVIA JONES "I hope that they can take the information and make better decisions." ((ANNA)) "Across all four high schools involved, there are 65 positive peer influencers who will be able to speak to about 800 middle schoolers in this school year alone. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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ISSUE 6 – SCHOOL SYSTEM PROPOSALS AND POLICIES-THIS ISSUE REFLECTS ON PROPOSALS IN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS ISSUE ALSO INCLUDES MEETINGS, TESTING, TEST SCORES, SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER EDUCATE A STUDENT AND EDUCATION STANDARDS. SCCPSS LONG RANGE PLAN APPROVED, CCRPI CHANGES FOR STUDENTS, BEAUFORT CO. SCHOOLS SCHEDULES, SCCPSS FORWARD 2026 PLAN SCCPSS STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK, SCPPS C&C READINESS PERFORMANCE, SSU SEARCH FOR NEW PRESIDENT, SCCPSS ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

SOURCE: SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

Board members listened as superintendent Dr. Denise Watts presented her long range facilities plan... something she says is necessary to improve the current challenges facing the school system. "We have schools that are under capacity, we have schools that are over capacity. We have buildings that are ending life cycles. We have extended rides on buses, and as you all know, that has instructional implications for our students." The board was originally supposed to vote on this at their meeting back in December, but decided to table the vote to January. Since then, Dr. Watts says she's been able to hear concerns from board members and members of the community... leading her make a few changes. "I'm thankful for the input that was given. It helped us get to a better plan and a better place." One major impact facing parents and students in this plan is that around 400 students at Gould Elementary School could be rezoned to New Hampstead K-8. A second change is that the school systems new multi-complex... originally designed as a K-12 school... will now be a school for grades 6-12. "This allows us to really utilize that space as it was determined when the space was built." This is a map of what the new zones will look like for the school systems high schools... impacting about 600 students at New Hampstead High. Here is a look at what maps could look like for K-8 schools after the changes made at the multi-complex. The superintendent reiterating that she feels these changes are what's best for the school system. "We want to optimize the usage of our buildings. Also, make sure we're operating efficiently as it relates to attendance boundaries and transportation." Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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		Starting next year - schools will get more credit if students focus on an in-demand career path in high school. That's with changes to the College and Career Ready Performance Index announced last week. Right now - that index, called the C-C-R-P-I, recognizes the number of students who complete a career pathway. Starting in 2025 - schools will get an additional credit for students who complete a career path in a high-demand industry.	
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		PKG: "It's a really good compromise." This revised plan comes just under a month after the school board told school officers that the last plan needed some work -- Specifically targeting the New Hampstead Zone. The Newest revision that you see in red on this map calls for the original k-12 multicampus to change operations to a 6-12 campus clearing up space for that zone to be expanded. This change will be bringing in kids from New Hampstead K-8, Grove, Rice Middle, and Mercer Middle to the new multicampus. This plan will expand new Hampstead boundaries to handle the expected growth and limit future movement. ((Denise Watts)) "We have heard loud and clear from our students and families that they dont want to have students move all the time." Micheal Johnson represents the 7th district which is where New Hampstead is located. He says that although this plan is not perfect... he believes that this is the best option available. ((MICHAEL JOHNSON##7TH DISTRICT)) "If it was up to me and I ruled the world it would be different but I think this is the best compromise and with the facilities we have this is the best possible outcome." Under this new plan, the movement is still there but allows for a grandfathering clause, allowing students who qualify will be able to finish out their schooling where they are.	
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The College and Career Ready Performance Index, or the CCRPI, is a comprehensive study done each year by the Georgia Department of Education... taking a look at how different districts are doing compared to overall state performance. "What we are seeing in that data, is that our students are showing really positive growth. Growth that we hope to maintain this school year." For high school students, these studies take a look at five components. Reading rates, attendance, pathway completion, or the percentage of students completing advanced courses, college and career readiness based on test scores and accelerated enrollment. When comparing the overall scores for the district and the state, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System falls about six percent lower than the state. "This data gives us an indication that we still have work to do." The school system's deputy superintendent of teaching and learning, Bernadette Ball-Oliver, says one of the biggest challenges facing the district, especially at the high school level, is attendance rates. "In order for us to impact those other areas, like the accelerated enrollment, of course, and the college and career readiness component, we have to have kids in school for that to happen." Because of that, she says high schools throughout the district have made their attendance teams a focus point in their school improvement plans. "Those attendance teams at our schools, they look at our attendance weekly, and they make contact with parents, as well as in our upper grades, the students are brought in, in their conversations. The social workers are part of that attendance team, the counselor, school administration, teachers may be called in." She says on top of that, the district continues to look at outside factors that may also be affecting attendance. "If it is transportation, than what are we doing to help you through that." Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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Ellen Weaver "As I look at the field around us now, I think about.. there's a lot of weeds growing here now, but soon there's going to be new hope growing out of this ground for the education future of Hampton county." Hampton County has already merged the two school districts there -- using an older building. Tonight on the News at 6, we'll hear from the basketball coach and district leaders in the Hampton County community about what this progress means for the future of this united school system.

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BEAUFORT "Throughout the last couple of years, we've had some feedback from our families and from our educators about needs they had. So we started putting that together and then we had several small meetings to get input from people. So now it's out for the wider community to give input." You can find links to the calendars and the portal to submit your input on our website. The Beaufort County Board of Education should vote on a calendar in February.

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BEAUFORT CO. SCHOOLS SCHEDULE S The Beaufort County School District is asking for families to give their input for how the district's calendar should look for the next two school years. The school district has created five different potential calendars for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. The calendars take into account the state guidelines the county must follow, while providing different options for vacation days and semester splits. School officials say you should consider the needs of your family, as well as what you think works best for your student, before sharing you thoughts with the district.

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SAVANNAH CHATHAM DAY IN ATL DAY 2 "We have already gotten kind of a head start with hiring literacy coaches. I'll also be bringing on a literacy effectiveness officer. So, I see the governor's budget accelerating what we're already doing." Dr. Watt's comments come after last year's signing of the Georgia Early Literacy Act... changing how the district will teach reading to students.

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RYAN: BEAUFORT SCHOOL CALENDER The new calendar is on a 90/90 split, which means that each semester is 90 days. There are a few other changes like an earlier start date and some breaks throughout the semesters. Here's what you need to know. Ryan VO: The changes kick in this August, with school starting a week and a half earlier on August 7th. Students will have around 7 or 8 days off per semester, in addition to winter and spring breaks. School ends on May 29th. The school district created a webpage to hear from families, teachers and students about which calendar works best. Thousands of people responded. The new calendar received over 40% of the vote compared to four other options. SOT: Mary Stratos, Chief Instructional Officer, Beaufort County School District "This is probably the first time such a large net was cast to obtain so many voices within the calendar. Normally there have been focus groups, teacher groups, administrators, but our school district chose to go out to the community, we had over 2100 responses." LL Tag: You can find the full calendar with all of its specific dates on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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SCCPSS C & C READINES S Board members going over the 2023 College and Career Ready Performance Index... something that comes from the Georgia Department of Education that looks at five main components. Content mastery, progress, closing gaps, readiness and graduation rate. When it comes to content mastery, the district is falling below the state across all grade levels. That trend is the same for readiness scores... in part demonstrating if students are performing at grade level. The grades where performance levels seem to be struggling the most... middle school. "It's because they are transitioning from a nurturing elementary environment to an increased independent environment." An area district officials say they're working to improve. "Looking at the data and recognizing this has been a systemic problem for years, we're now looking at our teams concentrating their focus in providing them with more assistance and boots on the ground." On top of graduation rates... one area the Savannah Chatham County Public School System is performing better than the state... closing gaps. Meaning they're doing a better job maintaining high levels of achievement once they reach them.

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District officials say some of the key drivers for success throughout the school system include creating a positive climate and a culture that holds the right values. To meet those key drivers... the board is looking at four main factors. Students, stakeholders, employees and stewardship. "They are the key conditions that must be created to achieve overall strategic success." For students... there are four different objectives. "Focused on early learning, proficiency in literacy and numeracy, learning opportunities for workforce development and college readiness and support and services for whole child development." For stakeholders, Feliciano says the district is working to strengthen the relationships between students, parents and staff by increasing communication. When it comes to employees.. Feliciano says one main goal is to make the districts staff feel more valued to help increase retention rates by looking at different Key Performance Indicators. "There's seven KPI's. Four on perceptions of professional support, one on professional development offerings and another one on participation." As for stewardship... Feliciano says it's important to continue conducting comprehensive and objective evaluations throughout the district. Overall, the superintendent says she's excited to see how this plan will impact the school system. "I really believe that our strategic plan is going to create a collective investment in how we move our district forward." District leaders say they will continue to look over this plan and make amendments as needed. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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CALENDAR As a result, school will start August 7th this year. That's a week and a half earlier than last year. The
S modified option allows for two months of summer break in June and July. It will also have smaller breaks
APPROVE during the year. WTOC's Ryan Tisminezky talked with the school district about the approved calendars.
D You can find that story right now in the WTOC News app and online at WTOC dot com.

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"Officials here with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System tell me this feedback is critical in helping to move the district forward. The Way Forward 2026 Strategic Plan is something the school system has in place to help define what the district will prioritize in the future. It's created from student, parent, staff and community input... which is why they're looking for your feedback. Dr. Laura May, the district's executive director of accountability, assessment and reporting services says getting feedback from the community helps them to see where there's room for improvement. In turn, keeping them more aware of the wants and needs of students and parents across the school system. "Their voice is always an integral part of the process. We cannot have strategic planning without their voice, without the insight, without their input into whether we are setting our priorities as needed or as seen as priorities in the eyes of all of our stakeholders." "If you're interested in getting a more in depth look at this strategic plan or providing some of that feedback, we'll have a link to where you can do so on our website. Just look for this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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The Way Forward 2026 Strategic Plan is something the school system designed to figure out what the district's priorities will be for the long term. It's created with four main components in mind, students, staff, employees and stewardship. To make sure the district understands what community members are looking for, they've been asking for feedback. They say that feedback has helped to shape the plan into what board members are reviewing here tonight. The district's chief strategic and performance officer tells me there were a few key issues the community raised.

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3/8/2024
12:19:00 AM 11PM RACHEL: "Over the course of the last two years, we've been really focusing on this early language development for
TEACHER children 0-5 because that's the foundational part, so that when children come into kindergarten and first
TRAINING grade, they're ready to learn. They've got lots more words and it speeds their learning." 00:00:18

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12:19:00 AM 11PM Emily Rubin is the expert who led today's event, the second of three sessions. The overall goal of these
meetings is to provide educators with a better understanding of how to generate social and emotional
RACHEL: engagement from students. Meanwhile, today's training was aimed at giving teachers the tools they need
TEACHER to mentor their peers in early language development. The hope is that teachers will go on to implement
TRAINING parts of these trainings in the classroom and it will make a difference in reading levels inside schools. 00:00:31

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DAYBREA TEACHER was aimed at giving teachers the tools they need to mentor their peers and implement new strategies in
K TRAINING the classroom. which will hopefully make a difference in reading levels. 00:00:17

3/11/2024 4:00:00 PM 4PM	BO: SSU PROGRAM REVIEW	Happening on the campus right now - an annual evaluation by administration. That's where the school looks at enrollment numbers and graduation rates for each major. That review is required of all public universities by the Board of Regents. In a statement to WTOC last month, S-S-U said no program recommendations or decisions had been made yet.	00:00:21
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3/18/2024 3:00:00 PM 3PM	SSU SEARCH FOR NEW PRESIDEN T	Cynthia Robinson Alexander has been serving as interim president since last July. She will continue to serve as interim president during this time. The first step of the process is to name a presidential search committee. That has not yet been finalized. WTOC will continue to keep you updated on the search process as we get more information.	00:00:20
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3/22/2024 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREA K	THIS SAT.: Also *tomorrow- The Savannah Police Department is also hosting their "Egg-strava-ganza" event as well! SPD EGGSTRA VAGANZA It's happening from 11 A-M to 2 P-M at Daffin Park. The main event will be an egg hunt with 7-thousand eggs- including 75 golden egg prizes. There will also be free food... games... and a magic show by "Magic Marc". It's free and open to the public.	00:00:20
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"The main message school leaders are presenting is that a missed day of school is a missed opportunity." Knocking Sergeant Andrew Jenkins, along with Superintendent Dr. Denise Watts and a school social worker knocking on some doors. "It's very important that we get out there and do these types of things on a grassroots level and reach our families where they are." These truancy sweeps are something the district aims to do about four times a year... attempting to get in touch with parents to either let them know their child has been missing school or find out the reason why. "We want to tell some of those families, 'Hey moms, hey dads. Your baby has been out of school for three or four days. What's going on? Is there anything we at the school can do?'" Dr. Watts says it's important to try and talk to parents to figure out why a child isn't going to school, because for many families, the reason will vary. "We are here to drill down and to understand what the challenges are so that we can tailor our support to help get our students back in school." Last year, 52% of students in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System missed 10% or more of school days... a number Savannah's mayor Van Johnson says needs to improve. "We know when they're not in school, they're doing other things that create issues for us." And by speaking with parents, they can also warn them of some of the consequences they could face if they're not bringing their child into school. KURT HETAGER "The truancy sweeps allow us to get in front of that, work with our families, and overcome that issue." ((ANNA)) "After knocking on doors, school officials tell me they'll take some of those conversations they had with parents and see how they can continue to encourage each student to get into the classroom every day. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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"Pre-covid, our attendance at most schools were in the 90 percentile. Now, we're in the 50th percentile. So we have to figure out why are our children not coming to school because each day of school missed, is a missed opportunity." She says they are also organizing ways to hear from parents and students in the school district. Tonight on the News at 6, we'll have more about the retreat and plans for the upcoming school year.

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VO: More than a dozen school board representatives came together today for their annual Spring retreat. It's a time for them to dive into changes that affect schools here, and the students that attend them. This year, one of those issues is attendance. SOT: "Pre-covid, our attendance at most schools was in the 90 percentiles. Now, we're in the 50th percentile. So we have to figure out why are our children not coming to school because each day of school missed, is a missed opportunity." VO: Connie Hall represents District 3 on the school board. She says, something that they're finding... affects students' learning and progress. SOT: "Take our 3rd graders. 3rd graders who come to school more than 90 percent of the time, have much higher scores than 3rd graders who don't. It starts at a very early age." VO: So, she says they're doing everything they can to find solutions and get the children that are missing days, back to school. SOT: "We did an attendance sweep where our superintendent and campus police actually went and knocked on a few doors, of our very truant students. VO: They say they found that either students weren't living where the district thought they were, or that outside factors keep them home too frequently. So their question is... SOT: "What can we do, to make that child want to jump out of bed and come to school?" VO: One part of their next step to increasing attendance is to get feedback from students, parents and teachers within the school district. In Savannah... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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ISSUE 7--STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. BACK TO SCHOOL BUDGET, LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL RENOVATIONS, SCHOOL DONATIONS, CAT STUDENT ZERO FARES, PROGRAM CUT DISCUSSIONS AT SSU, CAT STUDENT PASS PROGRAM, SCCPSS FINANCE MEETING, GA STATE BUDGET FOR EDUCATION, SC TEACHER PAY PROPOSAL TECH COLLEGE ENROLLMENT PROGRAM, PENN CENTER GRANT, SCCPSS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH \$60 MILLION, SSU FUNDNG CUTS

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"In total the project was around 3 million dollars. We renovated the complete school. There was not one area that wasn't renovated. Basically, in a nutshell, trying to give a refresh to the school. You know, it's an older school, one of the original ones. Changing that and seeing those little kids come through the door is really what it's all about."

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LL INTRO: Over 3 million dollars went into renovating two schools here in Liberty County. The first one, Joseph Martin Elementary School and the second one, Liberty County Elementary School where I got to come and take a look today. They said the renovations started a while back, but now that they're complete, they're excited to share them with everyone. VO: Upgrades to areas in the school like the cafeteria... their music classroom.... the gym... and the principal's personal favorite... the media center. SOT: "It's open, it's spacious, it's a place where our students can come and collaborate. We've got maker spaces here. This is just one of the spaces, but it has been renovated throughout the entire building. (Using this as VO) SOT: "From lights, to floors, to carpets, our office suites, our security, our windows and heat... it has just been a huge, a very big undertaking here." VO: The renovations began in May of 2023 and were nearly complete by beginning start school. Heading into the new year, Liberty County Public Schools hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate its completion. (Video of Ribbon Cutting) VO: Principal Rocker says this has had an amazing impact on the learning environment at Liberty... giving them a sense of "home". SOT: "One of the things we want our student to do is feel like they belong here. So, one of the things you'll see in our school is pictures of our students. We have them along the walls, we have them in our classrooms, and we even have videos playing of our students. So, we want them to know that this is their space." VO: The money to fund the project came from ESPLOST, from state funds, an HVAC through the CARES Act Funds. 3 million used just for Liberty Elementary. Liberty County Public Schools says their next big projects will be _____. VO: Reporting in Savannah... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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"This program comes after more than a year of planning, as CAT prepared their services to get ready for more student travelers." It's CAT's Zero Fare Pilot Program... for students in public or private school, grades K-12, and college students. "Education is so important and we all know that, but we just wanted to see how we can help in many different ways and how public transportation can assist." It's a program they've been working on for a while... working alongside partners like the Savannah Chatham County Public School System. One school board member says his son has already been using CAT services ahead of this program. "He can take that six line to his old neighborhood school where we live, and then walk home like he did for five years before he got into a specialty program." He's hoping that once this program starts, more parents will let their kids ride with CAT too. "I hope that enough parents feel that CAT can be safe for their children and that they utilize it." CAT officials say safety has been their number one priority throughout the planning process.. which is why their operators are in training courses right now. "What to look out for. If you see a student on the bus who may seem a little lost, ask them, what school do you go to? Look at their student ID, pay a little more attention to smaller kids, you know, hey, come sit up here with me." Along with that, Johnson says CAT has a number bus riders and operators can call for security concerns.. "...we have our supervisors ready to respond." Although all students need to bring with them is their school issued student ID, parents can also apply for their children to get a bus pass. That application will allow CAT to have access to emergency contact information for each student. "Just so we'll have a number, just in case, right. Because, we got to be ready just in case." If parents download the CAT Tracker app, they'll also be able to see exactly where their child's bus is at all times... making sure they're following the right path. Overall, Johnson says she's excited to get this program started. "We're ready to keep students safe and we're ready to get them on school with CAT." ((ANNA)) "This program will start on January 29, and if you're interested in signing yourself or your child up for this service, we'll have a link where you can do so on our website, WTOC.com, just look for this story. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News

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ANNA: "We know here is Savannah that public education is a public responsibility and we also know that public education is a public opportunity." BUTTED TO "Often times a barrier to those types of endeavors is to be able to have the supplies you need. We know everybody does back to school stuff, but the fact is, after back to school, they still need stuff." Across the four different schools, they were able to hand out about a thousand different pieces of school supplies.

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LL: Recently Georgia Governor Brian Kemp proposed 11 million dollars in the state's budget for K through 12 literacy initiatives...including regional coaches for teachers on reading instruction. That's something Savannah-Chatham public schools superintendent Dr. Denise Watts says will only bolster their current reading efforts. PKG: "We have already gotten kind of a head start with hiring literacy coaches. I'll also be bringing on a literacy effectiveness officer. So, I see the governor's budget accelerating what we're already doing." Dr. Watt's comments come after last year's signing of the Georgia Early Literacy Act...changing how the district will teach reading to students. State education leaders briefed local leaders during a series of listening sessions in Atlanta. It's part of Savannah Chatham Day at the state capitol. University System of Georgia Chancellor Sonny Perdue also called for more medical education facilities as our region grows...saying those opportunities are connected to economic growth and workforce development. "Where are we going to get the talent? Where are we going to get the workforce? That's so important. You all have critical issues in your region right now about that because why? Because you've got so many jobs coming, right? And there's really going to be a need for education to support that. Perdue touted the new medical school coming to Georgia Southern University's Armstrong campus. This...as Savannah Chatham leaders push state lawmakers to approve 178 million dollars in Governor Brian Kemp's proposed budget for a dental school...also at GSU-Armstrong. LL: The listening sessions also touched on housing needs in our area and wrapped up Savannah Chatham Day at the capitol. Local DAY IN ATL leaders tell me they feel the last few days were successful and will continue pushing for local priorities to DAY 2 get passed this legislative session. Reporting in Atlanta...FS...WTOCN.

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NATPOP On the surface... Madison Langley is like many other 12th graders... she plays sports, she's active in the community and can't wait to start her freshman year of college. "I'm very excited to be going to school to pursue my career in physical therapy." Yet when it comes to her race to higher education... she has literally been breaking records. Madison's been awarded more than 5 million dollars in scholarships and accepted into more than 130 schools, the most a student has ever received in Liberty County. But she says she couldn't have done it without her parents and what they call the "war board." "I wanted to do the dry erase board but that wasn't going to help me to manage everything. So, we used excel spreadsheet, color-coded." Keeping track of every single scholarship dollar and every single college acceptance. But Langley says the journey has come with its challenges. Madison Langley "My mom, in August, so at the beginning of the school year, she had a Kidney transplant and I was home alone for a month." While her dad, Sargeant Delando Langley, is currently deployed in Poland. "Him being gone the middle of my senior year, it took a toll on our family a little bit..." But she says he hasn't missed a beat. Still encouraging and supporting her every step of the way. "We have like a running bet of how much money I'll get once it's all said and done... I think we agreed on 6 million." Using moments like these, to teach Madison the power of resilience... "Anything that's worth having, never comes free. It always comes with hard work and sacrifice. And that's one of the things that her dad and I try to exemplify every day." "Using that hard work to give back to her high school.. where she's created a family... and a village... where this journey began. "I think I needed her just as much as she needed me. She has just been such a blessing to all of us here at Liberty county high school." In Liberty County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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LL: Officials with the Technical College System of Georgia say typically when the state sees low unemployment...tech school enrollment tends to drop. But the system's Chief of Staff says...schools are seeing the opposite right now. VO: Last month...Georgia's Department of Labor reported the state's unemployment rate sits at three point four percent. That's lower than the national rate. Even with low unemployment...Mark Peevy with the T-C-S-G says the system actually grew by about three percent last year..and projections for this year are expected to continue rising...closer to nine percent. Peevy says during times of low unemployment...people are usually busy working and don't need to enroll at technical colleges to learn new skills. He says the difference this time is because of a changing dynamic in the region's workforce. SOT: "You've got folks who are needing to upskill. Maybe you were in the manufacturing world in the past and you're going to contemplate working here at Hyundai or one of the suppliers and the manufacturing world has changed dramatically. It's much higher level skills. So those folks are looking to upskill. You've got folks coming out of the pandemic who may be working but want to transition into a new role...they're seeing the need to pick up an additional skill to do that." LL: Peevy also says that local colleges including Savannah and Ogeechee Tech are adding programs to meet the needs of southeast Georgia's electric vehicle employers. In Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

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"Throughout the program's first two weeks, CAT officials tell me turnout from students was greater than they were expecting." It's a program that allows students, grades K-12, as well as college and university students, to use CAT services for free. Since the program started at the end of January, they've had an average of about 20 college students and 80 K-12 students travelling with CAT each day. CAT officials saying so far, they've been getting a lot of positive feedback. "They're really happy with how the operators are interacting with the students, giving them the information that they need to get to their location safely." Moskowitz says that success is likely because of the additional security training each driver received ahead of this program starting. MARY MOSKOWITZ "We really want to make sure that our operators are aware that students may be out there riding the bus, and to make sure that they're looking out for them." However, like most new things, Moskowitz says there has been a few small hiccups. MARY MOSKOWITZ "We had a few issues with some internet and connectivity, getting people signed up for the program. So that was probably our biggest complaint that first day, is, 'how do we sign up?'" ((ANNA)) "It's not too late to enroll in this program, and if you're interested in signing your child up, we'll have a link with all the details for you on our website. Just look for this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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"I am a visual arts major" "I am a musical education major" ((TORRENCE)) "I am a dance major" "My major is visual arts with a concentration in theater." Different majors. Same Department. All are fearful that what they have come to love will soon be discontinued. "If they took dance away, it would be like taking my home away." A home that many students just like Jamysha Torrence have found on the campus of Savannah State. ((MAEVE NIEVES##TRANSFER STUDENT 0.27)) "The fact that people were so nice and so accepting" "They made me feel like I was home, even if I was somewhere else." ((ISAIAH SMITH##SSU STUDENT 0.35)) "Come into this building come into our home, that's essentially what it is.. Our second home." A student-led peaceful protest marched through the campus yesterday *nat sound* In hopes of getting the administration to take into consideration how much the arts mean to them when going into the required annual evaluation. Some classes that could be cut include drawing, ballet, sculpting, and acting. But the university says that nothing has been determined. During the evaluation, the school is forced to look at things like enrollment numbers and graduation rates for the major. Theater minor Matthew Green says that even if the numbers don't reflect success on paper, the arts at SSU are something worth saving. ((MATTHEW GREEN##SSU STUDENT 1.15)) "Theater, the arts, everything is always woven into the school somehow, and if you take that away, bonds will break."

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"It's not good for large districts. It was designed for smaller school districts, but it's not good for larger districts." SCCPSS officials and board members talking about Georgia's Quality Basic Education Act, or the QBE... something that sets state funding amounts for grades K-12. For each grade level, the state sets a different weight, based on how much it costs to teach that age group. The basic formula is that younger grade levels get more money. However, the district can get extra money for students at higher levels who are meeting guidelines like taking advanced courses. "You get more money if you're taking a CTAE class, so that is a higher weight because that is more expensive." In order to be a part of the QBE program, the school system has to fund a five mill share... something board members are upset with. "It is ridiculous to say, here's the formula we came up with in 1985, here's how much we're going to give you, but you have to pay this much of it." When it comes to a teacher's salary, the state looks at a formula based on how much training and experience they have. "178 million is all the state gives us, so the only amount the state gives us is the state funds, so they don't fund the whole teacher, as you can see." And when it comes to other staff and departments, district officials say they don't account for nearly enough funds. PAIGE COOLEY "For our entire transportation, bus drivers, bus monitors, busses, we get \$3,310,483 from the state on a budget that's about \$40 million. \$32 million, excuse me, \$32 million we get a little over \$3 million on a \$32 million budget." Because of this, Cooley says about 65% of the school system's funding comes from local dollars. PAIGE COOLEY "That's why it is so important that we do have a healthy local economy and millage rate." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News. 00:01:47

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THIS SAT.: Looking ahead to the weekend- Bulloch County Schools is hosting their annual Employee Recruitment Fair. It's happening Saturday morning from 8 to noon at Statesboro High School. It's open for both teaching and non-teaching positions. There will be a meet and greet with the school district's principals and supervisors. If you plan on attending- you can register to win for a chance to win a Visa giftcard. 00:00:24

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This week, the House Ways and Means Committee – which writes the budget – agreed to its proposed spending plan for the next year. They're working with about a 600-million-dollar surplus – and want to use about a *third of that money – to pay teachers more. "Teachers were, at least on the House side, the huge winner of this year's budget." The proposal would raise the statewide minimum salary for teachers by 45-hundred dollars – up to 47-thousand dollars. That's more than both Gov. Henry McMaster and State Superintendent Ellen Weaver requested. Representative Neal Collins, who serves on Ways and Means' Public Education subcommittee – says that boost is intended to retain more teachers early in their careers – because data shows the greatest teacher turnover – comes in their first five years in the classroom. The budget would also add steps to the teacher pay schedule – so veteran teachers would be guaranteed additional raises later in their careers. "That's an important action because, A, it allows your most veteran teachers to continue to get a step increase to the minimum age at which they could retire at 28 years, even though most teachers work beyond that, and that, in turn, has an impact on the retirement pension that a teacher could be expecting upon retirement." Again, this is still a *proposal. The budget needs to earn the approval from the entire House ... then be hashed out with the spending plan the Senate will propose – before getting the governor's sign-off as well – so things could still change.

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Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

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DR. ROBERT ADAMS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENN CENTER "We're one of the fastest growing counties in South Carolina and there are going to be a lot of development pressures so people ought to be able to have a seat at the table to help determine the policies practices and projects that shape the next 30-50 years of their lives and the preservation school is designed to give them a fast track into that system... The grant is spread out over several years and in this first year the focus is on planning and building out the curriculum... It will be open for both adults and youth so that they are not only educating some of the people who will be making those decisions very soon but they also want to make sure the next generation is already ready for the challenge.

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	4:30AM	COLORING		We want to give a big congratulations to Cayden Herb for winning our coloring contest. We had nearly 1000 entries from 26 schools across 10 counties. Here is video of - him receiving that award Cayden is a 5th grader at St. Peter the Apostle.	
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				This bill comes after budget cuts in 2023 that heavily impacted Savannah State University. You may remember - the Georgia Board of Regents - which makes decisions for the University System of Georgia - dropped the school's budget from nearly 90 million dollars to about 79 million. The Georgia Legislative Black Caucus has been working on plans to get more funding to H-B-C-Us across the state since at least last summer.	
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3/14/2024 4:00:00 PM	4PM	<p>HAMPTON CO. JOB FAIR</p> <p>Hampton County Schools will hold a job fair Saturday at North District Middle School. It was originally set for the district office. The location is being changed so that it can be held inside with rain in the forecast. It's from 10 a-m to 2 p-m. You can call 803-943-4576 for more information.</p>	00:00:17
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When looking at the Savannah Chatham County Public School System's fund balance... right now the district has about \$200 million to use throughout the rest of this year. Because of different board policies, ensuring the school system has enough saved for emergency purposes, right now they're focusing on what to do with about \$60 million of that money. Some options the board is looking at include technology equipment, facilities maintenance, phase two of the long range facilities plan, land purchase in West Chatham and more. All options that are not set in stone. "This is not a plan from administrators, these are just some options where we could use fund balance." Each board member having their own opinion... like the need for new baseball fields at Savannah High. "The fields are so deplorable. We're trying to find some place for them to practice, but we need new baseball fields out there." Other board members saying the district should focus on purchasing land in West Chatham. "That needs to be a priority because we might not be able to build a school tomorrow, but at least if we had land to be able to build the school, that would definitely help to be able to relieve some of the congestion and some of the issues we've had." While others think health and safety concerns need to be the number one priority. "Where we have conditions that are unhealthy for our employees because of faulty HVAC systems, that has to come first, because we can't have buildings that are not healthy for our people to be in." As this discussion continues, Grabowski says there's a lot to think about. DENISE GRABOWSKI "These are big buckets with big dollar signs. There's a whole lot of detail that goes into this, so I guess one of my questions would be, how we are making those decisions on the prioritization of these dollars." With such a large district, it's something board members are willing to take the time needed to figure out. "If it were to happen to your home budget, and you needed to fix something, you can fix it. We have a much bigger ship with a much smaller rutter, and it's difficult sometimes to just be able to, yes, that needs to be fixed. Fix it right now." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News.

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ISSUE 8- SPECIAL PROGRAMS ENLIGHTENING A STUDENT'S FUTURE INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS. PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE EDUCATION INCLUDING EFFINGHAM SCHOOL SYSTEM DAYCARE FOR EMPLOYEES, NEW DENTAL SCHOOL AT GSU, SCCPSS CHOICE PROGRAMS, EFFINGHAM CO. SCHOOLS CAREERS FAIR, GSU ADDING MORE SCOOTERS FOR GSU, HELPING SEB FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO GET CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS, HISTORY ON WHEELS WHERE STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT BLACK HISTORY IN SAVANNAH, BLACK MEN OF HONOR SFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, GRAYS REEF RESEARCH BOAT, FALLEN SOLDIER HONORED AT HER ALMA MATER-WINDSOR FOREST HIGH SCHOOL, WTOC ST. PATRICK'S DAY COLORING CONTEST FOR K-6TH. LIBERTY CO. COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR TO HIRE THOUSE FOR HEAD START, GA DAY EXPO, LIBERTY CO. SUMMER KIDS JOBS, LIBERTY CO. SCHOLARSHIP MONEY, READ UNITED DAY, FORMER RICHMOND HILL STUDENT NOW A SAVANNAH BANANAS PLAYER, NEW GSU ARENA, MORE GSU APARTMENTS, REMEMBERING GSU ROTC INSTRUCTOR CHRIS DECKER, REMEMBERING WHALE BRANCH ELEM. STUDENT, THE YOUNG MEN OF HONOR PROGRAM, HYUNDAI TECH COLLEGE TOOL DONATION, NAVY STEM EVENT FOR SCCPSS SCHOOLS, NEW RENOVATED TRACK FOR SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN, GSU FUNDING FOR WATER RESEARCH SOURCE: LOCAL COLLEGES, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ORGANIZATIONS

Jeff - Podcasting has taken over as a platform in media by storm. Sports, lifestyle, cooking, entertainment... you name it, there's a podcast for it. That means there are podcasts that appeal to all ages. One Savannah 12-year-old started his own podcast recently, and he told me he wants to broadcast professionally... So we brought him in studio to tell you a bit more about what he and his family are doing. Kaden - Thank you Jeff. My name is Kaden Shuman, host of "Spotlight with the Shuman's". It's a podcast my father and I started last June, where we interview local athletes and coaches about the impact their making in our community. Jeff - Kaden and his father Kyunnie (Key-unnie) were kind enough to tell me a bit more about their experience with this project last week, and I'm delighted to tell the story. Take a look. Kaden Shuman grew up loving sports. At 12 years old, he's expressing that love in a unique way. Kaden Shuman: "I don't like to talk about me. I like to talk about other people. So it kind of like makes me happy when I can talk about other people and how they succeed." Kaden talks about other people on his podcast "Spotlight with the Shuman's". The idea started when he showed interest in local athletes competing in the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry. Kyunnie Shuman: "I think we noticed two years ago when he started following the guys from high school on social media. My wife and I decided we wanted to do a podcast where he could sit down with local athletes and mentors around Savannah, and kind of get their perspective on sports." Their perspective helped Kaden fulfill a calling. While enjoying the product on the field, it's the production off of it that he connected with the most. Kaden Shuman: "I started watching NFL and college. I would like to listen to the commentators. I just liked the sound of it, the interviewing and stuff of it." Not only has it allowed Kaden to break out of his shell, but it's also given the entire family an opportunity to grow in a different way. Kaden Shuman: "My dad first. My dad started. Then my mom, and my sister even encouraged me. It was a lot of help from them. Kyunnie Shuman: "Just to be able to go to sports games with him, and just to experience this. Being with him as a father, to experience that with your son, man I love it. I love being with him, I love shooting, I can't ask with no more." "Spotlight with the Shuman's" is just getting started. Going into a new year is a time for the family to reflect, and let's Kaden preach his lesson of patience. Kyunnie Shuman: "My hope is that the stuff I'm instilling in him, when he has kids he can remember all of this stuff and give it to his kids, and do better than I did." Kaden Shuman: "You can do many things at a time as long as you're just patient. Don't go ahead and rush it, be patient, and you can do anything at a time." Jeff - What a cool project with your dad. Why don't you tell the folks at home where they can tune in to old videos and new ones coming up. Kaden - You can check out Spotlight with the Shuman's on YouTube, that's where we post our new episodes. Jeff - We'll Kaden, I appreciate you taking the time to join me in studio this evening, and when this broadcasting career of yours takes off, you can come back and join us anytime. Why don't you send us off. Kaden - Thanks Jeff. That's all for sports, The News at 6 will be right back.

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DAYCARE find daycare in the area, so one of the things we thought we could do is build our own daycare." "We're
FOR not just going to be babysitting... From the time they come to us at 6 weeks old, we're going to begin
EMPLOYEE working with them so that we can hopefully have them better prepared whenever they enter pre-K."
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FOR Today was the open house for one of the school district's new early learning centers. The facilities will
EMPLOYEE function as daycares, and will provide free childcare to teachers in the district. Superintendent Yancy Ford
S says he's hoping the new program will boost recruitment during a nationwide teacher shortage. 00:00:18

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KEMP He announced it this morning during the annual Eggs and Issues Breakfast. He says he wants to spend
SUGGEST hundreds of millions to expand training for dentists and physicians to help with the state's healthcare
S DENTAL worker shortage. Part of that is the dental school at Georgia Southern and a new medical school at the
SCHOOL University of Georgia in Athens. We've reached out to Georgia Southern for a comment but have not
AT GSU heard back yet. 00:00:25

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TOOMBS We are an after school program. We have reading, math, we have what we call Saturday academy.
CO. B&G Where kids they are able to academically and socially engage themselves in emotional wellness
CLUB programs such as karate, dance music, arts and crafts. things that they would not normally be exposed to
DONATION or otherwise in the community. Leaders from Memorial Health Meadows Hospital in Vidalia were also
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SCCPSS "I'm very humbled for the award, but I think the work is what set us up for the award, so we're going to
PRINCIPAL continue to do what's best for students, and that's one thing I think, although that's what education is
AWARD about, what separates us from most schools. We always put what's best for students." Dr. Scott says
CANDIDAT we should know the results by the end of February, and he says whether he wins or loses, he's ready to
E continue striving to be the best he can.

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CHRIS: A very big night for some of the best spellers in Savannah-Chatham County public schools. Elementary
SCCPSS and middle school champs squared off for the the annual County spelling bee. The students were vying
SPELLING for the chance to represent the district in the Regional Spelling Bee. You just heard from the winner --
BEE that was Deverell Goldson from the Stem Academy at Barlett. He will go on to regionals at Georgia
Southern's Armstrong Campus on February 24th to represent the district.

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Statesboro is probably best known as the home of Georgia Southern. Well, the city is hoping to create a more cohesive community between the university and the city. ((KATHY FIELD##DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)) "It creates less traffic and it brings the students downtown which is something that we are trying to encourage." This is why they are pushing to get the shareable program back and accessible to all residents. ((KATHY FIELD##DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)) "We wanted to encourage more means of transportation for the students, and we felt that they were being prohibited from using all means of transportation." ((DIANA HERNANDEZ##GEORGIA SOUTHERN STUDENT)) "Most college kids can't drive or don't have the opportunity to have a car so having the opportunity to get on a scooter and go wherever they want." However, The University has experimented with shared motor devices before which created some frustration among the residents. "They were left everywhere for people to find, I can't tell you how many times our church had to pick them up and had to find someone to call to come pick them up." So the city wants to try again, but this time with regulations—things like where devices can be dropped off and parked. With these new regulations, the city hopes that this will be a better outcome for everyone. The city specifically requested this meeting be held tonight so that they could get feedback to get the ball rolling on creating and finalizing an ordinance; and passing it by this spring. In Statesboro, Lindsey Stenger WTOC News

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Savannah's Mayor Van Johnson, along with folks from the school system and Amazon made their way to four different elementary schools. That included Haven, A.B. Williams, Gadsden and Otis Brock Elementary Schools. The trip started at Haven Elementary. Students received new backpacks, notebooks, pencils and more. It all comes as kids are heading back to school after winter break... a time Mayor Johnson says is often overlooked when it comes to the need for new classroom materials.

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"The most important thing we can do as a school district, besides providing a safe learning environment for our boys and girls, is put the best educator in front of these kids." BUTTED TO "If we're not recruiting in those high impact areas, then we're not doing what we should be doing to put the best qualified people in front of the boys and girls in Effingham County." We'll have a link where you can find all the details on our website WTOC.com, just look for this story.

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1/26/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM	EFFINGHAM CO. SPELLING BEE WINNER	Check it out - these are your Effingham County Spelling Bee top competitors. South Effingham Elementary School student Jehiel Tyrill won the competition , with Sophia Gallant from Guyton Elementary as the runner up. She'll serve as the alternate if Jehiel can't make the Region Spelling Bee. Jehiel will represent the whole school district on February 24th. WTOC would like to wish both students congratulations - and send our best wishes to Jehiel as he prepares for the next round of competition	00:00:30
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"These programs help students get a hands-on experience in several different fields, including things like the arts or engineering, helping them get a feel for what it might be like before graduating." With 26 different Choice Programs across the district, the Savannah Chatham County Public School System tries to make sure there's something every student will enjoy. "Students are always going to thrive in a school where they're interested in what they're learning and they're excited to come to school everyday." Parents and students were able to take a look into the different programs at this year's Student Success Expo and Stem Festival this past weekend... giving them a feel for what each program entails. "We have several schools that have a focus on STEAM education. That's science, technology, engineering, arts and math." The district also offers programs that focus on arts, medical services, aviation and more. It's something that's offered to students in grades K-12, but everyone in third grade or above do have to meet some criteria based on five different components. "We look at the students choice grade point average, their reading assessment scores, their math assessment scores, their attendance record and their discipline record." As the program's coordinator, Horton says it's rewarding to see these courses make an impact in

1/30/2024 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM	ANNA: SCCPSS CHOICE PROGRAM S	"When we see our students go off to college or to a technical school and we hear that they've pursued a career in the field that they were introduces to as a Choice Program student." ((ANNA)) "The deadline to apply for these Choice Programs will end on February 9th, and if you're interested in filling out an application for your child, we'll have a link to where you can do so on our website, WTOC.com, just look for this story. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."	00:01:48
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"I think it is that hands-on experience that they get in a field that they're interested in. At some of our high schools, our students can even earn a professional credential before they ever even leave high school and so that's really beneficial. And, I think another thing that's really powerful about our Choice Programs is the ability to establish a professional network before you even graduate high school." For students in third grade or above, there are some criteria they need to meet. For a look into what those are, along with a full list of all the programs the district offers, we'll have a link for you on our website, WTOC.com.

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The district offers 26 different programs with a wide variety of topics including things like engineering, aviation, visual and performing arts and more. Students and parents were able to learn about these programs at this year's Student Success Expo and STEM Festival this past weekend... letting them see exactly what students will be able to do. It's offered to students grades K-12, allowing them to get hands on experience in several different industries before graduating. The program's coordinator says it helps provide students with opportunities they likely wouldn't have had without these courses.

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trumpet Family members, teachers, mentors and friends of Breonna Moffet, coming together to celebrate and honor her life. "The first impression that anyone got from Breonna was that she was just a really bright, energetic, fun-loving student, who people naturally gravitated to." Sergeant Moffett was a Cadet Captain during her time in the JROTC program... and her former instructor says he always knew she was driven. "She was a person who had goals, and she knew that she, you know, when she graduated, she had a path." That path... to serve her county. Busted says her loss is unlike any other he's experienced. "I've been, 21 years in the army, you know, I've been around it, I've seen it before, but this one really struck home." While at Windsor Forest High School, Moffett also served as a drum major for the Marching Knight's. "She loved to get things done. She knows how to push you towards what she wants to get done." He says she was an inspiration, not only to himself, but to her classmates... something he's hoping will continue as her legacy lives on. "It's going to kind of, really help a lot of young folks. We not going to let her legacy die, we're going to spread some news." One thing both men want to say to Breonna... thank you. "I would like Sergeant Breonna Moffett to know, I want to say thank you to her. She brought me to this community." "I would say thank you. Thank you for your service, thank you for, you know, your dedication."

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"A third-straight state title means a third-straight championship ring. And a big part of the reason the girls will be able to get those rings begins right here with these T-shirts." PKG T-Shirts created by a local business called Helpful Tees. And over the past two weeks, the flag football team was able to sell 104 of them, equating to about \$1,400 dollars to be used toward the purchase of championship rings. "Our slogan is be proud of who you are, and so a lot of times, that's what shows up in a t-shirt that people want to promote. People wear their heart on their sleeve, and that's kinda why we do that." With the rings being \$250 each and there being 28 players on the team, the \$1,400 doesn't get them to the \$7,000 they'll need in order to pay for the rings, but every little bit helps for something that will mean so much. "It's just something you can keep forever. You can show your kids, your grandkids, you can tell them about it, and it's just a special keepsake you can always have." According to Cochran, the high school's policy is that each team is responsible for paying for their own rings if they win a championship and choose to get them. But with having a limited budget and needed to save money for other expenses throughout the season like travel, uniforms, and food, the fundraisers, and the community's help, mean everything. "They support us when we need money, they support us when we're going off. Whatever we need, the community always comes together to help us, and I just really appreciate that." If you're interested in making a donation, you can contact coach Marci Cochran or Southeast Bulloch High School by email or over the phone. Reporting in Bulloch County, Rachel West, WTOG News.

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2/2/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	READ UNITED DAY	<p>Over 9,000 books were handed out to students in over 400 classrooms across Chatham County on Friday. Pre-K through second grade students received the books from United Way volunteers, who first spent some time reading aloud to them. It's all part of the United Way of the Coastal Empire's mission to improve literacy levels...which is especially important in this region, where forty percent of third graders aren't reading on grade level – compared to the 34-percent state average. "We want to catch up and we want to exceed. We want to have every opportunity and make every opportunity for our children to have a bright future and thrive because when our children thrive, our entire community thrives." The other goal in all of this is to celebrate the joy of reading. "It's also a great opportunity to inspire in our students the love and passion for reading and to ignite their imagination, which can be found in a book." "Kids get to see that by reading and telling a story, you can get transported into that story, and you get to use your imagination." A lesson that five-year-old Jahnorris clearly has had no problem learning based off his quick response to why he loves to read. "Cause it's fun and it takes you everywhere." To learn more about United Way and their literacy efforts, we've got a link on wtoc-dot-com. In Chatham County, Rachel West, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:27
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2/3/2024 7:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREA K SATURDA Y	HISTORY ON WHEELS	"History on Wheels" visited Marshpoint Elementary Friday. It's organized by the Massie Heritage Center. Fifth graders learned about famous African-Americans and covered the history of Black education in Savannah along with Civil Rights. One of the highlights of the day was a visit from Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools' former Campus Police Chief... Ulysses Bryant. In 19-63 he was one of the first students to integrate Savannah High School.	00:00:27
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Ryan Looklive: That Palmetto's Finest Award recognizes achievements from leadership, staff and students. And here at ACE, I spoke to that leadership, staff and students about what being recognized as a finalist means to them. VO: The school's director told me he is thrilled with this honor. When he came to ACE 8 years ago... the school was close to shutting down. SOT: "To come this far in eight years, to be recognized as one of the premier schools in South Carolina, it's truly a testament to the students, the staff, both districts, Beaufort and Jasper, as well as both Superintendents and both boards." VO: At ACE, students learn the skills and earn the certifications they need to enter the workforce as soon as they graduate. From automotive... to culinary... cosmetology and more. SOT: "I think it's great that we're kind of recognizing that education is not solely college." VO: Students who want to pursue career and technical education transfer to ACE during their junior year, so this award reaches students who have come from across the Lowcountry. SOT: "It's not just a recognition for us, there's eight high schools that feed into us, a number of middle schools, a number of elementary, so it's really a reflective of K-12 in both Beaufort and Jasper Counties." "It's something that they deserve, these are some of the best students I've worked with, period." VO: I met some of the students Dr. Lovecchio was talking about, some of them working to complete multiple programs. Like Erikyah, who has already earned her certified nursing assistant license, and is now in the school's EMS program. SOT: "You come here and you learn what you want to learn." "It feels great to know that I have been part of a big accomplishment for ACE and able to be in high school, also being here at a CTE school where I get to further my education in what I want to do in the future." The winner of the Palmetto's Finest award will be named later this spring. Reporting from the Lowcountry, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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Confident Captivating Charismatic But behind the "Cowboy Kyle" character is a kid from Richmond Hill, who would instead be described as kind, caring, and compassionate by those who know him best. "Jackson Finley, who now he's with the Oakland A's... Jackson was playing as a freshman, and Jackson made a mistake in the outfield early in the season, and I just remember, unprompted, Kyle went and put his arm around him, pumped him up, told him 'we're good', and that day he had his back. That's just how he was, though, so it wasn't a shock." Kyle Luigs moved to the Coastal Empire from Arlington, Texas when he was in 4th grade. While in middle school, he began attending Richmond Hill High School's summer baseball camps, and once he was in high school himself, became a part of the program for all four years. "He was a constant for us. We always knew what we were gonna get. We were gonna get his best, we were gonna get a great attitude, we were gonna get a great teammate -- no matter what was happening prior to coming to field for practice or games." Qualities the former Wildcat attributes to his mom, dad, and several coaches who have been like father figures in his life. "It was easy to fall into because they were good role models for you, and you wanted to be a better person when you were around them. And they easily laid the lines out in terms of what would fly and what wouldn't fly." By the time he was an upperclassman, Luigs had become the anchor of the pitching staff...the clear-cut game one starter...on a team that wasn't lacking in talent, winning several region championships during his high school career. That led him to playing college ball at the University of North Georgia and eventually signing a two-day contract with the Bananas... Two days that has now turned into seven years for the co-captain of the greatest show in sports... "You know, at the end of the day, I'm still the same pitcher that pitched at Richmond Hill and did all that kind of stuff, it's just the obligation that we have now to be entertaining and to play good baseball is one that I take very seriously because, one, all the fans -- this is a date that they circle on their calendars for years to come out and see us play -- and then just all the people growing up in my life that have poured so much into my baseball success, I feel like there's a crossroad of all those people coming together, and it's people that I don't want to let down and I want to make proud, no matter how small or how big of an impact they've had in my life."

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Check it out - Anneka Neukomm's Court of Honor is scheduled for this summer - but the Coastal Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America are recognizing her hard work now. Neukomm has been a scout since 2019. They say her Eagle Project was fundraising for and installing "talk tubes" on the playground of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Savannah. The new feature isn't just fun - it will help teach kids about sound waves, too. WTOC would like to wish Anneka a big congratulations!

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Researchers say a new vessel will be exploring our waters... bringing insight we've never had before. Our Anna Stansfield got an inside look at the boat ahead of its debut and tells us why researchers say this is so important. "This new vessel helping researchers get a better understanding of what's going on just off of our coast." The R/V Gannet is primarily set to explore Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, an area about 20 miles off the Georgia shore. National marine sanctuaries are like national parks... but underwater. "Which is why we need boats like the R/V Gannet to get out to the sites and do the research." John Armor says the vessel will also explore areas ranging from the coasts of North Carolina all the way to Central Florida... an area he says is largely unexplored. JOHN ARMOR "There's really a huge need for a greater understanding for how these really special places are functioning." Which is why he says this boat will fill a big role on the East Coast... especially as our climate is changing. JOHN ARMOR "This kind of boat is really going to sort of, fill a sweet spot, in ocean and coastal research." Experts say one unique feature about this boat is its high observational platform that can allow things like marine mammal monitoring. "We can look for North Atlantic right whales, or sea turtle monitoring or sea bird monitoring from this vessel as well." The boat also allows for scuba diving, mapping, monitoring ocean chemistry and noise and quick trips around the coast. STAN ROGERS "It can, in a day, travel 400 nautical miles to do work offshore, come back to do multi-day operations." One other benefit to this boat... at times, students and educators will have a chance to hop on and join in on the research. STAN ROGERS "There's no substitute to being out on the water. Going out on the ocean, seeing things firsthand, that experiential learning, it cannot be replaced by anything." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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		BO:	Speaking of St. Patrick's Day - A WTOC tradition is back. Students in 1st through 6th grade can	
	4:30AM	COLORING	submit their drawings to the annual WTOC coloring contest! We have a form you can download on	
	DAYBREA	CONTEST	our website, wtoc.com -- under the St. Patrick's Day page. The overall winner will be surprised by	
2/14/2024	K	PUSH	WTOC at the student's school March 6th.	
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	5AM	COLORING	The winner will also help pour the green dye into the Forsyth Fountain for the annual "Greening of the	
	DAYBREA	CONTEST	Fountain." That will be held Friday, March 8th this year. The deadline to submit drawings is	
2/14/2024	K	PUSH	February 29th at 5PM. We look forward to seeing them!	
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2/14/2024 5:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K BO: COLORING CONTEST PUSH WTOC's annual St. Patrick's Day coloring contest is back! It's open to Students in 1st through 6th grade. They can submit their drawings right now. We have a form you can download from wtoc.com -- under the St. Patrick's Day page. The overall winner will be surprised by WTOC at the student's school March 6th. 00:00:18

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2/16/2024 5:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K JASMINE: BOOK FEST. "I was with a delegation that went to England in 1996 and I read a memorial plaque and one of the inscriptions said he was a friend of the oppressed negro. That is what started me on the 20 plus year journey. Number one, to determine whether or not it was true... and if true, to share that information with fellow Georgians and people all over this country." Everyone is invited to the *free festival Saturday will be from 9 A-M to 6 P-M at Telfair and Chippewa Squares. 00:00:27

2/16/2024 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm JASMINE: COMM. RESOURC E FAIR Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority is hosting 9 different resource and hiring fairs in the 9 counties they serve. They say it's a plan and an effort to help children and families in their communities. VO: The organizations leads Head Start In Liberty County specifically.. the statewide program promotes school readiness for children of low-income families. Crystal Sapp supervises Liberty County's program. She says there are opportunities for everyone. Crystal Sapp, Supervisor of Liberty County Head Start in Riceboro SOT: "This is a brand-new building. A lot of people do not know that we are out here. A lot of people do not know that Head Start is still open and we want them to know that yes we are open, yes we're continuously taking applications." VO: Applications for children to enroll in the program and to hire workers. Crystal Sapp, Supervisor of Liberty County Head Start in Riceboro SOT: "Head Start teachers, Head Start Teachers aids, bus monitors..." VO: Sapp says she was a part of Head Start years ago, so she's proud to be in a position to give back now. Crystal Sapp, Supervisor of Liberty County Head Start in Riceboro SOT: "It's an amazing organization, we do amazing things and I just want to pay it forward." VO: But it didn't stop there. Local organizations also gathered today to share their own resources with people that were able to come out. One of those resources being the CHIP program by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It helps to provide meals for children in Hinesville. Deborah Andrews, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Member SOT: "We started out with about 30 kids... and right now, we're about 75 kids. And hopefully we'll be getting more." VO: Resources for health care, free food pantries and college recruitment were also available at the fair. LL: If you weren't able to make it to any of the resource fairs today, we'll have more information for hiring efforts on our website at WTOC.com. In Liberty County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News. 00:01:58

2/16/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM COLORING CONTEST PUSH WTOC's St. Patrick's Day coloring contest is officially underway! Students 1st through 6th grade can submit their work now through February 25th at 5 PM. To participate, head to our website WTOC dot com and look for the St. Patrick's Day page. We have a form students and parents and download to enter. 00:00:18

2/19/2024 12:01:00 AM 11PM WEEKEND D DAWN: CELEBRATING LADY EDDIE LEE MARSH Check it out- Today people came together at Woodville Tompkins to celebrate Lady Eddie Lee Marsh. She's now the national president and CEO of Top Ladies of Distinction incorporated- The organization focuses on helping the community through service nationwide. They also sponsor Top Teens of America and provide them opportunities. We got a chance to speak to Ms. Marsh on how big today was not only to the organization- but for her as well. 00:00:26

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The Savannah College of Art and Design is celebrating a decade of fine art with their annual program of exhibits and performances. This year, 9 new exhibits will be used to showcase artist from around the world. The event takes place next Tuesday, February 27-th at 6 p-m. This years celebration will be back at the SCAD Museum of Art, who says there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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The U-S Navy is once again bringing Savannah Navy Week to the community. It's all about educating locals about what the military branch does for the city. A few events set to happen include live performances from the navy band and volunteer work throughout Chatham County school system. You're taking a look at past video of those events. Savannah Sailors told WTOC today say they are so excited to give back to their community.

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JASMINE:
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LLINTRO: The Liberty County Summer Youth Employment Program is now open for students to apply. It's an effort to give Liberty County students real-world work experience. VO: Summer jobs for students ages 14-18... all organized by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners and county leaders. Joseph Mosley, Liberty County, Assistant County Administrator SOT: "We actually interview the students; we assemble a team of individuals, both from county employees as well as people from the community. They volunteer, so we'll come in on a Saturday and actually give them about a 30 minute interview." VO: And once they're accepted, they work for five weeks during the summer. Doing their best to align them with their future career goals. Joseph Mosley, Liberty County, Assistant County Administrator SOT: "One young lady.. she transitioned from our ESYEP program to our LCYC program. She wanted to be a medical examiner... and we were like well... we really don't have... oh we have a coroner." VO: And that young lady is Jaelen. She's now a 10th grader at Bradwell Institue. Jaelen Brady, past program participant SOT: "When it came to job assignment day, I got the coroner's office. I was excited and it was amazing because it's going to send you so far." VO: She says she hopes to return to SYEP this summer and the program made her, "better." Jaelen Brady, past program participant SOT: "It's helped me be more social to others and it's helped me become more of a team player." LLTAG: In order to apply, you have to live or attend school in Liberty County. We'll have additional information about the application on our website at WTOC.com. In Liberty County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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2/23/2024 6:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K GEORGIA TECH STEAMBRE PROGRAM Looking ahead- Georgia Tech-Savannah is planning to start their new "STEAMBreak" Program! It's slated for the first week of April. It will be held from 9 A.M.- 3 P.M. each day. The program is for students in first through fifth grades that are interested in STEAM. Which is science, technology, engineering, art & math. It's \$75 dollars per day. For more information- head to our website- WTOC dot com. Just look for this story. 00:00:25

2/23/2024 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm JASMINE: STATESBORO APARTME NTS LLINTRO: We told you about this back in September when all of this behind me was being torn down. So, I came to the city to get an update and check it out for myself. The construction for the apartments that'll go here, is underway. VO: Located on Georgia Road, several popular bars used to call this strip home. Georgia Southern students say they enjoyed the venues while they were here, but something new.. could be good. Kayden Fortner, Georgia Southern student SOT: It's just good seeing that we have more room for more freshmen, Georgia Southern's definitely going to grow with these new apartments. VO: Justin Williams is the planning and housing administrator for the city. He says, there's a lot of money and a lot of effort going into the project. Justin Williams, Planning & Housing Administrator for the city of Statesboro "It's a very large project, it's estimated at about 61 million dollars to build so, massive massive construction that we haven't really seen a lot in Statesboro, so it's going to be awesome." LLTAG: The city of Statesboro says the project is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2025. But of course, we'll continue to keep you updated. In Statesboro, I'm Jasmine Butler, WTOC News. 00:01:11

2/23/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM GSU NEW BUILDING I'm standing right in the middle of what's going to be the biggest event venue space between Savannah and Macon. Crews working on the arena have officially reached the top of the project... celebrating the milestone at today's topping ceremony. It's the final stretch of getting the project done." It's a venue that Georgia Southern's president says will set the tone for the University and for the area. "It's a gathering place. And I think for us, particularly given the geography of where we are in Southeast Georgia, it's going to be a great location, a great center piece and a great gathering point." He says it's going to be used for GSU commencement ceremonies, tournaments, convocations and more. And for the name, the Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center... "To have this Convocation center named after them, it's a testament to their impact on the region. So, the word is.. a testament." A testament to their legacy and contribution to the University. Today, crews gathered to enjoy food, win prizes and celebrate laying the highest piece of steel at the top of the building. The VENUE is expected to be completed in the Fall, but we'll continue to keep you updated on its progress. In SB... JB... WTOC News. 00:01:11

2/26/2024 MORNING NOCHE DE organization's scholarship, food assistance for migrant families, school supplies for low income migrant students and more. 00:00:30

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CHRIS: THEN ON SATURDAY- the Migrant Equity South-East hosted their second annual Una Noche en Savannah The event- which translates to One Night in Savannah- helps to raise money to support the local immigrant community. There was dancing, a silent auction, and live music performance from UNA Savannah Arts. Our very own Aria Janel emceed the event! All of the money raised will go towards the

2/26/2024 SCAD for the Student Production Awards today. All those local nominations are too numerous to list individually. But they include categories like Fiction, Music Video, Animation and more. WTOC would like to congratulate all those young creators and wish them well. The winners will be announced on March 23rd in Atlanta. 00:00:25

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2/26/2024 TEACHER OF THE MONTH EXCHANG E CLUB Check it out! The Savannah Exchange Club announcing the teachers of the month for both February and March. Marsha Brommell--February's teacher of the month comes from White Bluff Elementary. Cameron Hunt received the same honor for the month of March. Hunt is from the Habersham School. And lastly, the student of the month has been named as Caden Arnold from Calvary Day School. 00:00:22

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RICARDO: LET NATS PLAY FOR 10 SECONDS The 8-thousand square foot facility serves as a one-stop enrollment center for both new and current students. It also deals with admissions, advising, financial aid and more. Work on the HUB started last year and was finally completed this year. One staff member explained why this renovation is so important for the students.

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"Once you learn to read ... "You are forever free She has worked in affirmations. "If you're not listening, the very thing that could save your life, we miss And in sound advice. "Minute to Minute "Hour to hour "If we lose our faith "We lose our power Mostly, Diane Jackson has worked 20 years to see the change she wanted to be. "I kept seeing all the violence on the street. I've seen people laying dead in the street "I was thinking something had to be done. What Jackson did was start an after-school program for young boys at Andrea B Williams Elementary where she worked, the mother of five girls hoping to change the direction she saw too many students at the school choosing. "I had no formal training on how to run an agency. All I knew was I had a passion. a love for children for people to see them in a different light ... "I wanted to create a safety net for those who were at risk of falling through the cracks of society, those who were at risk of having unfair labels put on them. So Jackson put a different label on them. "It just dropped in my spirit, Young Men of Honor. In the last 20 years, Young Men of Honor has cast Jackson's net across the community surrounding the school - with field trips, summer vacations and college campus visits in addition to the weekly meetings when she brings community leaders in to speak to the kids. "Our first speaker was Mayor Otis Johnson. And Young Men of Honor has built a community upon itself - 600 kids coming through the program, staying connected to each other and Ms. Jackson by coming back to speak to the group. "This program is the first thing that taught me brotherhood, that gave me stability as far as life goes. ".Just the lessons Ms. Jackson taught us. Anything she said helped us in school, out of school and moving forward in life. There is a nearly 100 percent high school graduation rate among those who went through Young Men of Honor as children, with many going much farther. "In 20 years, I have seen high school graduations. I've seen children come out of college who never gave up. I've seen young men who now own their own businesses. I've seen marriages ... "These young men, they're the repairers of the breach. They're going to mend that family unit back. And they will always be part of the family that first started 20 years ago and still does. "They're my brothers. If they ever call me or need something, If I've got it, I'm going to send it. Because we're all like a brotherhood. "It's an investment in our children. They are scholars and they are young men of honor. I feel like if we say it enough, they're going to believe it. If we keep depositing good stuff in them and tell them that they can. "I look at Ms. Jackson as a grandma. And everything she has ever taught me or said to me it truly comes back to me every other day.

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3/1/2024 5:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREA K RICARDO: As SCAD gets ready for that event - The Technical College of the Lowcountry has officially opened a newly renovated student services HUB. 00:00:08

3/1/2024 5:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREA K HAPP. TMRW: SCAD FIBERS CELEBRAT ES 20 YRS In Savannah SCAD's Fibers Open Studio is celebrating 20 years today! You can come out and get an inside look to see both students and alumnis' fiber art creations. You can also get hands-on demos of screen printing and machine knitting . It starts at 5 and goes until 8 at the school's Pepe Hall. The event is free and open to the public. 00:00:19

3/4/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	DARIUS RUCKER COLLEGE GOLF	Check it out! The Darius Rucker Intercollegiate teed off today at Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island. Student athletes from the University of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and more will be taking the greens as the week goes on. And if you're local - you don't have to watch it on T-V. This event is free and open to the public - organizers say just come and have fun.	00:00:21
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3/5/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	BEAUFORT CHILD DIES FROM SHOOTING INJURIES	Frankie Washington was a student of the Early Learning Center at Whale Branch elementary school. School staff told me he was more than just a student. VO: Washington was killed in a shooting that Beaufort Police say was accidental. The principal of his school sent out a statement, saying Frankie was not just a student but a ray of sunshine in the classroom, a sweet, lovable child who brought joy to everyone around him. This is the second time in the past six months that a child has died in a shooting at the Cross Creek apartments. On Sunday afternoon, first responders from the city's police department, county sheriff's office and EMS were at the scene. SOT: "It's a very tragic situation and we send out thoughts out to all those individuals that were affected by this incident." Beaufort Police told me the investigation is still active, so they can't go on camera. You can find any updates to this story with WTOC on air and online at WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:00:59
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3/5/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	WTOC COLORING CONTEST JUDGING	Check it out! Today was the judging for our annual St. Patrick's Day coloring contest. Savannah's 200th Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal and committee chair helped pick the winner. The winner will get the chance to help pour the green dye into the fountain at Forsyth Park for the annual "Greening of the Fountain." That will be this Friday at noon.	00:00:21
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PKG: *nat sound* The sounds of Trumpets and trombones fill the halls of Bradwell Institute as their marching band practices. *nat sound* The Tigers are practicing for the performance of a lifetime. *nat sound* The honor comes with a hefty price tag for the travel, hotel rooms and food for the band to make the trip. "The total cost is just over 104 thousand dollars" After the news broke to the students that their spot in the parade had been secured and the excitement wore off, the kids were faced with the reality of just how much 100 thousand dollars is. "They have been pushing it and pushing it with the fundraisers, they have been doing alot of things to help them get to DC" A goal, band director Aubrey Simmons believes is possible ((AUBREY SIMMONS##BRADWELL BAND DIRECTOR 0.36)) "My tagline right now is 50k by May if we get that we are good to go." The motto and the timeline, The band has been fundraising since September but still has a little over 50 thousand dollars to raise. Traveling to DC isn't just an honor for the band, Simmons says that for many of his kids, this may be the first and only opportunity to travel to places like this. "Alot of the kids, the only time they do travel, its with the band."

LINDSEY: And with less than 2 months left till the funding is due, its a race against time. "What if you dont make that? I mean, Devastating? "Yes, for he students, for the parents, for me, because we see just how hard these kids have worked for this opportunity."

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The Toombs County basketball history books have been re-written this winter. One of the best regular seasons in program history earned the group a region title. The team played in the final four for the first time in program history... and Thursday the group played for the school's first-ever boys basketball championship. It was a tough test ahead of the Bulldogs, Westside was the other team and looking for a three-peat at the double-A level. ** Some more scoring from Westside. This time it's DONTRELL JACKSON, helping to Patriots jump out to a 10-0 lead midway through the first quarter. ** Into the second, some big sparks for the Bulldogs. JESUS QUINTERO up top to DOMINIC EASON. That's a mean slam from the senior. ** Everything the 'Dawgs did, the Patriots had an answer. JARIOUS ADKINSON gets a good look from the wing and inks it. 31-14 the halftime score, Westside led it. ** then the next offensive possession for the Bulldogs, he calls his own number. It's a step-back three for the senior. ***** ... but for every shot the Bulldogs made, the Patriots made two. 64-29 Toombs County falls in its first-ever state championship game. SOUND Toombs County finishes the regular season 29-3 overall, and state runner-up for the first time in program history. WTOC will be back here in Macon on Friday, the Johnson Atom Smashers are representing Savannah in the triple-A title game. For now, at the Macon Coliseum, Jeff Robets, WTOC Sports.

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"I am totally excited about Discovery Day. This is our first Spring Event that we've had since we opened back up in June. So all the refuge lands are open back up from our restoration project we've been having happening over the last three years, so this is a great day to come out." There will also be two special presentations on refuge updates. Discovery day starts at 10 am and goes on until 3 pm. You can find more details on where and when Discovery Day is on our website, WTOC.com.

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CAYDEN & LEONARD HERB // WTOC COLORING CONTEST WINNER AND GRANDFATHER "I drew the cathedral and how I saw all these buildings as a kid." "I couldn't believe it. When his mom called me and said you're not going to believe this, it's a secret, he won the painting! Of course I had already seen the painting, and I just knew it was really good. But with so many kids with so much talent, it was just really great that he won!" Now the fun for Cayden doesn't stop here – he says he'll be walking in the parade with his family this year as well.

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"We get to participate in the annual WTOC St. Patrick's Day coloring contest" Every year... weeks before Savannah goes green... students get to add their own splash of color. "I made sure it's like very colorful, but meaningful." Open to students in 1st through 6th grade... "I'm drawing our cross and then two flags in the corner." More than a thousand entries roll in each year... "I drew the cathedral with St. Patrick underneath it" and the competition can be stiff. "Some of the artwork we saw was difficult to judge, it could have been a number of winners." In 1993, WTOC issued it first St. Patrick's Day Edition of The Southeast News Leader... and the Coloring Contest would soon follow. Giving overall winners a chance to grace the cover. A source of pride... but also inspiration. "I remember each year leading up just seeing the things in the paper and just no and I really, really wanted to win." "So you want something that's going to catch the judge's eye." St. Peter the Apostle's art teacher, Helena Russell has several of those old covers... highlighting winners through the years. "One of my first winners, he sails and so he chose to do a sailboat for his so it meant something to him. One of the other winners was an Irish dancer, so she included that in hers." "It was my last year and we had just gotten a new competition dress, so I was like, I think I'll draw this, so that's what I drew on it, with a big old Shamrock and an Irish flag. It was a good time." "This was like one of the highlights of the St. Patrick's Day season for me." In 2007... Austin Josey became the first Coloring Contest winner to take part in another St. Patrick's Day tradition." "In sixth grade I got to do the greening which was like the coolest experience, you know, ever." That year Josey also became the first two-time winner. His drawing as a First grader came just a few months after 9-11. "Looking back at it, I wanted to do something that was like patriotic I remember wanting to do like the American flag and the Irish flag." Through the decades, dozens of students have left their mark on Savannah's St. Patrick's Day. "It's tradition. And tradition is very important in our lives. You know, it's memories that we're making." "I'm working on a picture of me and my family walking in the parade. And sometimes those memories... And we're downtown, all holding hands walking down the street." Serve as the spark for something special.

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Dr. Howard Keeley is the Director of the Center of Irish Research and Teaching at Georgia Southern University...part of that research - finding out how and why Irish people started coming to Savannah. As for the how - it started before the Revolutionary War...when six boatfuls of Presbyterian Scots-Irish immigrants headed to Savannah and settled in what is now Louisville, Georgia. They settled around the Ogeechee river, they were agriculturalist. They began a small town as an anchor. That community didn't survive the Revolutionary War, but today if you go to Louisville or Jefferson County in general, you'll find the descendants of those folks." The political landscape in Ireland also brought many families to Savannah. In 1798 came the Irish Rebellion, where a group known as the United Irishmen were looking to unite the Irish people, regardless of religion, against the British Crown. That brought more Presbyterian Irish to the Hostess City. Keeley: "After that revolution failed, a reasonable number of the leadership felt the best thing to do was get out of dodge, get out of Ireland. So some of them made their way to Savannah, and they became merchant class within the city." The Catholic Irish can be traced back to at least 1812. Dr. Keeley says they're still not sure why...and many of the families were poor. The already-settled Presbyterian Irish were aware of their struggle, and looked for ways to help. KEELEY: They founded an organization to help those people to assimilate and give them a leg up. And that of course is the Hibernian Society of Savannah. So it came into existence in 1812, and still exists. The local Savannahians were also very accepting of the Irish immigrants, Dr. Keeley says, unlike in some Northeastern cities that had "No Irish Need Apply" employment policies. Savannah newspapers ran articles that spoke highly of the newly arrived Irish. In fact- the harmony of people of different backgrounds and religions is what inspired the first ever St. Patrick's Day parade in the city with Bishop John England of Charleston, an Irish man, as the guest of honor. KEELEY: "He actually commented that he hoped that the spirit of unity in Savannah would be an example for the rest of the United States." That quote, now on a newly unveiled marker in Liberty Square, commemorating the bicentennial of the parade: "May the example of Savannah be widely influential; here men who differ in religion may meet as friends and brethren; the acrimony of the bigot is not permitted to destroy the harmony of society." Though Irish immigration into the city largely ended at the onset of the Civil War, the traditions those original migrants brought over, still live on today.. As people from all different backgrounds share in on the festivities. KEELEY: "Savannah has already done that. I think if the Irish government is looking for the poster of inclusion, a broad understanding of Ireland, look no further than Savannah, Georgia."

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LL: The week kicked off with a STEM event for Savannah-Chatham public school students here at the city's civic center. "Savannah, a lot of water, no Navy ships. Typically, we pick cities that don't have a significant Naval presence." More than 50 Sailors will be taking part in events throughout Chatham County like school visits...community outreach projects...and the 200th St. Patrick's Day Parade. Students got a chance to use some Naval equipment firsthand and see the Navy Band Southeast perform. Organizers say the week...running through March 17th...is a crucial outreach program that teaches the public about the Navy and its members. For some Sailors, this week is also a homecoming...including for Calvary Day School alumnus Lieutenant Eva Knoche. "I don't get the chance to come back too often because I've been stationed across the country for a while...It's just been great to be back and reconnect with the community. I'm really excited for St. Patrick's Day." LL: Navy Week continues tonight on Tybee Island where activities include a softball game between area first responders and a performance by the Navy Band. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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			Today was the 32nd Annual Heritage Classic Foundation Scholar Luncheon. It wasn't just a chance for these students from Beaufort and Jasper Counties to share a meal - all 11 of them walked away with money for college. The grants range from 4-thousand dollars to 20-thousand. WTOC would like to wish them all a really big congratulations.	
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			Ryan Looklive: While there aren't any aquatic mammals on this plot of land now... In a couple of years, this will be the home of the May River Manatees. VO: Last week, the Beaufort County Board of Education unanimously approved the name... May River Elementary. The colors... blue, black, silver and gray. As well as the mascot... the manatee. The cost of construction will be determined once it goes out for bids from contractors, which should happen in about a month. Once a contractor is chosen, the school district expects to break ground in the fall and have the school ready to welcome the manatees in 2026. The new elementary school, along with other projects funded by the referendum, are responses to the rapid population growth in Beaufort County. SOT: Robert Oetting, Chief Operations Officer, Beaufort County School District "One of the things that board members saw was what's happening at Pritchardville Elementary. We're getting a lot of growth there in that area. We have 18 classrooms out in mobiles at this time and it continues to grow." LL Tag: You can follow along with the development of May River Elementary on the education page of our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	
3/11/2024	RYAN T.:			
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			KYLE: VR EXPERIEN CE AT BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	"It was actually new not shocking but it was new. I didn't know what to do but I like the V-R part. It was fun." "It felt real. It really did feel kind of real." There was a debriefing following the mission... where students got feedback and a performance grade. Navy leaders also spoke to the students about succeeding in STEM fields like engineering and health care. They also shared information about potential ROTC scholarships.	
3/14/2024	5AM	DAYBREA			
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3/14/2024 5AM CE AT The Nimitz Virtual Reality Experience has been parked at the Beach High campus this week. After
 4:59:00 AM DAYBREA BEACH getting briefed for the mission... students strapped on V-R headset and a pack on their back. The
 K HIGH simulator gives you the experience of piloting a high speed SWCC boat to extract Navy SEALs. I got
 SCHOOL to try it as well. We caught up students who described how it felt. 00:00:22

3/14/2024 ANNA S.: "We just wanted to be able to give them a place to connect and celebrate his life." BUTTED TO "When
 4:59:00 PM ROTC you have an event like Chris's, you know, it's tragic, but you want to make sure he gets the proper send
 5PM INSTRUCT off." BUTTED TO "Guy was a freaking hero, and knowing that after the fact, I would do it 10 times bigger
 OR DEATH if I could." 00:00:18

3/14/2024 ANNA S.: He started printing out any photos of Decker that he could find on social media, laying them out on a table
 4:59:00 PM ROTC for people to see. He says originally, he was told only about 10-15 people would come, but that number
 5PM INSTRUCT ended up reaching about 25-30. Although he didn't know Decker personally, he says he could tell how
 OR DEATH much he was loved based on the number of people that came out to honor him and the stories that were
 told. He tells me being able to provide Decker's friends and family with a place to remember him, was an
 honor in itself. 00:00:31

3/14/2024 GSU ROTC "Obviously that speaks to the kind of love that people have for Chris, and to hear and to see that
 5:53:00 PM INSTRUCT firsthand, it's just so humbling." BUTTED TO "To see the outpouring of love and appreciation for the kind
 OR KILLED of life that Chris lived, I can't even put it into words, I still get goosebumps just thinking about it."
 FOLO Georgia Southern University's Army ROTC program also remembering Decker, releasing a statement on
 Facebook reading in part, "We ask that you keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts during this
 time. The Eagle Battalion will share memorial information once details have been finalized." 00:00:35

3/14/2024
5:53:00 PM 6PM GSU ROTC INSTRUCT OR KILLED FOLO He tells me last night, he got a call from some of Decker's friends asking to hold a celebration of life in his honor. He says once he hung up, he immediately started working to print out photos of Decker from social media to lay out on a table. Those photos are still out right now, and the owner says he plans on leaving them out for days to come, making sure to honor Decker the best way he can. He tells me last night, around 25-30 people came out to remember Decker, all sharing amazing stories... something he says showed just how much Decker was loved. 00:00:32

3/19/2024
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA BC STOP Check it out - a touching tribute - making it's way across the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry. Today the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit stopped at Benedictine Military School. The exhibit walks people through the mission of the group - which puts wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers to remember the fallen. In addition to the stop at B-C, the group was at mossy Oaks Elementary school in Beaufort last week. 00:00:25

3/19/2024
11:00:00 PM 11PM HYUNDAI TECH COLLEGE TOOL DONATION Check it out -- Hyundai donating to four local technical schools in hopes of training more potential workers for the Metaplant coming to Bryan County. The company is giving tool kits to Savannah, Ogeechee, Coastal Pines and Southeastern technical colleges meant to improve their electric vehicle programs. All four technical colleges signed an agreement with the Metaplant to offer Electric Vehicle Professional certificate programs meant to prepare students for entry-level positions in electric vehicle production. 00:00:32

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4:59:00 AM	K	N		children. Organizers say about two thousand people showed up to support these young artists.	00:00:18

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			SCHOOL	"It's very humbling and I'm very honored to be a part of this because this is my first year as organizer and	
	5AM	ART		we've really expanded the amount of artwork we're showing we're offering concessions we have a	
3/21/2024	DAYBREA	RECEPTIO		facepainter lots of things we've never done before and it seems to be a great success." A raffle	
4:59:00 AM	K	N		during the event will benefit future Visual Arts programming in Effingham County.	00:00:22

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Wayne County Baseball has been one of the most consistent teams in the coastal empire since 2020, but one habit they're trying to break is ending their season in the state quarterfinals. It's where the Yellow Jackets have lost each of the past three years. SOT Head Coach Josh McDonald "We used to use the term of making a run in the playoffs, and you know, that's no longer the standard or the expectation. Getting to the playoffs and getting to the third round is kind of the expectation. We've done some things different as a coaching staff, we still have the same core values and culture of our program, but we've done some things different to try to get to that point where we can get over that hump. Gavin Mixon, a senior pitcher, has stepped into the role as the Tuesday night starter after recovering from UCL surgery. He says he needed a good mindset to get back on to the mound. SOT Gavin Mixon "Just knowing that I had it my sophomore year, just confidence knowing what I can do. You know just coming back from the surgery was a long process with physical therapy and what not. Just getting back to the mound and do what I can do." Gavin isn't the only player taking on a big role this season. Whether it's a freshman or a senior, every player on this roster has made an impact on this team. SOT Carson Shaver "We've had a few young guys step up at the beginning of the season, they've made a really big impact on this team. We've got an old team, but a good bit of leadership on this team. The young guys and older guys have been able to mesh well together and we've been able to put together a really good start to the season. The expectation for Wayne County baseball this season is to win a state championship, and they know exactly what it is going to take to get there. SOT Carson Shaver "In the playoffs things get magnified, all the little things come out. Two out hits is what we really focus on, those are big in the playoffs. If we can string together two out hits and just keep doing on defense and pitching what we're doing now, I think things will be really good for us." SOT Coach McDonald "Anything less than playing one and winning one is gonna be a disappointment. That's kind of been the mindset for our guys and making sure they keep that goal and expectation in their eyesight." In Wayne County, I'm Ainsley Clifford, for WTOC sports.

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5:53:00 PM 6PM Wayne County Baseball 00:02:16

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DAY AT ((SUSANNAH LANIER##CANDLER COUNTY 4H)) "When you have an industry that's important kids need to learn about it, the community needs to know about it. And we all know we wouldn't live without food so we wouldn't make it without agriculture." The students we spoke to say that this is one of their favorite days of the year as they jump into the first-hand experience of local agriculture.

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11:00:00 PM 11PM METTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS 00:00:20

7AM CHRIS: AG
DAYBREA DAY AT
K METTER Tractors, farmers, and a few fluffy farm animals visited students from the Metter elementary schools. The day was filled with hands-on experiences and activities that amplified the importance of the Agricultural industries especially here in Georgia.

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"Man this is my first time flying. I don't know." Butted Sot: "Without exposure people don't know what is available to them. I was exposed to this at an early age so I took advantage of it and I'm trying to do the same thing for the youth we have here today." The event saw 350 attendees with 175 flyers, according to Savannah Aviation. It was put on by Black Pilots of America and Savannah Aviation in hopes of sparking an interest for these kids in the aviation industry. It also focused on the underserved community who aren't able to experience flying. John Ratcliff - who's been flying for four decades - says if just one or two of the young people they had in attendance becomes a pilot... the event was more than worth it.

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"A lot of people, at least at the high school level, don't know that there is a rifle team. It's like, wait, that's a sport? We have a team? Where do you guys shoot? In school...and that's an even bigger shocker." (nat sound of shooting) Katlyn Sullivan is a junior at Statesboro High School. She first started learning how to shoot at an early age, thanks to the guidance of her dad and grandfather. Then in fifth grade, she attended a camp at Georgia Southern, which was enough to spark the passion. "I think the last day of that camp, they had one of the team shooters for the rifle team there come in and show what the rifle looked like and explained a bit about what they shoot. I just wanted to know more about it, wanted to get into it." Since then, she has found success in several state and national competitions and is a three-time Junior Olympics qualifier for USA Shooting. She has also competed in the Olympic Trials and now has her sights set on making the team in 2028. Basically the top 50 in the world, they can all shoot great, it's who has the best thought processes that day and who controls their mind to execute the best that day." So as a novice in the shooting world, I wanted to get coached up. And Katlyn seemed like a pretty good person to learn a thing or two from. (nat of Katlyn teaching Rachel) Honestly, she did the best with what she had to work with...it doesn't seem like I'm going to be a threat for that Olympic team any time soon. Whether you're like me and the word beginner is an understatement or you're like Katlyn and much closer to expert level, she says that pushing yourself and knowing there's always room for growth is one of the biggest keys to the sport. "I think I've plateaued for nearly a whole year. And it was like, 'I want this next level so badly, give it to me'. And you just keep fighting for it. You keep going to the range, working on your process, and figuring out what's the small thing I can do to get better."

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VO: A dynamic duo of choir...sharing their love for music. Janet Wooten, Richmond Hill High School-- Choral Director SOT: "Dr. Addington and I, my amazing accompanist, he asked if we would come and perform The Requiem here at his church, the Sunday before easter. We felt it was very fitting for this time of the year." VO: A journey that started earlier this month, when Richmond Hill High choral director Janet Wooten and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Justin Addington... combined their choirs, traveled to New York City and sang at Carnegie Hall. Janet Wooten, Richmond Hill High School-- Choral Director SOT: "It was amazing, I mean it's not something I thought I'd be doing." VO: But she is doing it, and she says she could only pull it off with her committed group of students. Janet Wooten, Richmond Hill High School-- Choral Director SOT: "They want to be a part of something so fantastic. So when you have dedicated kids, it makes it pretty easy, it makes my job very easy." Dr Reverand Justin Addington, First Baptist Church-- Minister of Music SOT: Many of my choir members commented on how well-behaved they were and what a pleasant experience it was. You know, initially when you tell a bunch of adults we're going on a trip to NYC with high school students they're like oh my gosh..." VO: But he says, combining the singers was an experience they won't forget. It took work hard work... Dr Reverand Justin Addington, First Baptist Church-- Minister of Music SOT: "We started rehearsals for this back in January, and it took a couple of months to prepare it." VO: But they say, it was all worth it. Janet Wooten, Richmond Hill High School-- Choral Director SOT: "It's always great to work for a school system that's super supportive of the arts and the students and Richmond Hill high school, Bryan County is just that. They support the students, they support the arts, they're very understanding.. and the sky is the limit." VO: In Savannah, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News.

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9 second nats of performance GRAMMY Award winning artist Samara Joy performed at the Lucas Theater Saturday night - kicking off the Savannah Music Festival's Spring Fling. It raises funds for the 17-day festival and educational outreach programs. The festival's executive director says performances like that highlight music's unifying power.

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"The institute for water and health is located in a region where there are so many different issues happening in terms of water and health. We have increasing population - that means a lot of water demand. We also have sea level rise and salt water intrusion. We also have communities that need to have access to safe water." BUTTED TO: "To make sure that we are going to have drinking water for all this explosion of growth that we're having in this reason. You know, we got a lot of challenges ahead of us, and this is the kind of investment we need to be making." The funding announcement came as university leaders cut the ribbon the space for the institute. It's a 6-thousand square foot facility in Savannah on the Armstrong Campus.

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			MICHAELA: It's a unique event that challenges students to demonstrate manners... discipline... and professional conduct. During the competition--- students work their way through different stations. Each station requires the student to display interpersonal skills that they have developed throughout the school year.	
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9:00:00 AM	BREAK	SHAKE	SHAKE	00:00:24

			MICHAELA: Students at North Tattnall Middle School got to showcase several skills in a competition called "The Amazing Shake".... where students show manners and respect. The competition helps students gain confidence in their own abilities.	
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			"I've been an avid volunteer as are so many of my colleagues alumni and our students. We love being part of the Savannah community and giving to the community and so this fund is really a wonderful opportunity to add to the work we all been doing over the years to make our community great." Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and local government entities. The grants will range from \$100,000 to \$1 million and will be awarded to proposals focusing on critical community needs.	
3/28/2024	6AM	RICARDO:	SCAD	
5:59:00 AM	DAYBREA	K	SERVES	00:00:29

VO: You may remember Madison... the Liberty County high school senior who's been breaking records on her way to college. Back in February, she had been awarded more than 5 million dollars in scholarships. But in just a month, she's gone from 5 million... to 11 million. Madison Crowell, Liberty High School senior SOT: "I can't even like fathom..." VO: She's number one in Liberty County, number one in the state of Georgia and now she says... Madison Crowell, Liberty High School senior SOT: "I'm number one in the country." VO: Exceeding everything she could've imagined. And finally winning that bet she made with her dad. Madison Crowell, Liberty High School senior SOT: "You owe me my 20 dollars for exceeding 6 million dollars..." Delando Langley, Father SOT: "It's the best bet I've ever lost. I'm just so I'm so happy for her and I'm overjoyed because I know this is just the beginning." VO: It's a milestone that they're using to educate and empower others... and Madison sends a message to every student in Liberty County. Madison Crowell, Liberty High School senior SOT: "I just want you guys to remember that the sky is not the limit and that I'm here to help you guys." Madison Crowell SOT: "I feel like helping people is what I live for." VO: So Madison and her parents say they plan to host workshops for students and parents who have questions about applying for colleges and scholarships. Melissa Langley, Mother SOT: "We wanted to reach out to all of schools within the district, all of the students because we have a lot of people asking us. So we were thinking what is the one way we could actually reach all of the students kind of at the same time, the ones that want to come." VO: If that's something you are interested in, we'll have information about how to attend on our website at WTOC.com. In Liberty County... I'm Jasmine Butler..

3/29/2024 MORNING JASMINE: 00:01:47
 9:00:00 AM BREAK MADISON CROWELL HIPS WTOC News.

Thousands of dollars are going to projects that help people learn about Georgia's native plants and animals - including one right here in the Coastal Empire. Taking a LIVE look from the Farah and Farah Tybee Island Skycam...where the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is giving the Georgia 4-H Club Foundation a 3-thousand dollar grant. That money will buy new binoculars for a class offered at the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. The D-N-R says while the grants are small - capped at 3-thousand dollars - the impact is potentially huge...with wildlife viewing passing one hundred million people nationwide in the most recent data.

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 4:00:00 PM 4H CENTER GRANT

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**ISSUE 9-SCHOOL NUTRITION-CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RAISING MONEY FOR SCCPSS
 SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAMS,
 SOURCE: SCHOOLS, ETC**

"I think that's part of what sets it apart -- it's just a very scenic route. Two, it's very rare where even if it was through a golf course, it would be amongst a professional tournament's build, so it's kind of cool to see the different venues and structures up, so it's a beautiful morning. And for us, I think what makes it unique is you can bring your pups and bring your kids. We don't have any rules. Come out, walk -- crawl if you want to." The race begins at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Pre-registration for the event is closed, but if you're interested in participating, you can still head out in the morning and register on site. More information about the 5K and Second Harvest can be found on our website -- WTOC.com.

3/29/2024
 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM CLUB CAR: OUTRUN HUNGER 5K PREVIEW 00:00:42

Tournament week at the Club Car Championship got off to a fast start Saturday morning with the Fourth Annual Outrun Hunger Kids Cafe 5K. The first event of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour event at The Landings Golf and Athletic Club drew about 100 runners and walkers to a race on the course where the golf pros will play next week. Practice rounds begin Monday and tournament rounds begin on Thursday. Proceeds from the run will benefit America's Second Harvest Food Bank and its summer lunch program for Savannah-Chatham County Public School students.

3/31/2024
 7:00:00 AM 7AM DAYBREA K SUNDAY TIM: CLUB CAR 5K 00:00:32

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FACE THE NATION

03/31/24 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation (1); Brandon Scott, mayor (D - Baltimore, MD) (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (3); Bernardo Arevalo, president of Guatemala (4); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Programme (6); Archbishop of Washington Wilton Cardinal Gregory (7); Episcopal Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (7)
Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent
2) Topics include: racist comments about him, including being the "DEI Mayor"

60 MINUTES

INVESTIGATE TV+

2/2/24 InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 70 Efforts to close the swimming gap between white and black children and stop a dangerous trend. Plus, we examine the importance of diversity in clinical trials. (InvestigateTV)

2/8/24 InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 74 -A U.S. Supreme Court ruling could have far-reaching implications on health care disparities. Investigate TV+ examines diversity in the doctor's office, and the efforts to recruit more providers who look like their patients.

2/15/24 InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 79 Investigate TV+ examines the struggle to protect African American gravesites and shares one woman's fight for her heritage.

2/28/24 InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 88 An alarming number of black women are dying during childbirth - how a source of support and advocacy for pregnant women could be a solution.

2/29/24 InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 89 Investigate TV+ hears from two well-known comedians accusing airport police of racial profiling and a cash grab.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 10- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THEM THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND MENTORING. STATESBORO TO INSTALL MARKER TO COMMEMORATE NINE AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO WERE LYNCHED IN BULLOCH CO. SC DEI BILL TO PROHIBIT OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS OR SCHOOL SYSTEMS FROM ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING DEI. COMMEMORATING WEEPING TIME EVENTS LARGEST SLAVE SALES IN SAVANNAH WHERE 400 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION. HONORING AHMAUD ARBERY, GA HOUSE PASSES WEEPING TIME BILL TO PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF THE EVENT IN SAV. SOURCE: NAACP, CHURCH LEADERS, SAVANNAH PRIDE FEST, GULLAH TASK FORCE ETC.

1/3/2024 3PM	SAV FIRE 1800 DEATH	His name was James Houston and he was a free man of color in 1825. At this time, the fire service in Savannah was staffed mostly by enslaved and free men of color... Houston died after being injured fighting a fire near Johnson Square and according to historical records... the city paid for his funeral expenses historians say this is the only known instance of Savannah honoring a fallen firefighter from 1806-1865.	00:00:25
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1/11/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM	CHRIS: STATESBORO LYNCHING MARKERS	Many of the things that were actually talked about tonight, my family actually lived through those moments and so for this moment to come into fruition, understanding the history of this community and the struggle that we've had to make this a community that's working to value each individual we can't even put it into words.	00:00:19
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		CHRIS:		
1/12/2024	5AM	STATESBORO	"We are truth telling. We tell a story with our street names. We tell a story with the	
4:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	LYNCHING	markers that we put up and the things that we choose to memorialize so this	
		MARKERS	marker adds to that story. It tells more of the truth of our story."	00:00:13

		CHRIS:	The city along with the Remembrance Committee and The Equal Justice Initiative	
1/12/2024	5AM	STATESBORO	installed a marker to commemorate the nine African- Americans who were	
4:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	LYNCHING	lynched in Bulloch County. the nine men who were lynched between 1886 and	
		MARKERS	1911. There was candlelight vigil with remarks from the Alabama-based group	
			Equal Justice Initiative.	00:00:20

			Michael Thurmond, Author SOT: "I was with a delegation that went to England in	
			1996 and I read a memorial plaque and one of the inscriptions said he was a	
			friend of the oppressed negro. That is what started me on the 20 plus year	
			journey. Number one, to determine whether or not it was true... and if true, to	
			share that information with fellow Georgians and people all over this country."	
2/15/2024	4:30PM	JASMINE:	The festival Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Telfair and Chippewa	
5:29:00 PM		BOOK FEST.	Squares. It is free and open to the public.	00:00:29

		WIS:		
		DIVERSITY	"All the various demographic groups targeted by this legislation would be	
		EQUITY	negatively impacted, all those groups deserve to have respect." Right now --	
2/20/2024	5AM	INCLUSION IN	lawmakers are discussing the bill in the judiciary committee. If passed in the	
5:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	SCHOOLS	committee -- it would be one of 25 similar bills being debated for state legislation.	00:00:19

2/20/2024 5:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	WIS: DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION IN SCHOOLS	"D-E-I" -- is defined as any attempt to use race, sex, or ethnicity as an influence for employment... teaching... training... or policymaking. The bill would prohibit state institutions -- like offices... departments... or school systems -- from activities supporting D-E-I. Some parents are concerned about how this could impact the way their students are taught.	00:00:22
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2/23/2024 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	ANNA: ARBERY FOUR YEARS	<p>Father and son Gergory and Travis McMichael along with William Bryan... all sentenced to life in prison. The McMichaels chased Arbery down in their pick-up truck while Bryan followed, recording the murder on his phone. It's a case that was not only felt by the Glynn County community, but worldwide. "All the evidence that's been put out, the world see what happened, and the world see why Ahmaud died" On the day of the verdicts back in 2021, prosecutor Linda Dunikowski says justice was served. "Because the jury system works in this country, and when you present the truth to people and they can see it, they will do the right thing. And that's what this jury did today in getting justice for Ahmaud Arbery." The three men are now appealing their federal hate crimes convictions. Oral arguments are set to be heard at the end of March in the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Former Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson is also facing misconduct charges after allegations that she tried to protect the McMichaels. No trial date has been set yet. We'll keep you updated as both of those cases develop. Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:07
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take nat pkg Sot: "That hurt don't go away. I'm still hurting same as the day that happened. That's a hurt that'll never go away." Sot: "It's hard to believe it's been four years... four years since that young man lost his life by jogging." Sot: "We must continue to say his name so that what happened will never die." Sot: "Although the South Georgia rain and thunderstorms have washed that road time and time again, Ahmaud's tracks... his footsteps are still there." Sot "That means that people care and people want changes. People know they got children walking these streets and playing and they want children to feel safe." Sot: "As we walk the 2.3 miles let's think about what we can do to spur the action to better our community."

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Nat Vo 436 people were set to be sold here in 1859. Sot: "We gather, we reflect, we remember, and we resolve not to do this to anybody else ever again." Vo Saturday, as the community gathered to commemorate the event, folks here vowed to never let the Weeping Time be forgotten. Sot: "There were people from as far north as Virginia, as far west as Texas because that's where the ads had run for everyone to know that these 436 people were going to be sold." Vo People coming from near and far this weekend as well, including a descendant of those who were there. Sot: "It was just very important for me to follow their pathway, to understand their struggle." Vo She says as it's critical to remember those who came before, the lessons now must be passed down to those who will come after. Sot "I have a daughter and she needs to understand that our family was subjected to this tragedy, but we survived it." Vo In Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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3/18/2024 7PM	GA HOUSE PASSES WEEPING TIME BILL	Georgia is one step closer to having a Weeping Time Cultural Heritage Corridor Authority. That's after the House passed a Bill to create it today. Representative Carl Gilliard says the plan would create a group to help preserve the memory and heritage of the Weeping Time in Savannah. That's the name given to one of the largest slave auctions in U-S History - when more than 400 enslaved Africans were sold by the owners of Butler Island Plantation over the course of two days in 1859. The House Bill would create a board of five members that include all parts of Chatham County.	00:00:34
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3/19/2024 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	GA HOUSE PASSES WEEPING TIME BILL	"It's important because Savannah's number one tourism is African American tourism. It would be great to be able to see the fruits of not only commemorating what happened but how important this particular moment in history but also bring some economic development to the west side of Chatham County." The authority would be made up of 5 members appointed by the Georgia senate and house who represent chatham county. Each member would serve a 2-year term.	00:00:27
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**ISSUE 11- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. REMEMBERING MLK, REMEMBERING GRANDMA JOSEPHINE THE WOMAN WHO WENT VIRAL FOR THE FIGHT TO KEEP HER LAND AMID A LAWSUIT WITH DEVELOPERS, HONORING THE ENSLAVED AND BLACK FREE MEN THAT MADE UP THE SAVANNAH FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 1800. GSU BLACK HERITAGE, HOW TAYLOR SQUARE WAS NAMED AFTER THE FIRST BLACK TEACHER TO OPEN A SCHOOL IN SAVANNAH. GEORGIA NEGRO MURAL, HELPING IMMIGRANTT FAMILIES IN SAVANNAH, GULLAH ARTS, BEAUFORT HISTORIC LANDMARK STUDY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION ERA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, MARLENA SMALLS FAREWELL, RICHMOND HILL 1ST FEMALE FIRE CHIEF RECOGNIZED, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO FUND PLANNING FOR FUTURE OF THE FLOYD ADAMS JUNIOR ADMIN BUILDING,
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1/3/2024 0:00 3PM	SAV FIRE 1800 DEATH	"We knew the history of the free Black men being the ones that staff the fire department here in Savannah and throughout the country, knowing that history and then knowing that one of them paid the ultimate sacrifice and the city took care of expenses and burial and things like that, he will be honored and put on the monument." This is so much more to this story, You can check out the full thing on on WTOC plus this evening	00:00:25	
1/6/2024 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND	EVANS CO. MLK WTOC AWARD	VO: Communication is the spark that ignites change. This was the focus of the MLK Unity banquet in Claxton this year. SOT: "We've got to get our children back, and we can do that. But we have to be diplomatic in the way that we do that. And that's through communication. How we speak to them, how we talk to them. Don't go to them saying that what you're doing is bad, there's some good in everybody." VO: Guest speaker Dr. DeVauhn Huff giving a heartfelt presentation tonight about serving the community around him. SOT: "Who knows the four communication skills that we know about on a daily basis?" VO: And charging everyone with a task-- learning more about effective communication. The Banquet was filled with food, honoring community leaders for their service, and honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. SOT: "It's very important to remember MLK Jr for his contribution to society. He didn't just make it to one race but he spoke and made it to all races." VO: The banquet is the first of four events happening in Evans County honoring MLK Jr. We'll have that information on our website. TAG: In Evans County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.	00:01:06
1/12/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	SAV MLK DAY PARADE PREPS	"I feel really proud to be in a city that celebrates his legacy and that celebrates the important work and commitment of one of the greatest American heroes there's ever been." "It's not lost on me that it's because of him and the other leaders and organizers in the Civil Rights Movement that I'm here."	00:00:17

		Funeral services were held for Josephine Wright this afternoon. You may	
	HHI	remember Wright as "Grandma Josephine" - the woman who went viral for the	
	DEVELOPMEN	fight to keep her land amid a lawsuit with developers. Her cause gained national	
	T FIGHT	attention in the final months of 2023 - when many people, including Tyler Perry,	
	WOMAN	shared an interview. In a statement posted to Facebook - Perry says he was	
WKEND	REMEMBERE	looking forward to meeting Wright next month - and giving her the keys to the new	
1/13/2024 6PM	D	house he built for the family on the property.	00:00:30

		Local bands proudly playing through the streets of Beaufort... the only thing	
		louder... the messages of the man who would've turned 95 Monday. Sot: "He	
		said that hate cannot conquer hate, only love can do that." Vo All the parade	
		participants trying to push that forward, telling me it's the best way to honor a man	
		they look up to beyond words. Sot: "If I only had the opportunity to meet him, I	
		would bow to him in humble adoration." Vo A common hope for folks... that	
		today's spotlight on Dr. King brings people to follow in his footsteps. Sot: "Get	
		involved. Dr. Martin Luther King was about love and love is about caring for one	
		another." Vo As first responders... Nat Fire truck Vo and citizens go by... Nat	
		happy mlk day Vo The parade's grand marshal says the turnout's diversity is	
		exactly what he was hoping to see. Sot "Regardless to whether you're blue,	
		black, white, or grizzly gray love everyone. Everyone should love everyone." Vo	
		Through his 80+ years in this area he says Beaufort has led the way on that front.	
		Sot "Relationships between the people that live here is great, but that doesn't	
		mean that it can't be improved and maybe somebody will look at us and use that	
		as an example and change some of the things that are going on around them."	
		Vo If that happens, Reverend Dr. Washington feels Rev Dr. King is being honored	
	BEAUFORT	correctly... in a place where folks love to honor him. Sot "He set the pace for us	
1/15/2024	MLK DAY DAY	and I think this is worth the celebration today." Vo In Beaufort, Tyler Manion,	
3:00:00 PM	PARADE	WTOC News.	00:01:28

1/15/2024 11PM	RYAN: SAVANNAH MLK PARADE	<p>"It just means the world that we all get to be together as one." "And it's just great that everyone can represent and unify together and it's just all around beautiful." "We believe in what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for. And with him being such a pillar in the civil rights movement, we are just- want to make sure that we a part of people remembering him, and remembering him in a way that is fitting of all that he brought to this country." "Oh it's an amazing day, and I'm excited to be a part of our legacy, and it's just wonderful to be out here. The sun is shining, the weather is good, and it's just exciting to be out here." "Well since he's not here I want to tell him happy heavenly birthday. Happy happy birthday, and we celebrate you Dr. King, on this day. And we hold nothing back."</p>	00:00:46
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1/15/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM	LINDSEY BLUFFTON MLK PARTY	<p>LLTAG: Here in Bluffton, the MLK festivities continued as the community fellowship. VS As communities around the lowcountry remember the late Martin Luther King Jr, Bluffton held its annual MLK parade community event. People lined the streets to walk and watch the parade while all focusing on what today is. It is more than just a day off of work or school but the memory of Martin Luther King Jr, and the importance of peace and equality for all. SOT ((BRIDGETTE FRAIZER##MLK OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR)) "We dont want anyone to think that he died and that his dream was imagined and there is no work to be done, that's just the exact opposite and that there is still alot of work to do, it takes all of us to be able to execute the work that he started. Tag: The organizer told me that today was incredibly successful and that they fed well over 300 people at today's community barbque, in Bluffton Lindsey Stenger WTOC news.</p>	00:00:51
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"Our mission is inspiring mobility and independence, and this is just another part of that independence portion where they can go out and play on a playground that's set up just for them...safe, fun, engaging, but also it's an area that they can kind of do it with their friends, family, and siblings." The playground is expected to be complete by March 1st.

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Chatham County will soon have a fully accessible playground in its community. Today crews began construction at Ambuc Park. The playground will allow children who may have physical limitations to enjoy a fully functional playground experience. The \$329-thousand dollar project will include wheelchair swings, a handicap accessible zip line, and different climbing area. There will also be a track around the playground. Ambucs will be donating \$175-thousand dollars towards this new area from funds they've raised over the past three and a half years.

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2/2/2024 6:59:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK	CHRIS: GSU BLACK HERITAGE	<p>"Coming together networking sharing resources sharing connections is so vital and so that's what we want to do here at Georgia Southern just allowing them to come together get the resources they need to eventually go out into the world right?" Statesboro's campus will have a kickoff on Tuesday at 5 P-M. The next Armstrong event is a Sisters with Vision Interest Meeting at 4 P-M on Tuesday. You can find more Georgia Southern's events on wtoc.com Just look for this story on the homepage.</p>	00:00:29
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2/9/2024 6:59:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK	530 SHEA: HOW TAYLOR SQUARE GOT ITS NAME	<p>"We brought people out and told them about Susie King Taylor and added some freedom songs and refreshments and educated. So if you want to know the methodology on it, we agitated the Savannah community, including the leadership. We educated them, and then we organized them that this is the people's square, and they want a new person. They don't want Calhoun anymore."</p>	00:00:22
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2/9/2024	6AM DAYBREAK	530 SHEA: HOW TAYLOR SQUARE GOT ITS NAME	<p>In November of 2022- Savannah's City Council voted to remove the name, and began the process of picking a new name. People were able to submit applications for what they thought the new name should be. The Council received around 300 of those- but in August of last year, decided that Susie King Taylor should be the one to be honored. Taylor was the first Black nurse during the Civil War and the first Black teacher to open a school in Savannah. Patt Gunn with the Center for Jubilee says that honoring Taylor was a true grassroots effort.</p>	00:00:32
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PATT GUNN- THE CENTER FOR JUBILEE, RECONCILIATION, AND HEALING}
 "This is a public square, and we have 23, as you know, so we're honored that this will be the first African-American and woman named square combined in the 290th year of the City. This is very exciting. It's no longer local- it's getting national attention. People are calling from across the nation saying, 'Congratulations! Susie King Taylor has her own public square!' So we're going to commemorate and honor her on that day."

2/9/2024 6AM
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SHEA:
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The new marker for Taylor Square was unveiled today. Previously called Calhoun Square... it honors Susie King Taylor... the first Black nurse during the Civil War and the first Black teacher to open a school in Savannah. The process to rename the marker began back in August and the marker is finally ready for the community to see. Mayor Van Johnson was there today. He calls Susie King Taylor, a hero. And says that doing this was about doing the right thing.

2/10/2024 WKEND
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JASMINE:
 TAYLOR
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VO: A tribute... months in the making. Van R. Johnson, Mayor of Savannah SOT: "This is a hero. The name of someone who deserved the highest honor that this city can give." VO: That name is Susie King Taylor. The city of Savannah voted in November of 2022 to remove the name "Calhoun Square." This past August, the city officially decided on "Taylor Square," in honor of the first black nurse during the Civil War and the first Black teacher to open a school in Savannah. Saturday, they finally unveiled the marker. They shared words of inspiration.... "You're the beginning of that change. But change never comes without struggle. And joy never comes without pain. VO: And reflected on the journey to naming the marker.... Van R. Johnson, Mayor of Savannah "As a community, as a beloved community, we choose to recognize someone who was nearly overlooked by history. But as a community we decided to come together... and through many dangerous toils and snares, through many very tenuous meetings, through phone calls to our offices threatening our very lives, we've never been scared here in Savannah to do the right thing, and we're not scared today." Hermina Glass-Hill has been sharing the story of Susie King Taylor for more than a decade. She was at the unveiling, excited for this mark in history. Hermina Glass-Hill, Founder of the Susie King Taylor Institute and Ecology Center "This moment is the prophetic perfect because Susie King Taylor longed for this moment. As memories of the civil war during her days began to wane and memories of what the civil war stood for... in terms of four million enslaved people becoming self-liberated or liberated through the passage of the emancipation proclamation." VO: The community spent the entire day celebrating with festivities for everyone to enjoy. In Savannah... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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2/15/2024 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm	RYAN: RECONSTRU CTION ERA PARK	"Similar to dozens of other national parks established in recent years, it is part of an effort to ensure that everyone's story is reflected in our national story. A story that is not true and complete unless it is diverse and inclusive, and recounts stumbles, along with our great achievements."	00:00:17
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2/16/2024 4:30AM DAYBREAK	4:30AM DAYBREAK	RYAN: RECONSTRU CTION ERA PARK	Director Chuck Sams visited the Penn Center Thursday - to discuss these efforts. He got to see the restorations made to Darrah Hall -- the Penn Center's oldest building. It's restoration -- from stairs to shingles -- was made possible through the Great American Outdoors Act. The Penn Center is just one of many historic landmarks in the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network. It preserves the history of the era from 1861 to 1900.	00:00:26
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2/20/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	MARLENA SMALL FAREWELL	The concert, called 'Bubba's Mama Sings the Blues,' is led by Marlena Smalls. She played Bubba's mother in the movie. Smalls is singing with The Hallelujah Singers, the choir she founded to preserve Gullah culture. The performance also serves as a farewell show for Smalls, as she is planning to step aside from singing on the stage to focus on her passion of educating young minds on diversity and bring people together. For the show tonight, Smalls wants to spread unity through her music.	00:00:29
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2/23/2024 12:00:00 AM	11PM	BEAUFORT HISTORIC LANDMARK STUDY	The study recognizes local preservation successes, including Historic Beaufort Foundation's easement program framework and revolving fund, the adoption of a city-wide archeological ordinance, and the establishment of Reconstruction Era National Historical Park. On the flip side - the Northwest Quadrant, which is critical to an understanding of the African American experience of the district, has experienced the largest loss of historic properties and is vulnerable to future losses. Beaufort has held its National Historic Landmark designation since 1973.	00:00:34
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2/23/2024 5:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	CHRIS: NIGHT AT THE BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM	Check it out -- As we continue to celebrate black history -- take a look at Heard Elementary School's Black History Museum. Students presented their self-written spoken-word poetry dressed as historical figures of Black History -- including scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and leaders of the Civil Rights movement.	00:00:20
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"The gallery is really Gullah Art in De Woods.. That is the name of the gallery." Cassandra Gillens is a mix of Beaufort and Boston.... "My grandmother came and scooped me up when I was about 8 years old, we rode on the greyhound bus to Beaufort. Her grandmother sharing words of wisdom along the way... "She would just talk about things that I needed to know about down to even collard greens and she would just lapse and she would just tell me again and I end up going back to Boston." She says her artwork shows the south through the eyes of her Gullah Heritage... "Just low country Gullah paintings things that I was taught by my grandmother." She took those lessons back to her friends in Boston. "I was maybe the youngest teacher back then, just teaching all my friends, just about the food. I would always ask my grandmother about drumfish and then one day we end up getting drumfish and I invited some of them over just to taste the different stuff and then I would just paint." Gillien says the Gullah Influence has been in her work since the very beginning. "I was just painting everything I thought I remembered of my grandmother. Even down to the roosters just painting everything just losing myself in it. "I really do like, this painting here. I almost feel like I'm doing the oystering, While she loses herself in the story of her paintings you can always find her and her grandmother on the canvas... "Where she at, there she go. She's always in red and white." // When I started doing the characters I started doing her in the red and white and then I do me, where am I? I'm right here, I'm always in a tan dress with ribbons, you know the same thing." From the Praise House to the Salt Marsh her work tells the story of community traditions, connections and so much more... "What I want is just to especially the generation that is going on now I just want them to know how it use to be how it was and how the south is and the north, you know just telling my story the only way I can express myself, Simone - Through you paintings? "Through my paintings" In Beaufort Co Simone McKenny WTOC News

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SIMONE:
GULLAH ART
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"Many immigrant communities who decide to make Savannah their home or South Georgia their home, they just want to do the American Dream. And sometimes they need a little bit of help, and so Migrant Equity Southeast is here to help them when they need that little bit of support." Our very own Aria Janel emceed the event! All of the money raised tonight will go towards the organization's scholarship, food assistance for migrant families, school supplies for low income migrant students and more.

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The Georgia Negro mural once hung in the original Sears and Roebuck department store building in Savannah on Henry Street. In the 1940s, the company commissioned muralist, Eugene A. Montgomery, to create murals for their stores across the nation. This is one of two of the originals that still exists. "this one is very special to our museum because we tell the story of Georgia and civil rights and Savannah civil rights. The story fits our story . The mural is kind of a dream sequence. " It begins with what used to be a pavilion in Forsyth Park . near the Forsyth park pavilion, they had the hucksters they would often have huckster contests -- someone who's selling vegetables and the like- the original vendors. Next to the hucksters is a wagon, which you don't see often anymore, but in 1946, that would've still been part of Savannah's history because the market was still there until 1954 . One of the scenes is a woman with a crystal ball of course fortunetellers may have been along West Broad Street. The scene of a nurse maid, and perhaps the baby that she's in care of as well as some young boys enjoying nice, Cool, watermelon. And as we know, Music has always been a part of Savannah's history. when you see the dancing, you think of the Nicholas Brothers and the tap dancing and those kind of skills are were part of the 1940s into the 50s. then you have the great scene of a baptism and the choir of angels that was conducted by Hall Johnson Who was born in Athens Georgia. The whole Johnson choir was 'Green Pastures'. They performed all over the country, but in the green pastures was called the fish. So the man who is fishing. And then you have the angels singing. The last scene is Marian Anderson, the great opera singer, and Dr. George Washington Carver Who saved the south with a peanut and little children, looking up in a dream sequence. That's the story of the GA Negro. Vaughnette Goode- Walker hopes this mural will inspire people of all ages to dream and realize they can do anything they set their minds to as long as they are willing to work for it.

2/28/2024 5:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	DAWN: BLACK HISTORY MONTH MURAL 11 PM		00:02:05
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"So the Harlem Renaissance festival is essentially a black history festival showcasing some of the arts but its also a festival based on the harlem renaissance period which was the 1920s to the 1930s." The festival will also feature art from the Harlem Renaissance represented by students in SSU's arts program. The event continues all week -- through Saturday. You can find more information on our website -- WTOC dot com.

3/5/2024 5:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	DONTAE: SSU HARLEM REN		00:00:25
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			<p>"Michelle Meacham tells me that proclamation came as a complete surprise to her, something she's honored to have received." "I was very shocked. I've never been recognized for anything like before." Michelle Meacham started working at the Richmond Hill Fire Department 25 years ago, the first woman to ever have a paying job there. "To see it from what it used to be when I first started, to being a big part of the change in the department, is very rewarding." Since starting, she's done her best to let the community know everyone can do this job. MICHELLE MEACHAM "I definitely wanted to make it easier and have more women and try to go speak out in the schools." Now, the department has five other women working there, growth Meacham says is important. MICHELLE MEACHAM "When I was a child, there were not a lot of girls in the fire service, we didn't see barely any, and to see what we have now and the fire service growing in this area is impressive." ((ANNA)) "Meacham says she hopes this inspires more young girls to follow in her footsteps. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	
3/7/2024		ANNA S.:		
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			<p>Saturday afternoon, the MLK Jr Observance Day Association held their 44th annual celebration. This year, it was a Business and Community unity luncheon bringing together community organizations and leaders. They spent time networking, enjoying lunch and hearing words of wisdom. This year, the guest speaker was Damon Elmore, the Executive Director of the State Bar of Georgia. He says being home is a full circle moment for him.</p>	
3/10/2024	11PM	JASMINE: MLK OBSERVANCE DAY ASSOC.		
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			<p>Just last year - the National Park Service announced 50-thousand dollars to fund the planning for the future of the building. The meeting will be held tomorrow at 6 p-m in the Floyd Adams Junior Administrative building. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can fill out an online survey through the city between now and the end of the month.</p>	
3/13/2024		SAV HISTORIC SCHOOL MEETING		
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY 1, 2024– MARCH 31, 2024

FACE THE NATION

- 03/10/24 **Guests:** Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (1); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) (2); Representative Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader (D-NY) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4)
4) Topics include: current tax rates set to expire in 2025 / tax loopholes returning in 2026 / taxing income compared to taxing assets; why people are still feeling inflation even as it starts to come down; Mr. Trump's plans for tariffs against countries who impose tariffs on the U.S. / tariffs causing inflation for the consumer; the business community's support for Mr. Trump / need for outreach from the Biden administration to Wall Street to win back business leaders
- 03/31/24 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation (1); Brandon Scott, mayor (D - Baltimore, MD) (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (3); Bernardo Arevalo, president of Guatemala (4); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Programme (6); Archbishop of Washington Wilton Cardinal Gregory (7); Episcopal Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (7)
Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent
1) Topics include: timeline to reopen the Port of Baltimore after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge / rebuilding the bridge timeline and costs / emergency funding for rebuilding the bridge and long-term repair costs; changes to the leadership at Boeing after several in-flight incidents / assuring passengers that flying is safe; his political future
2) Topics include: urgent needs for the city of Baltimore after bridge collapse / needs of families of the bridge workers who died in the collapse and needs for Port of Baltimore workers / direct outreach to Congress to bring in resources to the port / long-term impact of rebuilding the bridge

60 MINUTES

- 01/14/24 **"Commercial Real Estate"** – a report on the state of commercial real estate. As workers have become accustomed to hybrid schedules, many New York City office buildings are unoccupied while interest rates have increased. A vast decline in real estate value coupled with the pending expiry of many commercial loans has made it difficult for those in the industry attempting to maintain business. Includes interviews with Scott Rechler, CEO of New York real estate company RXR; Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, a professor of real estate at Columbia Business School; Tony Park and Elad Dror, real estate partners at PD Properties; Marc Holliday, CEO of SL Green; David Aviram, co-founder of Maverick Real Estate; and Joey Chillelli, Managing Director of Vanbarton Group. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)
- 02/04/24 **"Chairman Powell"** – an interview with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell from Washington, D.C. He discusses the state of the economy, the future of interest rates, and possible next steps for the Federal Reserve. (See also: "The Chairman", 03/10/19, Rebroadcast: 06/02/19; "Chairman of the Federal Reserve", OAD: 05/17/20; and "Chairman Powell", OAD: 04/11/21) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)
"The Mismatch" – a report on sports betting. New ease of access to online gambling has sparked a rapid increase in sports betting, mostly among younger men, some of whom now face debt and addiction. Includes interviews with Billy, Andrew, and John, casual bettors; Joe Ruscillo, who struggles with gambling; Harry Levant, a gambling addiction therapist; Matt Zarb-Cousin, a gambling reformer in the U.K.; Bill Miller, president of the American Gaming Association; Dick Daynard, a law professor at Northeastern University and architect of the first major lawsuits against big tobacco companies; and Mark Gottlieb, a public interest lawyer at Northeastern. (See also: "All Bets Are On!", OAD: 03/24/19) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)
- 02/25/24 **"An American in China"** – an interview with U.S. ambassador to China Nicholas Burns from Beijing and Shanghai. Since 2020, very few Western journalists have entered the country under the direction of President Xi Jinping. Burns discusses contentious relations between China and the U.S., China's struggling economy due to its dwindling population, and the effects of the country's zero-Covid policy on its citizens. Also includes interviews with Xiangwei Gong, a Chinese-born U.S. citizen and president of Aptar Asia; Joerg Wuttke, a German businessman who represents BASF; William Li, CEO and founder of NIO; and Alex Gu, CEO and founder of Fourier Intelligence. (C: Lesley Stahl - Producer for Part I: Richard Bonin; Producers for Part II: Richard Bonin, Mirella Brussani) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT
- 03/10/24 **60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Take Me Away"** (8:00 – 9:00p)
"An Island Off an Island" – a report on Fogo Island, a small island off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. After industrialized fishing nearly destroyed the local economy, significant efforts have been made to grow back the community.

Includes interviews with Zita Cobb, eighth generation Fogo Islander; Dwight and Hayward Budden, farmers; Glen and Jerry Best, fishermen; and Jennifer Sexton, who moved to the island to open a coffee shop. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Kaylee Tully) (OAD: 12/12/21; Rebroadcast: 08/07/22 – both on 60 MINUTES)

“**Return to Gorongosa**” – a report on Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique. After three decades of war, the country aims to restore the historic park’s wildlife and environment. Includes interviews with Greg Carr, American entrepreneur and philanthropist; Antonio Paolo, park veterinarian; Larissa Sousa, who runs the Girls Club; and Mercia Angela, veterinarian. (See also: “Gorongosa”, OAD: 10/26/08) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte) (OAD: 12/04/22; Rebroadcast: 05/28/23 – both on 60 MINUTES)

CBS SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

INVESTIGATE TV+

- 2/6/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 72** A practice called “medical tourism” is growing in popularity among those seeking more affordable care and the ability to bypass long waits for treatment.
- 2/9/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 75** Travel nurses answered the call during the pandemic, but today they face a new set of challenges including Hospitals having to pay higher labor charges. (InvestigateTV)
- 2/14/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 78** an in-depth look at how robots could reshape the restaurant industry and bridge a critical employment gap
- 2/15/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 79-A** non-profit fights stigma and creates opportunities for those struggling to feed their families
- 2/16/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 80** Investigate TV+ reveals the hospital deserts across the country and provides an in-depth look at why hundreds of rural hospitals are in danger of closing
- 2/27/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 87** A major health insurer has been taken to court over its use of technology that denies claims in seconds. Plus, an in-depth look at why a miscalculation in social security benefits could become your responsibility, and we break down a law that aims to protect you from surprise medical bills.
- 2/28/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 88-Plus**, many insurance companies have strict rules when it comes to covering midwives. Investigate TV+ examines the fine print that ended up costing a new mom thousands of dollars
- 3/5/24** **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 92** An in-depth look at the debate over the future of farming and why you could be the one paying the price.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 12-HOW THE ECONOMY AND OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE WEATHER, CONSTRUCTION,ETC ARE AFFECTING BUSINESSES. SHELLHOUSE RECOVERING UPDATE AFTER FIRE, OYSTER PARK UPGRADES, BACK IN THE DAY BAKERY CLOSING, SYLVANIA PRIVATE ROAD PROBLEMS, CONVENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION DELAY HURTING LOCAL ECONOMY, WAYNE CO. FARM FREEZE, ADHD MEDICATION SHORTAGE, BUSINESSES AFFECTED FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY, BENTON BLVD WORK, ORANGE CRUSH THIS YEAR ON TYBEE, CSX RAILROAD CLOSURES, HOTEL AND LUMBER YARD FIRES, CITRUS FRUITBEING AFFECTED BY COLD WEATHER, SOURCE: CITY OF SAVANNAH, US GOVERNMENT , BUSINESS OWNERS, ETC

"It's really boosting the local economy. I can definitely see where they're putting their money where their mouth is like literally, they are boosting are sales down here and without the tourists we would probably have nothing." She says it's specifically important to make those connections with visitors to expand their operation outside of Savannah... with tourists becoming repeat customers through online shopping. Of course, locals have been out enjoying the festivities as well, with some tourists telling us over the weekend their favorite part about the Hostess City was just how nice everyone was.

1/1/2024 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBR EAK 530 ETHAN LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

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PKG: It was the phone call ShellHouse Seafood owner Lance Garret never wanted to get. "My daughter called and said the place was on fire." Smoke and flames...billowing from the roof of the restaurant he's loved for nearly four decades. Garrett: "You can't even describe it. It punches a hole in your heart." The damage so bad... firefighters were unable to determine a cause. Garrett: "It smelled like we were a barbeque restaurant instead of a seafood restaurant. The hot water heater stack that went out of the roof, it was melted. We truly believe it was a lightning strike. It was like a flame thrower in the attic." Now...many across the Coastal Empire and beyond...left wondering one thing. Garrett: "When're you gonna open? When're you gonna open? When're you gonna open?" "We've got a loyal following from Effingham County, Liberty County, Statesboro, just all around. Plus, we get a lot of interstate travel." More than eight months later...Garrett and his managers say they're seeing signs of progress as the lumber needed for reconstruction arrived this week. They tell me it's taken some time...but they've gotten the permits and inspections to rebuild. "We miss seeing all the customers every day. It makes you realize how much you enjoy doing what you do until obviously you can't do that anymore. Garrett admits that the road to reopen has taken longer than expected but he's made a promise to himself he plans to keep until ShellHouse's doors are back open. Garrett: "I haven't had seafood since three days before we burned. I'm not going to eat it until I open. I just made myself promise that this'll be the first place I eat seafood again." LL: Garrett says there is no reopening date planned for his restaurant yet...but he hopes to welcome back customers by April. Reporting in Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.

1/5/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM SHELLHOUSE RECOVERING UPDATE

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1/12/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	SAV MLK DAY PARADE PREPS	<p>Ericka Phillips, the owner of Dottie's Market says this holiday is something that's always been special to her and her family. She says each year, her family would make a cake to celebrate his birthday... and in a way... she's carried that tradition right here to Dottie's. She says every time someone is celebrating a birthday at her market, she makes sure to play Martin Luther King Jr's birthday song for them. Which is why she says it's so special for her to see so much of the community turn out each year at the MLK parade.</p>	00:00:30
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1/12/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	OYSTER PARK UPGRADES	<p>Visitors to the Oyster Factory Park in Bluffton are greeted by this sign explaining the upgrade phases to the park. Phase one was completed last year and phase two is set to start construction pretty soon. The town just released some renderings of how it's going to look. VO: Right now... the area for phase two is some dirt and trees... but in a few months, it should look like this. A full-fledged area with space for bands, food trucks, and even a dance floor. Construction is planned to start next week... and should be done in the Spring. SOT: "It's got a short fuse so it's going to be done in the next four months. So we're hoping to have it all completed by May first." Ryan Standup: Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News "Rooney told me one of his favorite features of the upgrades is building around the already-existing oak trees in the park." VO: Which is something that was done with the trees in phase one. Ryan Standup: Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News "Phase one included upgrades to this green space as well as expansions to the parking lot... which is where I parked my car." VO tag: And in classic Lowcountry fashion... the upgraded lot included golf cart parking. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News</p>	00:01:10
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1/19/2024 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	CITRUS FARM COLD WX IMAPCT	<p>"Farmers here in Wayne County already doing what they can to prepare for some cooler temperatures." Craig Sims, the owner and operator of Sims Family Farm, says right now he's trying to irrigate the soil around his citrus trees. By soaking it with well water that's warmer than the temperature of the soil, it helps to keep the trees and roots warm. He says last year, we had about four days in a row where he saw freezing temperatures overnight... which affected his trees. This year, he's hoping to avoid that damage. "You might not see that damage until June or July in the season. And, by that time, you've lost foliage, and the foliage is what shades the orange and if we don't have enough foliage, the orange gets sun burnt during the hot summer." ((ANNA)) "If you have any plants or trees that you're trying to protect ahead of these cooler temperatures, Sims says one thing you can do is throw a top or sheet over top of them through the night to keep them warm. He does recommend you take it off the next morning before the sun gets too hot. Reporting in Wayne County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	00:01:03
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1/22/2024
7:00:00 PM 7PM WAYNE CO. FARM FREEZE FOLLO
New images show the impact this weekend's weather had on at least one farm in our area. The picture and video were sent to WTOC by Garrett and Taylor Reddish- showing they covered their citrus plants...and others froze over. WTOC will continue to reach out to our local farmers to see if this weather caused them to lose crops. 00:00:19

1/23/2024
4:30:00 AM 4:30AM WAYNE CO. FARM FREEZE FOLLO
take a look at this a local farmer tried to keep his plants safe during this weekends cold weather. These pictures and video were sent to WTOC by Garrett and Taylor Reddish. Garrett tells us by purposely covering them in ice it insulates the young branches and keeps them alive! The plants you see that are covered in bags weren't strong enough to hold ice, but water was put inside the bags and kept the fruit trees safe. 00:00:24

1/30/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM BEAUFORT TURN ARROW ACTIVATION
A safety project is days away from being complete on Hilton Head Island. You're looking at where a new traffic light will be turned on for the first time this Thursday. It's on U-S 278 at Jenkins Island...and is separate from the overall U-S 278 Corridor project. If you're driving through there ahead of that activation - you'll see advanced warning flashers. Drivers are asked to use extra caution driving through this week. 00:00:25

1/30/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM BEAUFORT CO. ROAD CLOSURES
A separate safety reminder for folks in Beaufort County - road closures are happening today and tomorrow on Robert Smalls Parkway. Those start at 7 p-m and go until noon. The parkway will be closed between Goethe Hill Road and Parris Island Gateway. The closures are for construction work. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office says drivers should expect delays in the area. 00:00:22

1/31/2024 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM BEAUFORT DAYBR CO. ROAD EAK CLOSURES

We also have a separate safety reminder for folks in Beaufort County - with lane closures continuing today on Robert Smalls Parkway. Those start at 7 p-m and go until noon. During this time the right eastbound lane is closed between Goethe Hill Road and Parris Island Gateway. The closures are for construction work. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office says drivers should expect delays in the area.

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2/5/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM 2 YEARS SINCE OPENING OF ENMARKET ARENA

SOT: "The southern lot is already constructed. It's the northern lot that has the highest levels of contamination. We did analyze what it would cost to build a parking garage instead and the costs were still significantly higher to build a garage. I think estimates were \$65-70 million. So it's still significantly less." No timeline has been announced for the new lot's completion. The vote is expected to happen during this week's Savannah city council meeting Thursday.

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2/7/2024 6:29:00 PM WEDN ESDAY MT WAYNE CO. PRACTI FARM CE FREEZE FOLO

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Cheryl Day and her husband Griff opened the doors to Back in the Day Bakery.. back in 2002 now more than 20 years later they are having one final sale... "When we saw that line, Griff my husband and I we both definitely choked up because you know it just really shows that people were here to celebrate us and they appreciate the fact that we get here so early in the morning" Before the last day I talked with Cheryl about the roots of this bakery... "I wanted to create a legacy for myself and my family." Cheryl moved to Savannah from California but she was never a stranger to the South-- Her mother was from Alabama so southern recipes passed from generations were always on the menu... "She left me a journal that described my great-great grandmother and my family history and part of that was my great-great grandmother was born enslaved and it turns out that she was a pastry cook so baking is in my DNA. And my journey has really been sharing the legacy of my family and the Black bakers that came before me. " "WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOTHER WOULD SAY TO YOU TODAY? She would be very proud... " NAT POP Cheryl says her impact far exceeds the pastry case she has written six cookbooks, cofounded a social justice organization to help Black restaurant owners, mentored other bakers and so much more... "We set out to create a gathering place a sense of pride a place where people to enjoy community and we have done all those things." We've just become much more than a bakery." In Savannah Simone McKenny

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BACK IN THE
DAY BAKERY
CLOSING

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"yall, look at my road. Look at my road, people getting stuck, its crazy" What was once the dirt road that led to Kimwood Drive more resembles a mudding track for off-road vehicles "If I had a four-wheeling, trust I would have been out here doing something." This dirt road turned mud pit comes after a few days of rain here in Sylvania, something that the residents of Kimwood have grown to expect following heavy rains. But this time around, it caused trucks to get stuck, and people to get stranded. It hit a breaking point for people like Bernithia Washington. "Im 78 years old, if anything were to happen to me or him up here, how are we gonna get from up there?" At 78 years old, Washington is fearful that this lack of a roadway could pose a safety concern for her and her neighbors) "If an EMS or firetruck had to come up here, how they gonna get there?" Since this is a privately owned road, the county has no jurisdiction but Im told that today, trucks full of dirt came though to help patch up the trouble spots. Residents say that this is way better than what they have had to be dealing with but they know it's a temporary fix to what they say needs a permanent solution. "This is better, but it's gonna start raining in a few days and it's just gonna be washed off." "Paved it, put gravel, do something, something has to be done." In Sylvania, Lindsey Stenger

2/20/2024
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WTOC News.

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MIRANDA I was so stressed out working two jobs and being a full time grad student MIRANDA JOHNSON WAS 26 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE RECEIVED HER A-D-H-D DIAGNOSIS MIRANDA and so I went through the process, getting referred to a psychologist, getting properly diagnosed and then of course getting the proper medication to treat it SHE FELT A NIGHT AND DAY DIFFERENCE. SHE COULD FOCUS, PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND THINGS WERE GOING WELL...UNTIL OCTOBER OF 20-22 MIRANDA that's when I started the phone game of calling multiple pharmacies. SUDDENLY, PHARMACIES WERE RUNNING OUT OF ADDERALL. THE F-D-A EVEN MADE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DRUGMAKERS WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE ENOUGH MEDICATION FOR THOSE WITH A-D-H-D. AS A RESULT, MILLION OF PATIENTS LIKE MIRANDA, BEGAN FACING REFILL DELAYS AT THEIR PHARMACIES. MIRANDA then I switched to another pharmacy, and then that one ran out, switched to another one, so I've gone through probably about four pharmacies WHILE MANUFACTURING DISRUPTIONS WERE INITIALLY BLAMED FOR THE SHORTAGE... A NEW STUDY FROM JAMA PSYCHIATRY REVEALED THAT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR A-D-H-D MEDICATION HAVE JUMPED BY MORE THAN *14-PERCENT* SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC. SO, WHY THE PRESCRIPTION SURGE? DOCTOR SUVRAT BHARGAVE BELIEVES THAT *TELEHEALTH* PLAYED A LARGE PART. (great reveal) Dr. Suvrat Bhargave, The Center for Family Psychiatry I think there were some evaluations that perhaps were less than thorough that may have resulted in someone being prescribed medication that wasn't necessarily part of what they really needed WHILE OVERDIAGNOSING IS LIKELY TAKING PLACE, DOCTOR BHARGAVE ALSO BELIEVES THAT DOCTORS HAVE GOTTEN BETTER AT DIAGNOSING *ADULTS* WITH A-D-H-D Dr. Suvrat Bhargave and so for a long time what physicians and clinicians were looking out for in terms of symptoms, they were basing it on the ways a young boy might present whereas a young girl with ADHD may not look that way AND SO, HE SAYS THE PRESCRIPTION SURGE COUPLED WITH SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES HAS CREATED A PERFECT STORM – ONE THAT MIRANDA JOHNSON CONTINUES TO BATTLE EACH MONTH – AS SHE WALKS FROM PHARMACY TO PHARMACY -- MIRANDA it's kind of like luck of the draw every time you go 15:02 TRYING TO GET THE MEDICATION SHE NEEDS MIRANDA 16:10 and I hope it gets better, I really do

2/20/2024
12:00:00 AM 11PM ANF INV:
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nats of construction "Unforeseen construction delays" is how Georgia's State Finance and Investment Commission explains the hold up. "We need to get a better handle on what's going on to make sure we can deliver an excellent product for the community of Savannah." The group oversees the project and Chief of Staff Gerald Pilgrim says the commission is working with contractor Clark Construction to get back on track. Pilgrim: "We just see a lot of inefficiencies in how they're managing and how the project management schedule is going." Standup: This expansion is expected to increase the capacity of the convention center. Plans include doubling the exhibit hall space...adding ballroom space...15 meeting rooms and a new 900-vehicle parking garage. According to the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce...five planned events scheduled for the new convention space are rescheduling. Officials say they're working with 22 more...amid the delay. One event has altogether moved to Denver, Colorado...which would have brought several thousand room bookings in 25 local hotels...according to a GSFIC spokesperson. "The economic impact is significant." Bert Brantley is on the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority's Board. He says conventions...and the money they bring in...are essential to Savannah's tourism economy. Brantley: "All those jobs rely on visitors that are coming here and a large number of those are coming to meetings and conventions. So, it's a big part of what we do, it's a big part of our community economic output. " Brantley and other Board members are now working with events already booked in the new space to prevent a further loss of dollars and keep the expansion's reputation afloat...before it even opens. Brantley: "We are absolutely concerned about what people believe and perceive about how we work with our customers. I think we're going to ultimately be in good shape. I think we're going to maintain those relationships with these meeting planners and I think we'll be in really strong position for yours to come."

2/21/2024
6:53:00 PM 6PM CONVENTION
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			<p>"When it's on Saturdays, people come in Friday and Saturday, and they plan to stay the weekend. We have really strong occupancy for Sunday too. We're going to be well above 90 percent on Sunday. On Fridays, you see Thursday, Friday and that's it. Nobody's there on Saturdays. Nobody's there on Sundays. So we'll see a little more activity here." As for the parade itself...Savannah city officials held a news conference today going over some key times you need to know. The parade is on March 16th and steps off at 10:15 a-m and could last until three pm. Squares will open to spectators at six that morning. That's when some streets near and along the route will close and vehicles will start getting towed. Roads will reopen after the parade ends. As usual...the city has extended the to-go cup zone on parade day.</p>	
3/6/2024		ST.		
6:53:00 PM	6PM	PATRICK'S DAY HOTEL OCCUPANCY		00:00:47

			<p>The Gowers family was put on a payment plan to pay off the bill, which they say they haven't kept up with because they're being told the leak isn't their fault. We did reach out to Effingham County about this. They said that they can't discuss customer account, but did send us their leak policy. It says that the account holder is responsible for any leaks on their side of the water meter- but that they do have leak adjustments available to ease financing. Gowers says that to get her water turned back on- she'll have to pay the over 3-thousand dollar balance on her account- and she still doesn't understand what the issue is.</p>	
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3/8/2024	4:30AM	SHEA		
5:30:00 AM	EAK	DAYBR EFFINGHAM WATER BILL		00:00:36

			<p>Savannah restaurants and bars are preparing for a sea of green this week. "We'll probably do four to six times the business of a typical week." At McDonough's Restaurant & Lounge...scenes like this have been a St. Patrick's Day constant over its 30-year history. Co-owner Joseph Lee hopes this year won't be an exception. "We're getting larger coolers outside. We're getting ice machines and expanding our staff by probably two times the amount of staff we have in house on a normal operation day." The festivities are expected to continue long after the parade ends on Saturday. Savannah's city council approved a special resolution allowing bars and nightclubs to serve alcohol on St. Patrick's Day...which is Sunday...from 12:30 p-m until midnight...a day some would typically be closed. sot pop: "It's not a one-day affair. It's a full-week affair." nats pop of door opening? At Bull Street's Saints & Shamrocks shop...owner Hope Ebberwein is also staffing up and boosting inventory. "We always say we're about 75% ready all year long for St. Patrick's Day. We just kick it up a notch for the months of February and March." With the parade fast approaching...the rush to stock at both stores and bars continues ahead of the expected crowds. Lee: "With it being the 200th anniversary, it's going to be a lot larger."</p>	
3/11/2024		BIZ PREP FOR		
5:53:00 PM	6PM	ST. PATRICKS DAY		00:01:16

3/14/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM FLYNN: ST. PATRICKS DAY COUNCIL Crews spent the day setting up porta-potties around the city. Officials say there will be 50 percent more this year than in the past. Signs have also been placed along the parade route warning drivers to move their cars by four A-M Saturday morning or else they'll get towed. The city says there are more signs than ever before. It all comes as we are just over a day out from Saturday's 200th St. Patrick's Day celebration in Savannah. 00:00:25

3/15/2024 7:00:00 PM 7PM BO: SHUTTLE SERVICE SCHEDULE For the shuttle service- it will begin Saturday morning at 7:30 until midnight. Ticketed shuttles will run roundtrip, from Tanger outlets to The Clyde Venue and Market. If you want to register now- it's 30 dollars per person ages 11 and up, 20 dollars ages 10 and under. It's 25 dollars for military and seniors aged 60 and up. Prices will increase if you register the day of. To see where you can buy your ticket- head to WTOC dot com. 00:00:25

3/16/2024 11:30:00 PM 11PM RACHEL: ST. WEEKE PATS BUSINESSSES "We ordered more than we normally order. We have more staff than we normally have, so we were definitely expecting a bigger crowd, and so far, it's definitely been that." "How late we hanging out here tonight?" "Until they let me. As long as they let me. I'm looking for a buddy that I saw here last year -- there was a rap battle. So I'm looking for him. I'm gonna be here until at least four in the morning." "It's called the shift -- we've been here since 3pm. We're going to be here until 3am." "We heard it's the second best -- the second biggest -- St. Patrick's Day in America, so we came down here to see it." "And is it the second best or is it the best?" "Oh it's the best. It's definitely the best." 00:00:39

3/16/2024 11:30:00 PM 11PM RACHEL: ST. WEEKE PATS BUSINESSSES Just a sea of green everywhere, whether it was City Market, River Street, or somewhere in between...our four-legged friends even getting in on the action. There's been lots of beads, dancing, singing, and of course it wouldn't be Savannah without a ship coming on down the river and showing off for everyone. The people we've caught up with have been from not just all over the country but all over the WORLD. And the other major thing to note down here -- the long lines that existed at just about every place we walked by...I talked with some local bars who said their business today will be up to five times what it is on other big party holidays like Halloween or New Year's Eve. And this year being the 200th St. Patrick's Day celebration only makes it that much bigger. 00:00:45

				Benton Boulevard has been repaved from Pooler Parkway to the city's limit near the Cheddar's restaurant. The city also removed a triangular plot of land Mayor Karen Williams calls "the dorito chip" to open up space for another lane to go through the traffic light. The mayor says the greater project at hand - adding another lane to Pooler Parkway in that area - is a massive undertaking.	
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				Sot: "GDOT is going to help us with that as far as funding goes. We've already got the engineering plans, but these things take time so we wanted to at least get the first phase done which was getting rid of the dorito chip, putting the signage up and then we'll work on building that lane on Pooler Parkway." The mayor says she had meetings in Washington DC last week where she brought the importance of funding for traffic related issues to Pooler's federal representatives.	
3/18/2024		TYLER:			
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				A heads up for any revelers sticking around to take in the sights of the Coastal Empire. At least one crossover is closed on Tybee Island. Taking a LIVE look from the WTOC Farah and Farah skycam. The City says the crossover at Chatham Avenue is closed right now while public works replaces it. That closure is until further notice.	
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4:00:00 PM	4PM	CROSSOVER	CLOSED		00:00:19

				City officials say with the number of people packing the island for last year's unpermitted event, there were massive back-ups on the roads, both coming in and leaving the island. They also say it put an extra burden on local law enforcement and resources. This year, mayor Brian West says one thing they are focusing on is traffic. He says they're looking at ways to control parking and make sure cars keep moving along the roadways. This all comes as a bill is currently awaiting Governor Kemp's signature that would allow municipalities to hold organizers of unpermitted events, like Orange Crush, financially accountable for any damages.	
3/21/2024		ANNA S.:			
4:59:00 PM	5PM	TYBEE	ORANGE	CRUSH	00:00:38

			CSX	CSX has released plans to temporarily close the railroad crossing at Gulfstream Road starting tomorrow morning from 5. It's set to reopen by Wednesday evening at 5. Officials at Savannah/Hilton Head International say you should use I-95 to get to the airport. The railroad crossing at the Savannah Water Treatment will also be closed tomorrow morning at 7. That's set to reopen Tuesday night at 7. Officials say to expect detours and delays. Signs will also be in place marking detour routes.	
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3/26/2024			STREET FIRE	...We spoke with residents of the Red Roof Inn who have lived here for months, they told us they've lost everything...	
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ISSUE 13-THE STATE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ECONOMY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT. SEDA EMPLOYER DEMAND CHALLENGES, SAVANNAH ECONOMIC LOOK AHEAD, GA PORTS 16 OVERPASS APPROVED, BEAUFORT CO. ROAD CLOSURES, ALICE PROGRAM, GA PORTS 16 OVERPASS APPROVED, PORT WENTWORTH HOTEL MOTEL TAX, SAVANNAH ROADBOTICS PROGRAM, ITV MAKE ENDS MEET: MILLENIAL HOMEOWNERS, SAVANNAH AIRPORT GRANT, BRYAN CO. ROUNDABOUT PROJECTS, OTC BIRTH CONTROL, SENATOR OSSOFF ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS IN CHATHAM COUNTY, WHAT IS PORT OF SAVANNAH DOING FOR INCREASED VOLUME AFTER BALTIMORE BRIDGE COLLAPSE SOURCE: FED, STATE AND LOCAL GOV, PRES BIDEN

			LL: Among their priorities in 2024, SEDA officials say boosting the area's workforce is among their biggest. PKG: "We really got to start recruiting and working with schools and all the other institutions on plussing up our workforce because we got a lot of jobs to hire in a short period of time." That was the message from SEDA president Trip Tollison who spoke about the Authority's accomplishments and future goals to a crowd at the Savannah Convention Center. The group's annual meeting came just weeks after the Savannah Harbor - Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority released the results of a study that projects a deficit of more than 14-hundred area industrial workers in 2025. This...as manufacturers like Hyundai Motor Group and supplier companies plan to hire thousands of employees locally in the coming years. Recently...SEDA announced the creation of a new organization tasked with boosting regional workforce numbers through six key areas. Despite the projected deficit...Tollison touted the work of economic officials in 2023. He said approximately 37-hundred jobs were created with two point four billion dollars in regional investment. In the coming year...he says focus will shift to securing more manufacturing businesses in the area through new incentive programs. Tollison: "It was a remarkable year for not just Savannah, but the whole region." LL: These efforts come as several manufacturing facilities are currently under construction in our area...including Hyundai's Bryan County electric vehicle and battery processing plant which is expected to start production in early next year. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.		
1/4/2024			SEDA		
			EMPLOYER		
			DEMAND		
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Despite some forecasting models trending downward in 2023...local economists are expecting 2024 to be a year of growth regionally...spurred by hiring at manufacturing centers. PKG: "It would not be surprising to see our manufacturing employment growth rate pop to about 10%." Georgia Southern University economics professor Michael Toma says there are two indicators signaling growth in our region this year. The first – Hyundai...and other manufacturers like Gulfstream...that recently announced hiring plans as expansion and construction on facilities continues. According to Toma...the Savannah area's manufacturing workforce is expected to add about 12-hundred workers by year's end after finishing 20-23 with a total of more than 19 thousand. The second indicator...says Toma - projected expansion of the area's logistics industry as the Georgia Ports Authority continues its five-billion-dollar investment for port properties. It all comes as the nation's economy is expected to slowdown in 20-24...but not enter into a recession. Jeffery Humphreys with the University of Georgia's College of Business says in part..."The main reason for the economic stall is the lagged effect of Federal Reserve's aggressive tightening of monetary policy. Large increases in policy interest rates over 2022-23 coupled with substantial reductions in the Fed's balance sheet...are curbing the highest inflation rate in 40 years." Even as the local? economy is projected to continue on an upward trend...Toma says there are some challenges to look out for. He says making sure the area has enough housing and workers to fill employer's demand will be crucial. Toma: "There's going to be substantial pressure on the labor market that fundamentally as region, we'll need to collectively develop a strategy to assess how we're going to face a substantial increase in demand for labor in our region." Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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Cities around the country will be counting their unsheltered populations tomorrow night.. Across the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry, there are varying volumes of people experiencing homelessness in different counties. The "Point-In-Time" is being done through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It's designed to identify exactly how many people need housing assistance in each municipality. The town of Hilton Head is one of our communities taking part in the national effort.

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LL: G-P-A officials say this new overpass will allow trucks to get on the highway without having to travel through nearby neighborhoods. VO: According to a G-P-A bid...the overpass would connect the Ocean Terminal to the southbound 404 spur...crossing over Louisville Road and the Springfield Canal on G-DOT right of way. Port officials say the 970-foot single lane bridge will be for trucks only and come with a 29-million-dollar price tag...that the Ports Authority is expected to pay for. Board members say people who live near container yards have urged officials to find ways to keep large trucks out of their neighborhoods. SOT: "We want the flow in and out of this port to be seamless. This is way to go right onto a major highway instead of going through a neighborhood and having traffic lights and stops." LL: The new overpass is expected to be complete in 2025. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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About two dozen seniors all here at the Moses Jackson Center to learn more about their health through Hospital in Your Home. "That's the major goal here, to keep the seniors healthy in their environment. The environment being either here or at home." The way they help seniors at home... through a program called NovellaCare... that sends seniors home with a monitor. ALLYSON BLUE "It can monitor their blood pressure. It can monitor their blood sugars if they're diabetic. If they have congestive heart failure, we monitor weights. And, if they have any kind of lung diseases, like COPD, it monitors that as well." Those monitors can alert folks with Hospital in Your Home if anything is looking abnormal... information they can then relay to the health care provider. ALLYSON BLUE "It records it, and we can correlate with their health care physicians and let them see how they're doing at home." As part of the partnership with the city of Savannah, Hospital in Your Home plans to host regular community health clinics for seniors in the Coastal Empire. "It just helps to educate them and make them more aware of their medical needs, and be informed and able to advocate for themselves when they walk into the office." Also working as a preventative measure. DEIDRE LIGHT "We're addressing issues early on before they become magnified." Which is another main goal of this program... to keep seniors out of the hospital. ALLYSON BLUE "It doesn't wait until there's an emergency, until they're home sick. So it prevents them from that hospitalization which is extremely costly." NovellaCare is also covered by Medicare, making it even more accessible to the elderly. Overall, folks with the city saying they're excited for the future of this partnership. DEIDRE LIGHT "We have 13 senior centers throughout the city and so, this is just the first of many opportunities to partner together." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOCN.

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Port Wentworth is now joining 90 cities and counties around the state to increase their city taxes on short-term rentals. This tax includes campsites, hotels, and motels. This increase is a 2% increase to match the surrounding areas at a total of 8%. Let's talk numbers... A visitor rents a room in Port Wentworth for 100\$. Under this tax, 8\$ will go to the city. For example if they sell out the Wingate by Wyndham which has 80 rooms. That 640\$ for just one night. If it sold out for the one entire year, the Windgate will collect over 230K. That's just from one hotel. That's money the residents of Port Wentworth don't have to fork out but still get to benefit from. ((JAMES TOUCHTON##PORT WENTWORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR)) "This is less of our general fund from our general sales tax that we are using, we are using this funding or the increase towards beautifying and enhancement " At the moment Port Wentworth has 15 hotels with plans for at least 3 more in the upcoming future. That is money that the Port Wentworth Economic Developments director James Toughton says will be filtered back into the city to make additions that the city has been budgeting for and create a chance to focus on trouble spots for traffic. ((JAMES TOUCHTON##PORT WENTWORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR)) "We have already directed some of that to go to the park, to help with the infrastructure there, our number one focus is this 21 corridor. And beautifying, reimagining and street scaping, there are so many things that we are going to focus on."

2/7/2024
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When you ask Savannah drivers about the city's roads... you'll get some mixed reactions. "Everything on the west side of town, it needs some TLC." "Savannah's streets are pretty decent. All their main veins have been maintained pretty much." Stephen Henry is the senior director of transportation services for the City of Savannah. He's in charge of street maintenance, and says it's a constant work in progress. "Streets vary. You have local, residential streets that don't carry as much traffic, they may not need resurfacing as much as our busy arterial or collector streets that carry more vehicles or truck traffic." That's where Roadbotics comes in. Henry says the program was used to scan the roads in 2018... and prioritize which ones need to be repaved the most. Previously – the city had to use a team of interns to do this, a process that took around three years to judge around 700 miles of city roads. "It's cut our time in half, or probably greater than that. We would ride the roads, collect data, and add to our list. Since we've had the Roadbotics program, we've been able to look at it at a glance." The program ranks roads on a scale of 1 to 5... 5 being the poorest condition. "Anything three or above we believe needs attention." WTOC Investigates obtained the full Roadbotics report from when the roads were last surveyed in 2018. According to the study, nearly 40 percent of the city's roads... were scoring at a 3 or above – meaning they're in need of repairs, according to Henry. However, the city as a whole received a rating of 2.36. "We're really in good shape in the amount of streets we do each year, it'll get us to our goal of all streets being resurfaced in a 20-year period." WTOC Investigates looked at road resurfacing data in the city since 2021. Since then, the city has repaved more than 214,000 feet of roads – that equals a little more than 40 miles. And if your road is set to be repaved soon – city leaders say this— "Just be patient. Weather cooperates, equipment cooperates, it'll be quick process that these streets will be milled and paved, and they'll move somewhere else."

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2/13/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	GOV. MCMASTER HHI TOURISM	"We have so much in terms of natural beauty and then history, climate. This is a perfect place to vacation. A perfect place for people who want to study and learn about the animals, the fish, or the birds or we have pristine places where that can be done. Also for all sorts of athletic outdoor events."	00:00:18
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2/24/2024 12:00:00 AM	11PM	ITV MAKE ENDS MEET: MILLENNIAL HOMEOWNER S	<p>(Jaime Seale/Clever) All generations have debt but millennials tend to have more. (Gee) Jaime Seale's 2024 Millennial Home Buyer Report for Clever, a real estate data company, compiled new research on millennials' home-buying experience — and the obstacles that stand in their way. (Seale) A lot of millennials worry that they won't qualify for a mortgage. A lot of that has to do with their lack of savings. (Gee) They may be lacking savings but they are not lacking debt (Seale) We found that the percentage of millennials that have ten thousand dollars in debt is more than double the percentage that have ten thousand dollars in savings. If you're busy trying to pay off your debt that doesn't give you a lot of wiggle room in your budget to save. (Gee) Today's housing market is not the market of their baby boomer parents. They're facing tight inventory, post pandemic sky-high prices and rising mortgage rates that everyone watches and hopes they will come down. (Seale) Home prices have surged so much higher than what people are making. (Gee) A majority of millennials desperately want homes. It is still part of the American dream. To make that dream come true many are willing to do whatever they must. (Seale) People are getting creative to afford a house. A lot of millennials are going to get a second job. Then you have some folks who are trying to rent out rooms in their house, creating gofundmes. (Gee) Clever's Millennial Home Buyer Report found millennials are so desperate to own homes that 67% would buy a home with asbestos, 62% would buy a home with mold, 58% would buy a home with foundation issues and 85% of millennials would buy a home sight unseen. (Seale) Desperate times call for desperate measures. For millennials kind of in there early or mid-career, they're just not making as much money. (Gee) Seale stresses just like any financial goal like buying a house or improving your credit there are things that you can do. (Seale) One is start paying down your debts. Start saving for a bigger down payment when you can. I would also just say stick to your budget.</p>	00:01:56
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In 2021, Georgia was one of the five worst states for people living below the ALICE threshold. ALICE means asset limited, income constrained and employed. "They are people who are working, who are working hard, but do not make enough to make a basic household budget work." When looking at some counties our area, 45% of households are below the ALICE threshold in Chatham, 57% in Liberty, 48% in Bulloch, 43% in Bryan, and 56% in both Bacon and Appling. BRYNN GRANT "They struggle, they struggle if there's a medical need in their household, they struggle if there's a transportation challenge or a car repair that's required." Grant says it's an issue that's not only happening here, but nationwide. That's a big reason why she says the United Way wanted to be part of this data collection. BRYNN GRANT "So that we as a nation, we as a state, we as a community can understand the people who are living and working with us in our community." Grant says there are several different factors that play into these numbers, including housing, childcare, food and more. Many things she says the United Way of the Coastal Empire is working to help with... starting with literacy rates in the Read United Program... an issue Grant says is a root to many others. BRYNN GRANT "If you cannot read, you cannot learn, and if you cannot learn, you're more likely to drop out of school, you're more likely to be a teen parent." BUTTED TO "Your options are limited. And we want to make sure everybody has every available opportunity." The United Ways of Georgia is set to release new ALICE data from 2022 in May of this year. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield.

2/28/2024 ANNA S.: ALICE PROGRAM 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm 00:01:36

LL: Savannah city leaders applauded the Biden administration's recent investments here...saying these projects are designed to give passengers more room and get them through the airport faster. VO: Department of Transportation Under Secretary Carlos Monje highlighted \$5 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act for the terminal expansion. It's a project that will cost a total of \$38 million and comes after the airport reported record passenger numbers in recent years. Just last year...the airport received more than 6 million dollars... also from the infrastructure act... to support expansions to the security checkpoint. That project is set for completion later this year. Under Secretary Monje hopes that investments in airport infrastructure mean a boost in dollars to the local economy. SOT: "It's not just about getting people in and out of the airport sooner. It's about making them be able to get out into the community and being able to spend money, whether they're visiting family or visiting the beach." LL: The terminal expansion is expected to break ground in September. Reporting at the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport...FS...WTOCN.

3/4/2024 FLYNN: SAV AIRPORT GRANT 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm 00:01:10

The first project is focused on the intersection of Wilma Edwards Road, U-S 208 and Church of God Road. Crews will make a single-lane roundabout that's designed to minimize delays. The second project is targeting the intersection of State Route 144, Oak Level Road and Belfast Keller Road. That's where crews will make a single-lane compact roundabout. No dates have been announced for either projects at this time.

3/7/2024 BRYAN: 2 ROUNDABOUT PROJECTS 5:59:00 PM 5PM 00:00:25

3/11/2024		SLED ISSUES	SLED says they'll develop a firearms training program in alignment with state law over the next	
4:00:00 PM	4PM	NEW CARRY	several months... But the training will *not* be available until state lawmakers fund it. SLED says	
		GUIDANCE	they'll need to put the money in this year's budget.	00:00:15

"Doctors here say this is a huge step in the right direction when it comes to women's health." {DR. WILLIAM OSBORNE, "The advantage of it going over the counter is that now thousands of woman will have an opportunity to get birth control pills that might not have done it in the past." Dr. William Osborne at Memorial Health says the components in Opill have been safely used in prescription birth control since the 1960s... something he says will be safe for almost any woman. He says this is an important moment for woman's reproductive rights, making birth control accessible to everyone. DR. WILLIAM OSBORNE "These are people that have not had access, or easy access. I think this allows the reduction in unwanted pregnancies." About 36% of all pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended, according to the CDC. Because of this, Dr. Osborne says this over-the-counter access will also allow for safer pregnancies. DR. WILLIAM OSBORNE "The problem with pregnancy, even in healthy people, there are risks and people that don't want to take those risks, now have a new way to reduce that risk." Opill is currently getting rolled out to stores across the country... getting shipped to major retail pharmacies, like Walgreens and CVS, first. If you're thinking of using it, Dr. Osborne says it's important that you make sure to read the details inside the package to make sure it's safe for you. DR. WILLIAM OSBORNE "Make sure that you don't have a health condition that they list on the package insert that might be a problem" ((ANNA)) "Dr. Osborne says even if you do start taking Opill, it' still important to continue getting your regular health check-ups. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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3/19/2024		DONTAE:	New tonight-- an update on the hostess city's attempts to balance tourism with residents' quality of	
11:00:00 PM	11PM	DOWNTOWN	life. Savannah's Downtown Neighborhood Association met with City Manager Jay Melder today to	
		NEIGHBORHO	discuss issues residents brought up about tourism throughout the city. In March of last year,	
		OD ASSOC	residents raised concerns about the growth of tourism in residential areas, and how it affects their	
		MTNG	day-to-day activities. Tonight, the association tells us they sat down with the City to get the answers	00:00:30
			they need.	

3/20/2024		DONTAE:		
4:30:00 AM	4:30AM	DOWNTOWN	In March of last year, residents raised concerns about the growth of tourism in residential areas,	
		NEIGHBORHO	and how it impacts their day-to-day activities. Now- Savannah's Downtown Neighborhood	
		OD ASSOC	Association is taking it a step further. they met with City Manager Jay Melder Tuesday night to	
		MTNG	discuss those issues	00:00:18

			"These funds I'm appropriating to upgrade the playground for under five-year-old children, to help build new playground facilities for kids up to five, to bring the gymnasium up to standard, to help build new outdoor playing fields. All these things are going to help create safe, fun places for kids in Chatham County and Chatham County families." Senator Ossoff tells us he's excited to see the community's reaction once these upgrades are finished.	
3/22/2024		ANNA S.: SEN.		
5:30:00 PM	5:30pm	OSSOFF ON FED. FUNDS		00:00:27

			Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff was one of the federal leaders who worked to get the money approved. He says that as a father himself, he knows how important it is to provide children and parents with a place to enjoy themselves. That's why he says when he saw the facility's director ask for the money, it's something he immediately knew was needed to get done. He adds he wants to make sure kids in our area have a safe place to have fun.	
3/22/2024		ANNA S.: SEN.		
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			"The wonderful thing about the Port of Savannah is that their management has been always forward looking so they're thinking 20 years out okay how can we handle increase volume how can we handle disruptions and during Covid the big thing was how are things moving up and down very quickly how do we develop surge capacity to handle this." The Georgia Department of Transportation manages the Talmadge bridge.. and they released a statement saying that they're awaiting answers from investigators on the cause of the collision.	
3/27/2024	5AM	FLYNN:		
4:59:00 AM	DAYBR EAK	PORTS AND BRIDGES		00:00:31

**ISSUE 14-HOW CHARITABLE AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY. TYBEE POLAR PLUNGE, HOMELESS SIMULATION AND KEEPING THEM WARM DURING THE COLD WEATHER, COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER, UNITED WAY 211 DAY, STATESBORO FOOD DONATION, PARKER'S HOUSE DONATION, SAVANNAH REC JOB FAIR, RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE RED SHOE RUN
SOURCE: NON-PROFITS,**

1/1/2024 5:59:00 AM	6AM DAYBR EAK	TODAY: TYBEE POLAR PLUNGE 5	<p>"We do the Gang of Goofs costume contest people come out and dress in their most ridiculous costumes and there are some prizes that we give away and then right at 12 o'clock is when everyone comes off the pier gets ready and plunges into the ocean we got music playing on the pier the costume contest and everybody if you're brave enough plunges into the ocean to start off the new year." People can register for the plunge *today. There will be extra shirts to buy at the plunge and purchase of a shirt counts as registration for the event. Money from the plunge *today goes towards Main Street... a Tybee non-profit... for their holiday events... Tybee Community Tree Lighting... holiday market... Christmas parade and the polar plunge next year.</p>	00:00:44
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1/3/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	UNION MISSION KEEPING HOMELESS WARM	<p>Union mission often opens their doors to about 100 people each night. But every night we see temperatures below 40 degrees, they add even more beds to their services, making sure more people can get out of the cold. They provide them with food and anything else they might need to have a comfortable stay. As we continue to see colder temperatures, folks with Union Mission say it's important that our neighbors are equipped with things that will keep them warm, especially if they're not able to stay the night inside anywhere. That's why they're accepting donations. "When you look at the cold weather, obviously blankets, coats, gloves and socks. They make a huge difference to the homeless community." "Union Mission is extremely busy right now. We are filling the beds on most nights and we have three different programs. We have one for men, one for women and one for women with children." ((ANNA)) "If you're interested in making a donation, we'll have a link to Union Mission's website where you can find all the details on WTOC.com, just look for this story. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfeld, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:05
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Back on December 17, thousands of teddy bears and stuffed animals were thrown on the ice during the ghost pirates game. Now, those same stuffed animals are being delivered to children here at the hospital. (nat of talking to a kid) "Hello...how are you...we've got this for you...it's adorable." VO Alayna has been to almost a dozen Ghost Pirates games, but she's never seen the players quite like this before... And for someone who faces the toughest battles on a daily basis, her favorite part of a hockey game seems quite fitting. (nat of Alayna talking) "I think when you get into fights...yeah, perfect." (Anthony Collins/Ghost Pirates Forward) "They're the real fighters. They're the ones going through everyday treatments and things like that and we're very blessed to play a little boys and girls game for a living." Teddy bear tosses have become a popular tradition among minor league hockey teams around the holiday season, and for the Ghost Pirates, December 17th was the day. Fans in attendance threw stuffed animals they had brought with them or bought at the game onto the ice after the first goal of the game. The bears were then collected, sanitized, bagged, and quarantined by Hugaroo, who's mission is to give stuffed animals to children who have experienced a life-threatening illness, traumatic event, or are at risk. And while you might think the stuffed animals are used just as something for the kids to play with and love on, they're actually used in all sorts of ways. (Jeanie Fisher/Hugaroo Georgia Regional Director) "The doctors here at the hospital they might put a cast on an arm and a cast on an animal, so they're teaching animals. So they're not just loovies, they use them for teaching." The kids also do their share of teaching during these visits. (Anthony Collins/Ghost Pirates Forward) "It just puts a huge perspective on life. We think sometimes maybe we're having a bad game or a bad shift or a bad slump of games, and there's a bigger picture to life than just a hockey game." nat "Thanks for letting us visit. Thank you."

1/4/2024
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm GHOST
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 HOSPITAL
 DONATION

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"Folks with Union Mission say after the day center opened about a year ago, they were able to help hundreds of people, making the decision to extend their hours of service, an easy one." "We served about 890 individuals, 19,000 visits from those individuals and we served about 39,00 new meals in the last year." The day center, inside the Grace House, provides people with two hot meals a day, a snack, a place to relax and also helps to put people in contact with different services that may be able to help them. "You can connect with partner agencies and case managers here at Grace House. We can help you find emergency housing, we can see the homeless authority." Starting last weekend, the day center will now be open to folks on Saturdays from 8am-2pm. "The first Saturday that we were open, we had 55 individuals here." Along with the day center, the Grace House also has 72 beds for people to stay overnight... but Traynor says they'll provide even more beds during inclement weather... something he's planning for as we head into some rainy and cold weather these next few days. "We know, starting tomorrow, with more inclement weather, and in addition next week where it's going to be extra cold compared to what it has been in our community, that we'll probably be open with extra beds every single night." "Traynor says he's looking forward to helping more people on our community in 2024. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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nat sound "This is my book bag." What would it be like to give up everything... even for just a week? "Everything I have had on my journey, food, drink, coffee, they have had to donate to me." This man with only a book bag and flag to his name today is a business owner who has been living on the streets since Tuesday to help raise money and spread awareness for homeless vets. *nat sound* "Nope, I am a regular guy who owns a business here who is living on the streets to raise money for Homeless veterans." According to Department of Housing and Urban Development data from January 2023, 35,574 Veterans experienced homelessness in the U.S. at that time. That's a 7.4 percent increase over the same time in 2022. Elkhatib says this experience has taught him so much about how society views those facing homelessness. He says people he knew would walk past him and not even acknowledge him. ((JUNIOR ELKHATIB##HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE)) "When nobody knew who I was.. When I was off my camera, and the people who didnt see didnt see, I felt that homeless pain and it was not fun. Saturday is his last day of the challenge and he expects to raise around 7 thousand dollars, although he says there's more to helping the homeless community than just fundraising. "There is alot of positivity, but the negativity is what we gotta change."

1/12/2024 HOMELESS
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LINDSEY:
Junior (AL-KA-TEA-B) Elkhatib gave up all his belongings as part of a homeless challenge last week. He said the challenge really opened his eyes for those living on the streets... as he would have people he knew walk right past without even acknowledging him. The business owner has been raising money for similar causes for years... but he says that this year was by far the biggest that he has been able to do.

1/17/2024 5AM HOMELESS
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EAK VIDALIA FOLO

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Hinesville's city officials say their resources are limited but they're working to partner with local organizations to meet the need. SOT: "We all get together and try to figure out what is it that the homeless community needs." The United Way of Liberty County works closely with the homeless population here in Liberty.. so they try to assess exactly where they need help. "Just because they're unsheltered does not mean they don't have rights and that they can't advocate for what it is that they need. So we reach out to the community and we ask them.. what is it that you need from us?" So they've partnered with Cathedral of Praise ministries to establish a warming station in Liberty County. They're opening their doors for the night. "It's just an open space for them to come in and be able to get warm, receive a hot beverage, some light refreshments and just to have a safe place to keep warm throughout the night." They'll also have items including coats and blankets at the United Way Liberty County location for pickup for anyone in need. And the city of Hinesville.. continuing to figure out how they can serve the homeless population here.. will be conducting a census starting next week.. to determine how many people experience homelessness on a single night in January. If you or anyone you know needs resources, we'll have the contact information for United Way of Liberty County on our website at WTOC.com. In Hinesville.. Jasmine Butler.. WTOC News.

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The event begins at 7:30 a-m, with a free provided breakfast The summit will be held at Jack Hill Building's Oak Room on Joseph E. Kennedy Boulevard in Statesboro. That's on the campus of Ogeechee Technical College If interested you're asked to R-S-V-P by email to webster-AT-bulloch-schools-dot-org with your name, organization, and "Summit" in the subject line. One of the many purposes of the summit is to provide updates on the progress made on the Bulloch County Career Workforce Development Plan.

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Dozens of new or expecting moms came together to get some helpful tips from experts in all different fields. "When you have a child, when you start any kind of family, even if it's unexpected or if it's planned, there's a lot of burden, there's a lot of stress that comes with that." MacCauley helped organize the Chatham County Health Department's community baby shower..she says it's so important to connect mothers with the resources they need. "It's mental support, it's emotional support, it's physical support. We want to keep them healthy, mind, body and soul." Bridgette Nevels is a mom of three, who just had her third baby two months ago. "It's a lot of information out here that I didn't even realize until I actually came to one of these events." Although it's her third time raising a newborn, she says she still learned a few things. "Learning about the baby's skull and having them on their tummys more than on the back of their head." She says this event is a great resource for moms, especially those expecting their first child. "Some people don't have people to teach them about how to properly take care of children and this is a good outlet for it." Which organizers say was the exact goal. "We need to make educational material available to them, so that they don't feel like they're going through it alone." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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The event will be taking place this Saturday, February 3rd For early birds, an 8:30 a-m session will be held at Moses Jackson, located on Richards Street If unable to attend the first, another tax prep location will be offering their services at Saint Mary's Community Center, located on West 26th Street beginning at 10 a-m. Be sure to provide all documents that are applicable for your tax preparations.

1/31/2024		VITA TAX		
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The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is offering free tax preparations for the Hostess City. VITA was created to save taxpayers money in preparation fees and boost your refunds. The event will be taking place this Saturday, February 3rd a 10 a-m session will be held at Moses Jackson, located on Richards Street they will also be offering their services at Saint Mary's Community Center, on West 26th Street at 8:30 a-m. make sure you bring all of your tax documents

2/1/2024		VITA TAX		
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2/2/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM	LIBERTY CO. INITIATIVE	Local organizations are teaming up to get beds built for children in need. The Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, the Hinesville Rotary club, and the group "Sleep in Heavenly Peace Hinesville" are getting ready for their "bed build" event tomorrow. They've received donated lumber and wood for the project... and event organizers say they're hoping to get these beds out those in need as soon as possible.	00:00:24
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2/5/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM	RYAN: HAB FOR HUNAMITY GRANTS	Those hundreds of thousands of dollars will go toward Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry to help their merger process with Hilton Head's nonprofit of the same name. They'll also go toward the Penn Center as they create a school focused on Heir's Property rights. SOT: "We work with communities, we don't do things to communities." VO: Coastal Community Foundation, celebrating the communities they assist today. At the event, six different nonprofits who have received grants from the Coastal Community Foundation spoke about their experience, working to improve the quality of education, affordable housing and racial equity in the Lowcountry. The event took place at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, a historic site which was one of the first academic schools for the Gullah Geechee community. Throughout its time the Penn Center would see multiple visits from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Now, the center will become a new kind of school, educating Gullah descendants on the rights to their land and property. The center will receive \$650,000 over five years to fund the new school. SOT: "We have friends and allies who support our efforts to continue the tradition of convening people for collective action. For providing an inclusive and community space to dream." VO: Habitat for Humanity of the Lowcountry is undergoing a merger with Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity. They'll receive \$200,000 over the next two years to help with the merger. Reporting from St. Helena Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:01:30
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2/9/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM SIMONE: 211 DAY Ariane Wallace - United Way 211 Director "We connect our community with resources that may be able to help them with any type of basic human needs health and wellness any educational services you can expect our information specialist to be compassionate caring and to have a listening ear," Wallace said. Members of the United Way gave stacks of information cards to different city offiices from CAT to the courthouse... Chatham County superior court judge Lisa Colbert says... these resources will be extremely helpful for everyone especially jurors who may be triggered by the details of a trial and are in need of support. 00:00:37

2/9/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM SIMONE: 211 DAY Chatham County Superior Court Judge Lisa Colbert "This is a great oppotunity with 211 to provide those cards let them know that if they need support after going through this process and even those who sit through the trials of murder or cases that something really bad has happened to someone that they now have an oppotunity whether they have insurance or not to learn about resources that they can access to deal with whatever emotional issues they may be having as a result of serving as required," Judge Colbert explained. The 2-1-1 helpline is free and confidential and calls are answered by trained information specialists. They are always looking for extra help so check out the United Way website to learn more about volunteer oppotunities. 00:00:45

2/9/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM SIMONE: 211 DAY The United Way of the Coastal Empire's 2-1-1 helpline connect callers to a number of resources in the community including shelter, transportation child care and more... Anyone in the the four county area which include Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Libery can simply dial 2-1-1 from 8-30 to 5-30 p.m. during the week and somene will be there to help. Ariane Wallace with the United Way says these making these connections are vital to the community. 00:00:27

			Tammy A.K. Mixon-Calderon, Executive Director Wesley Community Center SOT: "It is so important because we need help to continue to provide good, quality services for the women, children and families in the community who are struggling and people are certainly struggling every single day." If you missed the walk today or want to learn more, we'll have that information on our website at WTOC.com.	
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			The Economic Opportunity Authority will start accepting appointments from residents for its low-income home energy assistance program. Applications will be available beginning SUNDAY NIGHT at 7. It is on a first-come first-serve basis since there is a limited number of spots. To make an appointment- call the number on your screen. To find out what documents you need and more-head to our website WTOC dot com.	
	4:30AM	HOME		
2/16/2024	DAYBR	ASSISTANCE		
5:30:00 AM	EAK	PROGRAM		00:00:25

		ST. PATS TO GO CUP		
2/19/2024		LAUNCH	Check it out! The design from local artist Margaret Mulligan commemorates the 200th Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade. It's official launch is coming as part of a fundraiser for Coastal Pet Rescue. All of it happening during tomorrow's Sips at the Station event at Ardsley Station.	
6:53:00 PM	6PM	PARTY		00:00:17

		FLYNN: MLK AFFORDABLE HOUSING	SOT: "We're hoping that these 16 high quality units of apartments are a step in being able to tackle the housing demands that are coming and serve the people that serve our community and are most in need of shelter." The apartments will be built on city-owned land...with a parking lot nearby. Developers must now get a construction permit. No timeline on when that could happen.	
2/28/2024				
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		LINDSEY: ANDERSON YOUTH HOME ANNUAL 5K	Hundreds will show up at the Chick-fil-A in Vidalia this weekend for the race but did you know the race has an interesting origin story? Chick-fil-A- founder S. Truett Cathy, met Paul Anderson years ago and was inspired by his vision for the Youth Home. Ever since they have had a friendship and partnership...something that even years later after both men have passed... continues to make a huge difference in the community.	
3/1/2024				
12:00:00 AM	11PM			00:00:25

		SAV SLEEP IN DAYBR HEAVENLY PEACE	On Saturday, The Savannah chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace organized delivered the beds It's a part of their slogan "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town." A spokesperson tells us kids light up when the new beds are delivered... and here's a pretty cool fact. the kids get to pick the theme of their bedding based on their interests!	
3/4/2024				
5:30:00 AM	4:30AM EAK			00:00:19

LL Intro Fore! Starting this month, you might be seeing a lot more of this here at the Savannah Children's Hospital. PKG Today marked the start of a new program meant to bring smiles to the faces of young patients and act as an escape to the hardships they face on a daily basis. (Nat of PGA Pro working with a patient) Smiling Fore Life will bring PGA Professionals out to the hospital to give basic golf lessons to the kids. "I mean you can see they're so excited. The minute they walked out the door, they went grabbing right for the golf clubs, so to be able to give a little bit of their day to be fantastic for them, we're all for it." The program is part of PGA Reach Georgia, a charitable foundation that believes in the healing power of sports, particularly golf. "It's really about how do we provide something that they're used to doing at home, and so, this is one of those things. Kids love to play, and so that instinct to see them outside or to see a little something set up for play really enhances their healing and can really help get them out of the hospital faster, which is ultimately what we want." "The one little girl out here they said she hadn't walked in two days, and she got to right here and started running with a golf club in her hand, which is great stuff." Walden says the PGA's foundation reached out to him about expanding the program to Savannah after it has been a success for the last few years at the children's hospital in Atlanta. And now that day one of having the program here is in the books, it seems like today's round was filled with only birdies and holes-in-one. LL Tag The Smiling Fore Life Program will continue on the first Thursday of every month. In Savannah, Rachel West, WTOG News.

3/7/2024
6:53:00 PM 6PM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PGA KIDS EVENT

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Julianna Hose, Parker's House for Women Resident SOT: "Wonderful. It's been amazing. For the different things and events that we have here that's going on. Everything has been wonderful and I would encourage any women that's out there that's having trouble or that's been homeless to come on in if they can and experience that experiences that we have. The money raised came from Parker's Kitchen Round-Up campaign where they matched the gift by 25 percent.

3/8/2024
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm JASMINE: PARKER'S HOUSE DONATION

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Parker's Kitchen got in on the international women's day celebrations. FRIDAY, they presented Gift bag donations for residents at the Parker's House for Women and presented a check to union mission for \$193,000. The money will continue to fund resources like food, clothing and housing solutions for women there. ?Julianna Hose has been a resident at the Parker's House for Women for a little over a month now. She says she appreciates the support she's received from the team there.

3/9/2024
7:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBR JASMINE: PARKER'S HOUSE DONATION

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3/14/2024			Applications for appointments begin this Sunday night at 7. It is on a first-come first-serve basis since there is a limited number of spots. The extension is for heating appointments only- NOT cooling. This opportunity is only for those who did not get assistance from December of last year until now. To make an appointment- call the number on your screen. To find out what documents you need- look for this story on our website- WTOC dot com.	00:00:26
4:59:00 PM	5PM	THIS SUN.: EOA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		

3/15/2024	CBS		the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has begun But - you'll need to act quickly - because spots are limited. Applications open this Sunday at 7pm and are open until they run out. The Economic Opportunity for Savannah is only accepting heating appointments for low-income residents in Chatham County. To make an appointment- call the number on your screen.	00:00:22
10:00:00 AM	CUT- INS	THIS SUN.: EOA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		

3/18/2024			New tonight-- Savannah Mayor Van Johnson teaming up with Senior Citizens Inc today to help fight hunger for seniors. It's all apart of the "March for Meals" campaign. It commemorates the day back in 1972 when President Nixon signed a bill into law that would include a national nutrition program for adults 60 and older. Today, Mayor Johnson talked about the importance of meals on wheels program that provides food and a wellness check for older adults in the coastal empire.	00:00:28
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3/19/2024	5AM		"This is a marvelous opportunity to ensure that they are receiving the nutrition that they need to be able to continue to live their best lives. We're all very very busy we can do it individually and personally but we can all support that causes that help make this happen. So in addition to that I'll be making a personal donation in honor of my dad because it's important. The mayor also took the time to deliver meals to a few of the seniors.	00:00:26
4:59:00 AM	DAYBR EAK	MARCH FOR MEALS		

3/19/2024	5AM		The "March for Meals" campaign celebrates the day in 1972 when President Nixon signed a bill to include a national nutrition program for adults 60 and older. Mayor Johnson talked about the importance of the meals on wheels program that provides food and a wellness check for older adults in the coastal empire.	00:00:18
4:59:00 AM	DAYBR EAK	MARCH FOR MEALS		

3/19/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM STATESBORO FOOD DONATION "We are just so happy to be here today and deliver this food to about 13 pantries throughout this area. These are food pantries that are small, and we are helping them today to restock and to be able to serve their constituents. " The donations went to Coastal Countertops in Statesboro. Church leaders were there to help unload the trucks full of food. 00:00:21

3/19/2024 5:53:00 PM 6PM STATESBORO FOOD DONATION Check it out! A local community getting pounds of nourishment as a generous donation. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hauled nearly 40-thousand pounds of food in a 53-foot trailer to communities in Statesboro today. Some of the donations included peanut butter, canned meat, macaroni, rice, milk, applesauce, pears, flour, and more. This is all to help address food insecurity different parts of Georgia. That includes Statesboro, Vidalia, Lyons, Pembroke, Richmond Hill, and Savannah. 00:00:30

3/20/2024 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM RACHEL: STATESBORO SPRING FLING PREVIEW Right now, it's mainly all just green that you see out here at Georgia Southern's Sweetheart Circle, but come Sunday, all the spring colors will be out in full force at the second annual Greek Spring Fling. VO (nat sound of egg hunt) Easter Egg Hunts...it's a tradition that never gets old for kids all over. And that is just one of many activities you'll be able to participate in at Sunday's Spring Fling, that's being hosted by several of Georgia Southern's Greek Life chapters. Other things to do include face painting, egg dying, playing on inflatables...and it wouldn't be an Easter celebration without an appearance by the Easter Bunny himself. SOT "We've added more activities. We've advertised way more, we've definitely invested in a lot more advertising platforms just to get people there, and it's definitely becoming more of a larger scale event than it was last year." VO What's special about this particular event is that all proceeds will go to Fostering Bulloch, a local charity that offers help to foster families in the Statesboro area. "It's the absolute coolest thing when other people approach us and ask us if we can be the beneficiary for an event. It just validates that the efforts that we're putting in to serve our kids are worth it and that our heart and our passion to serve God and to serve our kids can affect even a one degree change in one of their outcomes is worth the effort." Organizers say the goal this year is to raise \$2,000. That money will then be used to help the organization run their summer camps, which come at no charge to foster parents or kids. SOT "A lot of times with our national philanthropies, you don't always see where the money that we send off goes, and we still love doing it, but you can see with your own eyes how this community is impacted with these local philanthropy events. We love Statesboro so much, and it's just such a welcoming environment. They're so willing to host, and they're so open to all these Greek Life chapters. We just really wanted to give a small portion back to what its given to us." LL TAG The event lasts from 2-5pm on Sunday, with the Egg Hunt beginning at 3:30. And while the event itself is free, the various activities being offered will require the purchase of a ten dollar wristband. In Statesboro, Rachel West, WTOC News. 00:02:13

VO: Without enough employees, the city's summer programs could be limited. SOT: "The more lifeguards we have, the more pools we can open." Peter Maierhofer is the recreational and leisure services with the City of Savannah. He says they're doing what they can to hire up to 40 lifeguards and up to 40 day-camp counselors. SOT: "It's not an easy thing. We are looking to hire , they can range anywhere from 15 years of age and up..." VO: For part-time, full-time or seasonal jobs. Along with lifeguard positions, some of the other jobs include pool monitors and day-camp counselors for summer programs here in Chatham county. SOT: "We've got nine camps this summer that we'll be opening up. And we also have specialty campus this summer, something new we're doing, and we're excited about doing that too as well." VO: And if you're looking for something more permanent... they have positions for that too. Today they offered on-the-spot interviews... but if you couldn't make it to the fair, you can apply for open positions online. We'll have that information on our website at WTOC.com (For digital: Savannahga.gov/jobs) In Savannah, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News.

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LL INTRO Come Saturday morning, nearly 200 runners will be sporting socks just like these. And chances are, they'll be lovin' it. PKG The red and white stripes are going to be on full display throughout the campus of Memorial Health for the 2024 Red Shoes Run. "You can walk, run, push a stroller, but more importantly, you get to see where all that money is going. You get to see the house, you get to see that we're only 176 steps from those front doors of the hospital system." For over 20 years, this 5K race has served as the kick-off event of the year for the Ronald McDonald House, and Sorochack says this year's run is expected to be the biggest one in the last decade. Part of the reason why is all the new runners who will be participating for the first time because they love the work that the house does for the community. "I used to volunteer here every Monday, and I worked with the cookie ladies, and we helped clean the kitchen and everything, so the Ronald McDonald House...it's in my heart. I just absolutely love it, and I love the support." Sorochak says the run will raise over \$25,000 that will go towards their mission of helping critically ill and injured children and their families. And 100 percent of that, along with every other dollar raised throughout the year, will stay in Savannah to help families in our own community -- families like Haley Greenwood's, whose son Waylon was born at 25 weeks and six days, weighing just 11.6 ounces. "We have been through a lot. He's a fighter. He's now on his third infection in his lungs, his kidneys failed at one point, he was having issues really just with the prematurity of his lungs." Thanks to the Ronald McDonald House, not only is Greenwood now just steps away from Waylon in case anything goes wrong, but she also has the ability to lean on the team and volunteers at the house to provide comfort in times of need. "Unfortunately, my husband can't be here and my other boys can't be here -- putting Waylon at risk of getting other infections as well, so it's me doing this on my own, and I just have my extra family with me to be able to do this. And it's just so near and dear to my heart, and I will be forever grateful for them." The run begins at 8:45 Saturday morning. If you're interested in participating, you can register online through the end of the day today or in person on site tomorrow morning starting at 7:30. In Savannah, Rachel West, WTOC News.

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		THIS TUES.:		
		COOLING		To get an appointment- call the number on your screen or visit the website this Tuesday at 7 P.M .
	11PM	PROGRAM		The program is only accepting appointments for low-income residents aged 65 and older who live in
3/31/2024	WEEKE	APPOINTMEN		Chatham County. There is a limited number of spots available. To find out what documents you
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ISSUE 15--HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE A GREAT ASSET TO NON PROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY. CASA RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS, RED CROSS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO GIVE BLOOD, VOLUNTEERS HELPING IN THE FEED THE HUNGRY EVENT ON MLK'S BIRTHDAY, SECOND HELPINGS VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS HELPING WITH PROJECT SMILE IN BELIZE, READ UNITED VOLUNTEERS READING TO STUDENTS IN OUR AREA, COMMUNITY CLEAN UP REGISTRATION

SOURCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.

		CASA		It's about a 5 to 10 hour commitment a month. Volunteers have to go through training... and
		RECRUITING		commit to serve as an advocate for the duration of a child's case. CASA has links to more
1/10/2024		VOLUNTEERS		information on volunteering available online.
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OLIN THOMAS DIRECTOR OF LABATORY SERVICES FOR ST JOESPH/CANDLER Olin Thomas with St Joseph Candler says they use this system to send blood from the lab to wherever it is needed on campus... they give between 6-700 units of blood per month per facility so keeping donations coming in is vital... "Even if we are not in an extreme drought here everything in the U.S. is shared so all of the red cross all your blood donation agencies if any pocket is short, it can be transmitted back and forth. Georgia in it of itself actually pulls in a lot of blood products from outside states ." Experts say blood collections are down across the nation especially now around holiday time... The American Red Cross reports that the lowest number of people are giving blook in the past 20 years... "Ever since covid we've seen a big trend of donations being down not as convenient you have to go collect, in general society is just not donating what they have in the past years..." When it comes to the Type of blood that is needed O blood continues to be the most needed in this region and across the nation... "Especially for the maternal population so moms who we don't know blood types if there is an emergent, we give O negative so there is no reactions because anybody can receive O blood same thing with O positive. Most males can receive O positive even if they are not exactly the same match." The American Red Cross hosts blood drives often and you can find one near you on redcrossblood dot org In Savannah Simone McKenny

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SOT : "Just showing love. That's the true meaning of today." Savannah Community members answered the call for today's holiday dinner at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls club. Many, helping to hand out the meals being served today. Today's attendees were able to enjoy some warm food and fresh produce this afternoon. On the menu for today's dinner, some steamed veggies, fried chicken and even some cake for dessert. SOT : "We want to celebrate the movement of everyone that was involved. And there were a lot of people involved in that movement, black and white." Volunteers today telling WTOC Dr. King's message inspired them to get involved. One of them, LaTasha Davis, says lending a helping hand in this way should become more common. SOT : "As something we should be doing on the daily anyway.. Helping our neighbors. Making sure that they get a hot meal. Making sure that they get groceries to take home with them." Others say Dr. King's message still resonates with them to this day. And, it's events like these that leave them feeling like they're making a difference in peoples' lives. SOT : "If there's someone out there that's hurting, someone out there that's in-need... We're just feeling blessed to know that we can help someone." Tag: Organizers say Dr. King's memory was alive and well at today's dinner. Reporting in Chatham County. Ethan Stamm, WTOC News.

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THE HUNGRY
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Nat sweet tea box Nat beeping Nat spinach box Vo All kinds of food and drink get loaded into refrigerator trucks like this. Nat "you got one? yup. ok" Vo More than 400 volunteers work year round to bring food from store's like Sam's Club or Walmart to local soup kitchens and other non-profits. Fred Defazio... Nat "not one guy loading" Vo has been involved for about three months... and loves how he's able to help people in our community. Sot: "You see what you're doing for the people that really need it out there and as we go through some of the areas that we've been in you can see that these people really need help." Vo On this run his crew picked up Nat pickup egg rolls Vo about 2200 pounds of goods... and it was just one of their six stops on the day. Sot "It's a lot of food, a lot of people are getting fed." Vo When the company started back in 1991, they only had 14 volunteers... now, they have almost that many trucks and have saved more than 50 million pounds of food. With the growing size of the operation, those numbers are tracked box by box. Nat "this is probably 30" Vo Each crew making precise estimates on the food their partners donate. The grocery stores giving away inventory that would otherwise be wasted. Sot: "It's a way to conserve food, it doesn't end up in landfills, it's not thrown away, it's really good food that goes right back into the community." Vo After sliding onto these trucks Nat slide box Vo the donated goods make their way into the community quickly. Sot "Tonight all of that food that you just saw is going to be in a refrigerator in a pantry and it's going to be on people's tables." Vo The Second Helpings Executive Director says it's distributed around Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton counties... with momentum growing in recent times. Sot "Last year in 2023 it was a record year of 3.4 million lbs that we actually picked up and rescued." Vo With each crate emptied Nat crate Vo not only is Second Helpings feeding their community, but the volunteers are feeding their souls. Sot "It makes me sleep well at night knowing that I have a part of what's going on in this area." Vo Reporting in Beaufort County Nat truck door close Vo Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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"They're all dental drills for cleaning teeth and for drilling for fillings." Steve Acuff is packing up his tools before leaving on his annual trip to Belize. "It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of, lot of fun." This weekend, he and a team of other dentists and volunteers with the local non-profit called Project Smile, Inc., will make their way down to South America. "We see children ages four to fourteen who don't have a dentist." They spend about 3 and a half days working, seeing about 100 kids each day. Throughout the last 32 years, Acuff says he's seen generations of children. "We've seen children grow up, we've seen their children and even a few of their grandchildren." He says being able to make somebody's smile better is a great feeling. "It changes their life a lot of times, where they don't go through their life, every time they smile they do this or their embarrassed." And he says sometimes the locals will come back with gifts as a thank you. "The next day the children will come back and the parent might bring us a homemade key lime pie, or they might bring us a wood carving they made, or a classroom will bring us thank you notes they all colored in and wrote to us." Regardless of those gifts, Acuff says it's worth it to bring some of the children in Belize the care they need. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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BELIZE
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"Read United is a series of yearlong series of programs and services. And Read United Day is our biggest.. and probably.. well certainly.. and our most visible of all of our activities. Giving books and reading to children." Starting in only Liberty County, with much support and teamwork, Read United Day has grown to more counties in the Coastal Empire. Something the United Way is very proud of. Brynn Grant "20,000 books, almost a thousand classrooms... and it takes everybody in our whole organization, a whole lot of volunteers and donors and sponsors to make it happen." It's a part of their year-round effort to improve literacy, focusing on Kindergarten through 2nd grade learners. "It's the early childhood years that they actually learn to read and so we're targeting those learn to read years." Bringing in over 1,000 volunteers to read to classrooms today and do their part. Reading books that teach lessons about kindness and being unique! One second grader says it's her favorite part about reading. "We can learn morals and it's also really fun." Making Read United worth the work. WTOC was happy to participate at Liberty Elementary School today by reading to students. In Liberty County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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The city is asking residents and groups to register to take part in the city-wide day of service. The day will be focused on projects that beautify the city - including litter clean up. You're asked to register by next Friday if you're interested. Those that register will get safety vests, gloves and plastic bags from the city. The city has more details on registration available online.

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ISSUE16 DELEVOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND TOURISM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. EFFINGHAM CO. DEVELOPMENT THAT INCLUDES INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DINING, BEAUFORT TOURISM YEAR IN REVIEW, SAVANNAH TIDE TO TOWN FUNDS, PEMRBROKE DEVELOPMENT, BUCKHALTER REZONING, FUTURE OF YAMACRAW VILLAGE, AMAZON MARKET AT CANDLER HOSPITAL, PREPARATIONS FOR RBC HERITAGE ON HILTON HEAD, GRAYSON STADIUM ADDS EXTRA SEATS, NEW POOLER DEVELOPMENT EVERY WOMAN'S MARAHTON COMING TO SAVANNAH, NEW ALDI STORE DEVELOPMENT, HHI WORKFORCE HOUSING, WATERS AVENUE PROJECT, HHI GULLAH SURVERY, THE FUTURE OF SAVANNAH MALL, TYBEE RESTAURANT WEEK, ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN SAVANNAH IMPACTS, HYUNDAI PLANT, SC GOV ON HHI TOURISM NUMBERS, RBC HERITAGE, NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO THE AREA, NEW BRYAN CO. INTERCHANGE AND THREE ROUNDABOUTS, NEW BRYAN CO. MEDICAL FACILITY, TIDE TO TOWN PROJECT, DOWNTOWN BEAUFORT REVITILIZATION, ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOOST FOR SAVANNAH AND HILTON HEAD, CAT PORT WENTWORTH EXPANSION, CONVENTION CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION, AUSPICIOUS BAKING COMPANY PLANS FOR EXPANDING INTO THE PAULA DEEN CREEK HOUSE, QUAIL RUN LODGE EMMINENT DOMAIN, PEMBROKE TO RESTORE OLD THEATER, RICHMOND HILL GUN MANUFACTURING FACILITY, BULLOCH CO. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, HWY 278 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Source: City of Savannah, Chamber of Commerce, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL, etc

SOT : "The expedition for the future is a slow progress." I spoke with City Administrator Chris Benson about all the buzz surrounding Pembroke...and it's economic increase as we enter into the new year. Benson says one of the biggest drivers of the city's economic growth has been the Hyundai Meta Plant, which is set to be completed in 2025. And he attributes the collection of new businesses in Pembroke—even restaurants—recently coming to the area because of this. SOT : "The community's been very embracing of some of that change. They've desired more options for restaurants and things like that and think people are more willing to take the risks to open up new business and to invest in the community." VO: The increase in the number of restaurants in Pembroke is bringing more people to the area overall.. SOT : "Especially with the Hyundai Plant, the traffic has increased." One of those restaurants, Sugar On Main, just opened up this past October. The ice cream shop's owner, Christy Kangeter telling me a lot of her new customers have actually been coming from out of town. SOT : "The last month or two, we've seen a lot of new faces. And it's nice because we try to be friendly, because you try to be friendly and know everybody and know where they're from." With the growing economy here in Pembroke, Bryan County businesses expect to continue to see increased customer traffic throughout this year. Reporting in Pembroke. Ethan Stamm, WTOC News.

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Last year's tourism numbers for the City of Beaufort and the Sea Islands are in. While the number of day-trippers to the area went down, the number of people staying overnight jumped up. VO: Those overnights not only spending more time in the area... but spending more money too. SOT: Robb Wells; President & CEO; Visit Beaufort, Port Royal and Sea Islands "An overnight visitor invests more, by the way, overnight visitors lead to other transactions such as real estate and more retail spend." VO: A big chunk of the spending... was in Beaufort's restaurant scene. SOT: Robb Wells; President & CEO; Visit Beaufort, Port Royal and Sea Islands "22% of the people in our market on a given day are visitors, but they account for 34% of the restaurant spend, and that's an important figure to meet. Such a small number, having a might impact on the restaurant scene. VO: Money coming in from visitors... a return on spending by the region's Convention and Visitors Bureau. SOT: Robb Wells; President & CEO; Visit Beaufort, Port Royal and Sea Islands "Visitor spending is so important. So important, and for the investment that the CVB is making in advertising, promotion and sales. For every dollar that we spend, we return seven back to the community. That's a big return on investment and we want to see that continue in 2024." VO: Events that bring visitors to the city include Beaufort's festivals, like the recent shrimp festival, and upcoming Oyster Festival. LL Tag: Speaking of the oyster festival, the event kicks off on January 11, with a celebration weekend starting January 20th. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"It's a project crews have been working on for months, trying to bring a new type of business to the Springfield area." It's a space that will offer both indoor and outdoor seating, and four different micro-kitchens... bringing different cuisines to the city. "With this kitchen and this food experience, it's going to offer that diversity and it's going to offer something new. And that's what people want. They want different, they want diversity and they want something new." Carlson says a big inspiration behind this project was the changes the community is seeing. "We see the new growth coming here in Effingham County, and it was time to basically offer something different. An experience." He says this will be a spot the whole family can enjoy. It's set to be open seven days a week from 11am-10pm... providing everything from food and drinks to live entertainment. As construction continues, Carlson says he's already getting lots of positive feedback from the community. "The biggest thing is as they continue to see the development unfold, it's more and more excitement and more curiosity." He says they're still looking for food vendors to fill the space... a process he says they're being very selective with... making sure it's something the community here wants. ((ANNA)) "Carlson says he's hoping to have construction done here by April of this year. Reporting in Effingham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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LL: Project leaders hope this trail will eventually give cyclists and pedestrians a safe way to move around Savannah-Chatham. VO: This project is nothing new. One of the first sections of the trail opened near Lake Mayer back in 20-21. What is new is the increase in tax revenue that will be dedicated to this project. It's one of the tourism development initiatives that will receive money from Savannah's recently increased hotel/motel tax. Eventually...project leaders hope to build a trail loop that they say will connect 75 percent of the city's neighborhoods to safe walking and biking trails. Tide to Town's project manager Tina Buckhold says there is no timeline on when the entire loop will be complete, but they compare it to similar initiatives in other cities like Atlanta's BeltLine project. SOT: "If you ever try to traverse Savannah on foot or on bike it's difficult, especially on the Southside. With putting this path together it just gives people an alternative mode of transportation – all people. LL: Bockhold also says this project could spur economic development...with the hope for businesses to eventually open in areas near the trail. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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TOWN FUNDS

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"We've been going through this for years. We had to beg for a buffer off the back. That was before Capital even got it." "With an average of six acres per family...nobody's getting rich off this thing. No one's going to go buy an island. They just want to move on with their lives and get out" Those who live near these 10 properties say not so fast. They're worried about what they call industrial intrusion...and say they're concerned about how this development could negatively impact their homes. They say this proposal has fractured their neighborhood and they want to put a stop to it.

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"We hope to have our application submitted in the summer of 2024...It's just my hope." That was the message following a board meeting at the Housing Authority of Savannah. Since 20-20...H-A-S announced plans to submit a demolition application to the U-S Department of Housing and Urban Development to tear down Yamacraw Village. The Authority says the property has reached "physical obsolescence" and would not be cost effective to rehabilitate. According to staff...the application's readiness rests on the City of Savannah...who they say is responsible for completing an environmental review...considering Yamacraw's residents...history and preservation. Nutini: "Yamacraw is a very rich property from a historical standpoint...It's extremely important for us to have that review done." H-A-S executive director Earline Davis. "As soon as the city completes their part, then we will bring it to our board for their approval before submitting to HUD." But what will happen to those who live here if Yamacraw is approved for demolition? Davis says the Authority would be required to rehouse current residents. Davis: "If you have a need for a three bedroom, then we have to put you in at least a three bedroom, maybe a four, but not a two. We can over house. We cannot under house." H-A-S staff say the Authority wants to develop improved housing units on site and work with the community to create a "holistic redevelopment plan."

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FUTURE OF
YAMACRAW
VILLAGE

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Vo Scanning this QR code will take you directly to a new survey the Community Development Corporation is hoping Gullah folks will answer. Sot: "There are questions in the survey that will give us an idea as to what the community would like to see like what are the priorities? Whether that's economic development or cultural preservation." Vo He's hosted two meetings out in these historic neighborhoods, so the survey is a digital chance for similar feedback. He says it also provides another opportunity. Sot "A lot of people don't know what the function of the Community Development Corporation is so we're trying to gage as well how many people are familiar with the functions. The main goal of this survey was to help guide the first ever strategic action plan of this CDC group and they'll actually be presenting that for the first time Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Head Library. The survey meanwhile will remain open until February 13th. Reporting on Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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This will be the second full season on tour for the Bananas, and it'll be bigger than ever. When the tour is all said and done, over one-million people will have seen it. A big part of this year's storyline is how much it's all grown. From their Coastal Plains League title days, to the product they're working toward this year, the popularity has grown exponentially. It's a summer that'll see stops at six sold-out major league ballparks. The entire organization is proud of what it's turned into.

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"That revitalization project is what inspired two new local businesses to set up shop right here on Waters Avenue." "The bookstore was about eight months in progress, but also kind of like, a lifetime in planning." Otis is the owner of The Stacks Bookstore, a shop that opened about a week and a half ago. She says she was drawn to Waters Avenue, not only because of the city's help in revamping the street, but also the surrounding area. "This part of Waters is an incredible place because it sits really at the intersection of multiple different neighborhoods." Just next door to the bookstore... a new plant shop that opened about a month ago. The owner of Cast and Grey Botanical says her inspiration to come to this area came from seeing the success of others. "Seeing the first business, the first new business kind of pop up here and be successful." That business is Waters Cafe... which opened just under a year ago. The owner says he decided to open up on Waters to bring the community something they didn't have. "Because I really felt, and what I've seen in other neighborhoods, is you've got to be able to start with an affordable food options and it all kind of builds from there." He says being able to watch the street grow, with two new local businesses open on Waters, has been amazing. "Small business really is the backbone of the communities that their in and Savannah is no different." It's a street he says brings out lots of locals each day... which is why some of the newer business owners say they're excited to get to know the community. "We really strive to learn the reading interests of our neighbors so we can make sure that the books that we carry can make our neighbors feel seen and heard really." And why they're excited to see this street continue to grow with the help of the city. "I'm really looking forward to seeing what 2024 has to bring to Waters Avenue. I think it's going to be a lot of good stuff." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News.

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PROJECT LATEST

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Nat pedal Vo There's really only one way to get around these 18 holes... Nat driving Vo But there's a lot more than one thing to stop and see. Sot "We fill it in every year and the first winner in 1969 was Mr. Arnold Palmer." Sot "It's one of the most iconic holes in all of golf." Vo On this stylish plaid golf cart, tournament Director Steve Wilmot shows us around Harbour Town... which looks a whole lot different now than it will in three months. Sot "We'll have bleachers and skyboxes as well as the tv tower." Vo Before the week of April 15th, there's a lot of work to be done. Sot "It's a hectic next three months, but it's an exciting one and hopefully an extremely rewarding one as well." Vo He says the planning gets taken care of in the summer, so now it's into the logistics of set up. Sot "We get into fulfillment, we get into the build, we get into executing the plan and it's fun to see that come together. Vo Every detail matters... Nat golf ball pick up Vo as this course gets turned upside down. Sot "Quite different when the tournament comes." Vo Griff Rudolph tells me he's worked here for five years, not just for the tournament... but year-round. That famous one week in April though... stands out every time. Sot: "It's quite crowded up here for the Heritage... big party and everybody has a good time." Vo Cruising around Monday, the atmosphere couldn't be more opposite... but those crowds are crucial, as the Heritage Classic foundation puts money spent at the tournament to local charities. Sot: "2023 last year we facilitated just south of \$3,000,000 and in excess of \$53,000,000 since 1987 of the Heritage Classic Foundation."

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Bluffton restaurateur Leslie Rohland started her first Lowcountry Business here at the Cottage Café in Bluffton in 2009. Since then... she has gone on to also run a juicer, a roastery and a pasta shop. All her businesses are in Bluffton. "They say 'Bluffton State of Mind,' that's a real thing. You know, that's a real characteristic of this beautiful town." VO: Rohland made it her goal to capture that 'Bluffton state of mind' with her first restaurant, which has gone on to become a staple. Rohland's contributions to the culinary industry and use of South Carolina-grown ingredients earned her a spot as one of three South Carolina Chef Ambassadors this year. As an ambassador, Rohland will showcase her cuisine at various events and food festivals across the state. She'll also help spread the word on the benefits of farm-to-table dining. "There's more to South Carolina than meets the eye. Our farmers, the creameries, the fisherman, the whole gamut of fresh food, that it literally can be right up the road, and that your item on a menu at a restaurant can be from that farm." This is the tenth year of the chef ambassador program. Throughout its history, chefs have worked with state and local governments to spread the word on agribusiness and tourism. Rohland says that working together with all the different groups at once helps lay the foundation for future generations to come. "We are given the opportunity to move forward and sort of trailblaze, and let people know the greatness of South Carolina." Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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BLUFFTON
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The Savannah running community is rejoicing after city leaders announced the Every Woman's Marathon will be held in November. "It's a huge boom for the community not only from an athletic perspective but also for the general economy." Fleet Feet general manager Jason Sapp says after the city decided to part ways with the Rock 'n' Roll marathon after a decade...many local runners are eager for a similar event to return. Sapp: "Savannah's always been known as a great town, as a party city, but to have those healthy athletic endeavors here too, it's fantastic for us." With five thousand runners expected to take part...tourism leaders say the race is sure to give a bump to the city's economy in what can be a slower time. "It'll be the only one of its type focused entirely on women. When we look at who drives the travel buying decision, it's often the female in the household so it seems to overlay really nicely." For some who live in downtown Savannah...the negative impacts they say they experienced during previous marathons still weigh heavy on their minds. McDonald: "sot pop" Downtown Neighborhood Association President David McDonald praises city leaders for talking with residents about any impacts from the event. He says there are still concerns to work out before November. "There are disruptions. We can't go out and walk in the streets. Police are very emphatic about not letting you cross the street or get out of your neighborhood."

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MARATHON

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"It's technology similar to what you may have seen before, but Candler Hospital is the first healthcare facility in the country to have it." It's Amazon's Just Walk Out Technology... allowing employees, patients, and visitors to come in and out quickly and easily. "It's so time saving, there's no lines. You pick up your food and off you go." For employees, it's a very simple process. PETER NYAMORA "Once our coworkers register their information, they're able to come and walk into the store just using their badge." Something workers at Candler Hospital say is crucial in saving time. "Time is always important, you know, we are on campus, we are working, we are busy." It's also something that's open 24/7... making it accessible to people working all shifts. YOULIA BOLGAN "We have people that work nightshifts, day shifts, midday shifts, so not everybody is just Monday through Friday." Visitors and patients can also use this service, all they need is a credit card. Nyamora says this means they're not wasting their time on things they shouldn't. PETER NYAMORA "They're here for a reason, to see their loved one, not to spend time in line looking for food." Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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ANNA:
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With every Nat Mouse click Vo click of the mouse, or town meeting on Hilton Head certain priorities are pushed forward. Over the last few years... workforce housing in the spotlight more than most. Sot: "The issue is very dynamic and it really does require somebody who's sole focus is on this effort." Vo The town structured their plan around four pillars in late 2022, with a new housing-focused employee part of the blueprint. This week, that employee made it into the building for the first time.. Nat "I actually got here last night. It took me like eight hours to get here." Vo Quincy White has worked to find housing solutions in Virginia for the past 15 years, but he's already quite familiar with the problems his new home is facing. Sot: "You're having about 14,000 members of the workforce commute here every day for work and in between from where their home is and commuting here to the island they're going through places that are more affordable to live in." Vo He knows the island is losing talented workers because of that and says it's his job to fix it. Sot "For the last 20 years it's been a discussion. We're at a critical point where folks are waiting for us to get things done." Vo Although he's still getting familiar with the little things around here... Nat Stapler Vo White is excited to lead big projects, like the Northpoint development... which will bring 150-170 units of housing in the coming years. Sot "We're talking families, single adults, folks that work here, that are a fabric of the community being able to live here." Vo At least half of Northpoint's units will be for folks making less than 80% of the area's median income... something the new chief housing officer is looking to build on. Sot "We want some big wins when it comes to workforce housing and that's my job, to bring some of those big wins." Vo Of course, we'll be following his progress. Reporting on Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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TYLER: HHI
WORKFORCE
HOUSING

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Standup: This area here in Pooler is surrounded by businesses. A look to my left really quick will show you just a few hundred feet away the Tanger Outlets of Pooler... to my right a street lined with restaurants. At a city meeting this week another proposal for more businesses took one step closer to council." Sot: "There was a petition for a 13,000 square foot retail shopping center to go at 220 Tanger Outlets Boulevard outparcel number four." Vo As you can see in this plan, the building would be split into 8 sectors... Williams saying that most likely indicates a strip mall concept. Pooler's planning and zoning committee also considering a proposal for around 300 new homes off Pooler Parkway. The mayor saying there's one factor in particular that needs to be looked at with that proposal. Sot "On any rezoning, especially to multi-family, you need to look at traffic." Vo specifically, road impact research will be paid for by the developer. Sot "They will have to do a traffic study, we'll need to know the results and there's a list whenever you rezone something there's criteria you have to meet. If it doesn't meet those than you can't approve it." On cam tag It's important to emphasize that all of these plans still have to be brought to city council in order to be approved. As that process continues, we'll keep you updated on air and online at wtoc.com. For now, reporting from the city of Pooler, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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PKG Out at Historic Grayson Stadium right now, the sounds of baseball season ring through the air. (nat sound of crack of bat) But you'll also hear some other sounds that might not be quite so synonymous with the sport. (nat sound of construction noises) That's the sound of progress "This is such a historic facility that's such a treasure for this community, we've got to maintain it." The city of Savannah and the Bananas are partnering up to bring new upgrades to the nearly 100-year-old stadium. And one of the more noticeable additions will be the 1,000 seats being built behind the outfield wall. "These new seats will be modern, but they'll mesh really well with the history of the ballpark. We want to make sure we're preserving the history of the ballpark and mixing it with Banana Ball and our brand." 1,000 extra seats means 1,000 more chances to score the hottest ticket in town. (Anthony Paderewski/Savannah Bananas Fan) "I feel good about it, yes. The opportunity seems to be better...Almost two years ago since I went. We try to get tickets all the time, but they're like finding a unicorn." Between the the city and the team themselves, the improvements don't stop there. (Rachel West/@rachelwest_) "Oh sorry, just getting a few cuts in here. It might not look like it now, but come February 23, this batting cage will be just one of the many new additions fans will be able to see here at Grayson Stadium." On top of that, the Bananas are building a locker room, clubhouse, and gym underneath where the left field grandstand will be. Meanwhile, the city is paying for many cosmetic upgrades, a new sound system, and extensive repairs to the main grandstand, including the installation of new chairbacks. It's a partnership that's mutually beneficial. (David Keating/City of Savannah Senior Director of Real Estate) "There's Savannah Banana shirts and various concession items that are popping up throughout the whole country, and so that promotion and awareness of the city of Savannah is wonderful." (Ret Weeks/Savannah Bananas Stadium Operations, Capital Projects) "We love Savannah. The guys love playing in Savannah. The environment of games here at home is just one of the most incredible of anywhere we go, and so, we want to keep playing games here in town and serving fans here in Savannah for years to come." If you are planning on heading out to Grayson Stadium soon, you can expect the majority of these renovations, including the seating, to be completed by the first home game of the season on February 23. Rachel West, WTOC News.

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GRAYSON
STADIUM
ADDS EXTRA
SEATS

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(Charlie Clark, Vice President of Communications, Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce) "We started chamber restaurant week because we wanted to do something specifically for our restaurants, so we thought if we can fill your restaurants at the time when it's normally not as busy. We ask our restauranteurs when do you want it, what's the best time to do chamber restaurant week and they tell us." You can find more details of where you can dine on our website, WTOC.com.

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WEEK

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You may have seen this site under construction off I-16 in Bryan County. In a statement to WTOC, a Metaplant spokesperson says Eastern Constructor's final official day on the site was January 17th. That's after Hyundai originally said they expected the contractor to be off site by December. Hyundai says the holidays and weather complications changed that timeline. Eastern Constructor's had to pay a more than 150-thousand dollar fine and is on OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Program following the worker's death.

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Where an iconic restaurant once stood- is now a construction site. Workers building both an Aldi grocery store- as well as 280 apartment units. After dialogue between the developers and people that live in the neighborhood- Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan says that the new area will also be walkable, and accessible. Wilder Bryan: "They listened to the developers, the developers listened to them, and it created a win-win. So we get Aldi, we get bike trails, we get sidewalks, we get aesthetics, we just get everything you want in a neighborhood." The new development comes in a time for the City of Savannah where housing remains an issue- and recently, some folks say that access to food can be spotty in the County. Wilder Bryan says that the development is a step in the right direction. Wilder Bryan: "We are driven by the dream of having options, and having things that make a community whole. And being able to walk to a grocery store- several of them- safe, and on a sidewalk, that these developers came out of their pockets really to do, it's just amazing. The property will now have operating businesses on it for the first time since the Johnny Harris restaurant closed in 2016. And now- Wilder-Bryan says the lot, now has purpose again. Wilder-Bryan: Where there is no growth, to quote the mayor, then we die. So we can think about all the good memories, right? People have so many pictures, I have a picture of going to Johnny Harris after my prom. So while we had to say goodbye, I think that the owners would be very pleased that they're putting something on their land that's going to continue good thoughts in the community."

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PARK take nat pkg Nat Sot: "We just acquired Barker Field from the County in the fall and now the town has the opportunity to do some upgrades here." Nat Sot "I've been playing sports out here for the last 20-25 years and it's a real jewel for the island and now that the town has it, we want to bring it up to the specs of our other parks." Nat Sot "It's kind of a lull in the winter time, not a lot of sports going on here so we've got an opportunity to do some upgrades on the playing surface, pole lights, do some demo work on some stuff that needs to go away." Nat Sot "With it being not in the best shape and it has been closed for a while we're just going to get rid of it, open that area up and have more space for folks." Nat Sot "Probably over the next two months and then people will see a difference." Nat 00:00:45

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STREETSCAP Phase 1 of the project on South Main Street is almost complete. Simonton Engineering gave an update to Hinesville City Council this week. "Which includes the installation of landscape medians which they put in the middle of main street. Main street looks a lot different right now for a lot of our local residents who's been here for quite some time. Herrington says they're preparing to begin Phase 2 soon. Shantez Herrington "The replacing of existing sidewalks and curves to better improve parking downtown." People who live and work in the area can expect detours and road delays as Phase 2 begins. As the project continues, we'll keep you updated. In Hinesville, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News. 00:00:41

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SOT: "Ideally, we hope to ask soon as we get these beds built, within 24 to 48 hours or so that these beds are being delivered to a child who needs a bed. Our goal tomorrow is do five beds and we have another build coming up on February 19th with Coastal Electric Cooperative, there's sponsoring another five bed build and so that time we'll have 10 bunk beds or 20 beds that we can then hopefully start getting out to children in need." They say that they are accepting donations for bedding throughout the year for the project. We'll have the contact information to donate on our website at WTOC.com

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VO: Here at Coastal Carolina Hospital in Hardeeville, CEO Ryan Lee says .. GFX "We understand that taking care of our patients starts with taking care of our people, so I'm delighted to join a leadership team that strives to not only be a healthcare provider of choice but also an employer of choice. I look forward to expanding the resources available to our team." VO And over on Hilton Head Island, the market CEO of Hilton Head Regional Healthcare says "We are working closely with our new Novant Health team members to ensure a seamless transition for patients and team members." And "We are eager to move forward together in support of our teams and know decisions will be made with our community's needs at the forefront." VO First responders here in the lowcountry say the change in ownership will not have any impact on emergency services. SOT: "We had a great partnership with Tenet health, and we are looking forward to working with Novant Health, providing high quality 911 services to the residents of the Bluffton area to transport any of the medical calls either to Coastal Carolina or to Hilton Head." VO The purchase of the hospitals from former owner Tenet Healthcare Corporation come as part of a 2.6 billion dollar investment from Novant Health in their South Carolina healthcare. Novant Representatives told me the transitional period should be done in a couple of weeks, and I'll speak with them then, so stick with WTOC for that update. Reporting from Hardeeville, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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This proposed project would add a new interchange at Old Cuyler Road and I-16... including three multi-road roundabouts. GDOT says by providing a new, and more direct, access point to I-16, traffic in the area will decrease drastically. This plan would add three new roundabouts near Old Cuyler Road... something GDOT says is a proven traffic control treatment based on past projects. Along with this project, GDOT is also working on two others in the area. They're working to widen Frontage Road and parts of U.S. 280... two projects they say should be completed by the end of 2025. Once that work is done and if the plan is approved, they'll then start working on Old Cuyler Road... a project they say is crucial to prepare Bryan County not only for the growth it's currently facing with the metaplan, but everything it may see in the future. "Obviously this is a generational economic development project that we've all seen and heard about so, anticipating the volumes to go up, not only just from the traffic that's there now, coming to and from to build that site, but once things are expanding and not only this development, but I think there's others in the area, all this stuff is going to be built 20, 30, 40 years down the line, with those projections in mind." ((ANNA)) GDOT is planning to host an open house at the end of February where you can share your comments or concerns with folks working on the project. For more information on that meeting or give some feedback about the plan online, we'll have a link on our website WTOC.com, just look for this story."

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If approved, four and a half million dollars would be used to clear contaminated soil from the site where city leaders want a new two thousand space parking lot to go. The money needed for additional contaminated soil removal brings the cost of the Arena Surface Lot Capital project to more than 13 point five million dollars.

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<p>2/8/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM</p>	<p>SAV 2023 RECORD CONSTRUCTI ON</p>	<p>When it comes to permits for commercial development - the city says among them are new manufacturing sites that will support the Hyundai Metaplant in Bryan County. Those permits were valued at over 100 million dollars.</p>	<p>00:00:13</p>
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nats of groundbreaking With shovels in hand...state leaders broke ground on the new 89-thousand square foot Hyundai Mobility Training Center of Georgia. (00:10-00:19) "This is wholly dedicated just to all of the Hyundai factories here and their partners like the Mobis group." The center will eventually train the more than 8-thousand workers hired by Hyundai in the coming years. It will be run by Georgia Quick Start...which trains employees as an incentive for companies to create jobs in the state. According to Quick Start...the center comes with a 62 point five-million-dollar price tag that Georgia is expected to pay for. "The State of Georgia basically says 'Hyundai, if you will come here and build a plant, we will help train all of your workers, including building you a dedicated training center.'" Standup: Hyundai says this new training center is crucial to their E-V site's success...particularly because of its location. This is where the Metaplant is being built...and just across the street near those white tents is where the new training center will go." "As the technology over time changes, the manufacturing process at the plant will change. We're going to be able to collaborate very closely with everything that's going on at the plant." The groundbreaking comes on the heels of a recent study that projects a shortage of more than 22-00 local industrial workers by 20-27...meaning it's estimated there won't be enough workers to meet employer demand. Anna Chafin with the Savannah Economic Development Authority says the new training center is one of several steps leaders are taking to reduce that number. {Anna Chafin/Savannah Economic Development Authority) "It is going to absolutely help with that deficit. We know training is a key component in order to get a qualified workforce in manufacturing and distribution throughout the region." Hyundai and economic officials saying the new center will help support the plant-- the largest economic development project in Georgia's history. LL: ?Quick Start has already trained about 500 Hyundai maintenance workers at other locations. The site here is expected to be completed late next year. The Hyundai plant itself is slated to start production a few months before that. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

<p>2/8/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM</p>	<p>QUIK START HYUNDAI GROUNDBRE AKING</p>	<p>support the plant-- the largest economic development project in Georgia's history. LL: ?Quick Start has already trained about 500 Hyundai maintenance workers at other locations. The site here is expected to be completed late next year. The Hyundai plant itself is slated to start production a few months before that. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.</p>	<p>00:01:36</p>
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			The "Tide to Town" project has been partially completed for years. Savannah City Council has now approved about \$8 million to bring trails and bridges to 52nd and Bee Road -- through areas near Jenkins High School. It will connect Lake Mayor Park to Daffin Park. The city did receive funding for this portion of the project years ago... but an accounting error by the state of Georgia caused about a five-year delay. City leaders say construction should take around 18 months.	
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			"It's a really hot ticket. I've found friends that I haven't heard from in quite some time, with a lot of texts and emails. A lot of people asking for the opportunity to get tickets." The first stop on the 2024 Banana Ball World Tour is not unlike many of the others...three nights, over thirty thousand fans...with thousands more wanting to come but unable to get tickets. So, both economically and from a marketing standpoint, it's easy to see the impact the Bananas have on the cities where they play. "It's truly a treat. As somebody who studies sports business that is really a student of fan experience, I take a lot of notes, a lot of pictures. I'm always picking Jesse Cole's brain about how they do things." But does traveling across the country and building an even greater fan base have any impact on those same fans wanting to come visit Savannah? "Absolutely makes me want to go. I know the tickets are really hard to get, but I really would love to go. I'd love to see the team play there. I think it's a cool city. I'd love to go and see the team play there for sure." "We're definitely going to be coming up to Savannah. Hopefully maybe get a ticket from a friend or something because it's sold out." "We have people that come here year-round. They'll come to see the stadium, they'll come to watch practice, and not even a game. And then some will come to a game, but not everybody can get into a game, it's that popular. So, I think the Savannah Bananas have really breathed new life into this facility and what this facility does for the community." And even while they're away from home on tour, the city of Savannah isn't going unnoticed. "Savannah is truly unique, it has a great hometown feel. I think we also embody a lot of those aspects of hospitality and rolling out the red carpet and valuing our visitors, so there's a lot of similarities between Savannah and Tampa, we're excited to have their baseball team here for three days and a little piece of the heart and soul of Savannah right here in our own hometown."	
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			WTOC has been following this story since 2019 -- when the Alabama-based company first started seeking permits to mine. The site is less than 3 miles from the boundary of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. It's the largest U-S refuge east of the Mississippi River. The permitting process has come amid local, state and federal push back. In the last two weeks - the City of Savannah joined other cities in the state to issue a resolution against the project.	
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Vo It started as a food market in Pennsylvania... now, Wawa has more than 1000 stores nationwide. As a state Georgia has zero locations... at least... for now. Sot: "It's about two acres... 16,000 square feet of a convenience store." Vo This line in Monday's agenda is the first official proof that Wawa wants to come to our area... specifically the intersection of Pooler Parkway and Pine Barren Rd. Wawa... playing their cards close to their chest, sending WTOC a statement that reads in part... GFX "While we can't confirm specific sites or construction timelines at this stage in the process, we can say that we are actively looking into potential sites for new Wawa stores, including in Pooler." Vo Pooler city public meetings are less secretive, as the proposal now only needs to be approved in these chambers by city council at their next meeting. Sot "This is a fairly large tract, so we want to make sure we do it right, make sure the access and the ingress and egress is correct, make sure that the improvements to pooler parkway and pine barren are made as well." Vo The mayor is excited about the possibility, saying staff has recommended council approve Wawa's proposal and bring the popular gas station right here. Sot "This property has already been cleared because it's not just for a wawa. It's for a senior center in the back corner of this property, it's for apartments, it's for other commercial." Vo She says most of the other plans for this undeveloped land still need to be approved but thinks it's a good sign that Wawa is making quick progress. Sot "We're not the only ones that think Pooler is the place to be because obviously these businesses are coming to Pooler because they see the growth, they see our diversity." Vo The proposal will make its way to city council for final approval on Tuesday, February 20th. In Pooler, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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nat sound " will we still be able to hunt and do everything on our land that we moved here for." Dozens of people who live in Pembroke say they showed up at city hall - fearing for their way of life - if leaders were to consider a possible 700 home development and city annexation. *resident sound* "everybody around me is not for it not one person" However, to the surprise of many, the application was withdrawn. Something that residents are calling a small win ((HEATHER SITTON##PEMBROKE RESIDENT)) "It's a bit of a victory." But the fears of overrunning development is still lingering. Especially for Jason Quill, who says development ran him out of his own hometown and doesn't want to see that happen here. ((JASON QUILL##PEMBROKE RESIDENT)) " I don't wanna go through that again I don't want to go through having that safety and losing that again and feeling as if I have to lock my doors constantly keep an eye out or put up cameras and keep an eye on my property. I don't wanna lose that security we have here."

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For the city of Savannah, March is the most wonderful time of the year! As the whole city turns green – as one of the biggest St. Patrick's Day parades makes its way through the city. *nats* But is it too late to find a place to stay? According to the Tourism Leadership Council on the Friday of St. Patrick's Day weekend in 2023 95 percent of the rooms available in the market were filled. And on Saturday 90 percent were taken. This year, the council is expecting 98 percent of the rooms available in the market to be filled. meaning if you're still looking for a place to stay, you may not want to wait too long. But don't panic. here's some good news from Joseph Marinelli from Visit Savannah "There are more hotel rooms, motel rooms, vacation rentals, then ever before in the history of this city", Meaning "While it'll definitely be a high occupancy, especially with the parade on Saturday, there are plenty of rooms available at any price point." And as of today, you still have your choice of where to stay, but make sure you keep your budget in mind. "River street and city market are always the most popular areas but this year we have plant riverside district, Starland district, eastern Warf so I think people will spread out more which is good for this city" Marinelli says they expect this year's celebration to not just be a weekend affair. Meaning when you're booking your rooms, you should consider that people may be staying for longer. This could make booking those weekend days tough. "People tend to just think about Friday and Saturday, but we'll start having people arrive Tuesday, Wednesday, stat through the weekend and may not even leave until the following Monday Tuesday" So, to answer your question plainly. it's not too late to stay in the city for the weekend filled with green. but the longer you wait, the tougher it might be to secure your dates. In savannah, Aria Janel

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It was all part of the the Governor's annual Tourism and Travel's Annual Industry Awards. State officials recognize the people who go above and beyond. The state's director of parks recreation and tourism says tourism is one of the major industries. He also says numbers have gone back to normal since the pandemic. And that both 2022 and 2023 had record years. The director says Governor McMaster is a big supporter of the industry with funding and is always there when needed.

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2/13/2024
8:00:00 PM 7PM RBC HERITAGE MENTION Don't forget one of the biggest economic tourism drivers for Hilton Head Island is coming up in a few months. We're talking about the R-B-C Heritage at Harbour Town. The week long festivities kick-off April 15th. The actual tournament will be from the 18th to the 21st. Tickets are still available. You can find a link and more information on our website WTOC dot com. We'll be right back after this. 00:00:23

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8:00:00 PM 7PM GOV. MCMASTER HHI TOURISM It was all part of the Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel's Annual Industry Awards South Carolina's director of parks recreation and tourism says tourism numbers have gone back to normal since the pandemic. And that both 2022 and 2023 had record years. The director says Governor McMaster is a big supporter of the industry with funding and is always there when needed. 00:00:22

				This news comes from the Conference on Tourism and Travel's Annual Industry Awards on Hilton Head Island. South Carolina's director of parks, recreation and tourism says Governor McMaster is a big supporter of the industry with funding and is always there when needed. The Governor says his state has plenty to offer visitors.	
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				"We feel like this is probably going to be the biggest one in our lifetime." music The 200th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah... ..a historic day for an iconic event. "To think that it's been a part of Savannah and the shape and the history for 200 years, it's just special to be able to recognize it." It's a day organizers have been working on for months. "Planning for these parades literally starts the day after the parade in our current year." With this year's parade falling on a Saturday... "happy St. Patrick's Day" ...organizers say they're expecting it to bring out even more locals and tourists. They say hundreds of entrants are set to participate as well. TIM MAHONEY "We got some great bands this year, got some great floats this year, so it should be a very entertaining parade." And with it being the 200th anniversary... ..organizers say they're planning some special events ahead of the parade. "We're going to put a historical marker at the site of the original speech and where the first parade started, which is across from the court house in Liberty Square." On March 1st, they'll also be turning the city green.. JOHN FOGARTY "We're going to flip a switch and you're going to see City Hall turn green, Forsyth Park, the Convention Center." ..all leading up to the big day.. "Happy St. Patrick's Day" ..200 years in the making.. "Happy St. Patrick's Day" Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.	
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2/16/2024 8:00:00 PM 7PM WATERS CAFE INVITES BEYONCE If you don't want to miss the possible sighting of Queen B OR the grand opening- it's happening Tuesday morning at 11 with music from a DJ, followed by the ribbon cutting and the tentative performance later that afternoon at 2. 00:00:13

2/19/2024 6:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBR EAK 530 LIVE SHEA TYBEE RESTAURANT WEEK "Not only does it give more diversity to people that come to visit, but we're locals, so if someone puts something special on their menu, that's exciting for us as locals because we're used to seeing their regular menu, so if there's something special on the menu, it'll drive us to their business to try it as well." "I'm really excited that we have so many great restaurants participating in RW this year. We've got great menus. I hope they all see really great returns on participating and continue to do it in the future, because we've got over 35 restaurants on Tybee, and our goal is to get them all participating eventually." 00:00:36

			"The thing that I like to do is be weird or creative, so this gives me the opportunity to not touch my menu, but at least add a couple things to it and at least I can see if people respond well to it." That includes regular customers- and people wanting to pop in for something new. Mi Vida has been a Restaurant Week staple for the last three years- and Bucci says he usually sees an uptick in business. Tybee Island Main Street coordinates the promotion. They can pick any week of the year to do it- but purposefully do it when things are a little slower. "We purposely do this during a time that's the offseason on Tybee, so it's not usually as busy. We want to give those businesses, particularly the restaurants, this week, a little bit of extra support during a time they wouldn't normally have it." Twice as many food spots are participating this year as last. Seaside Sweets, the only dessert shop, is participating for the first time- offering these ice cream flights "I would like for people to come out that maybe don't come out. Parking is easy this time of year, so maybe people can discover not just my place, but other restaurants as well.	
2/19/2024	6AM	5AM SHEA TYBEE DAYBR RESTAURANT		
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			There are twice as many restaurants participating this year than last, and half of them are new to restaurant week. Frank Bucci, who owns Mi Vida on the island, says that his restaurant usually sees a boost each year during restaurant week- and that he also has an incentive to go try out other spots.	
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			WTOC	It's called Turning the City Green - and just like the name would suggest - locations all over the	
2/19/2024			TURNING SAV	Hostess City will have green lights in honor of this year's Bicentennial Celebration. That includes	
5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	GREEN		City Hall, Forsyth Park, Plant Riverside, the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist and more. In	
				addition - some of our WTOC coverage will be going green. Look for that in Saint Patrick's Day	
				stories leading up to the big day.	00:00:25

			WTOC	The committee for the 200th St. Patrick's Day parade will be Turning the City Green on Friday,	
2/20/2024	4:30AM		DAYBR TURNING SAV	March 1st at 7 pm. Locations all over the Hostess City will turn on green lights in honor of this	
5:30:00 AM	EAK	GREEN		year's Bicentennial Celebration. City Hall, Forsyth Park, Plant Riverside, and the Cathedral of	
				Saint John the Baptist are among the sites already signed on. This event isn't just for those	
				locations - WTOC and the City of Savannah are inviting everyone to get involved by changing your	
				own lights to green as well. some of our WTOC coverage will be going green as well. Make sure	
				you look out for that in our Saint Patrick's Day stories leading up to the big day.	00:00:38

" I think it's sad, I think it's wasted space, and I'd like to see this area revived" Back in January of 20-23 Savannah Mall closed its doors. Leaving only a few flagship stores open. "I'm trying to fight back the tears because I grew up here." More than a year later. It's now A deserted lot with a future that's unknown. "I'd like to see some restaurants, and I also would like to see some upscale shopping, maybe Louie, a Gucci, something that would really bring the crowds in". But not everyone thinks a mall is what the space should be used for. Some say it could be a place for a nursing home or a resource for the elderly. "I feel like this empty space, it has the storage, it has the room, it has a kitchen." Others say it could be great for a new generation. "I hope that they'll open it up for kids to have more activities, because its so important to help with their development". Stand up: "I spoke with a few other people as well about what they think should be done with this space, they wouldn't go on camera but they mentioned dormitories, maybe some new apartments, a community outreach center, but only one person can truly tell us of what this space could be, and that's the man who bought it" *Phone rings* I reached out to the city who gave me a phone number for the person who owns the property. "This is aria Janel with wtoc" He told me that right now, there's nothing he could tell me about their plans for the old savannah mall. Guy on the phone: "Honestly in about 2 months I'm hoping we'd have some news by then." I also reached out to Savannah Alderman Kurtis Purtee. He also said, there isn't an update. He did say they are reaching out to several developers and businesses to put them in touch with the owners. "I miss it being open and the traffic but I'm just excited to see what they're going to do with the space." A vision we'll have to wait a little longer to see become clear. For wtoc aria Janel.

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The goal of the re-energized downtown Beaufort is to make the district around Bay street bigger and better than before while maintaining its historic southern charm. Main Street Beaufort is looking to bring even more people to downtown. SOT: "We'd love to see more in the businesses, more in the stores, we'd love to see more events down here at our beautiful waterfront park. So in order to make that happen, that's exactly our goal." VO: Main Street Beaufort plans to do this through providing marketing for businesses, creating a soon-to-come website and pushing for downtown business to stay open later. While downtown already sees visitors from all around, the later nights could pull more people in, according to local economists. SOT: "People are expecting to be able to go shopping and to dine, and when you have a vibrant downtown, it's an automatic natural draw for an area. It's something we can highlight and celebrate as we invite people to come visit our portion of the Lowcountry. It's also a great experience for visitors." VO: I checked in with the owner of Bottles off Bay, who acquired the business in September, and he said he's open to staying open. SOT: "Certainly, the folks coming in town now are great for the businesses here if that can be extended, by all means it'll work out here." Straight Tag: I'll be checking in with Downtown Beaufort throughout the re-energizing process and you can find those stories on air and on the Lowcountry page of our website, WTOC.com. Reporting From Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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2/21/2024
12:00:00 AM 11PM DONTAE: This evening - The city of Savannah held an open house for the Wetlands Preserve Park and Nature Trail Community project. Savannahians were invited to check out drawings of what will be featured in the park such as designs and plants. The open house also included interactive exhibits about the plans for the park. Organizers say their main goal was to get feedback from the residents. 00:00:23
WETLANDS
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6:53:00 PM 6PM HINESVILLE Not one, but two Wawa's are coming to the city of Hinesville. I talked to the Liberty County Planning Commission, and they told me all about it. Wawa has the "ok" to come to the city, the locations are set, but they're not exactly sure when the building will begin." SOT: "We've concurred with the plan so the timetable at this point is Wawa's timetable. They have to get a contractor and then we can give them the clearance to begin construction." VO: With the race to host Georgia's first Wawa location heating up, I looked at the plans for both Hinesville locations to see what they involve. SOT: "In both cases there's some demolition that has to be done because they're redevelopment projects. So they'll be having to clear the site of what's there now and then put in the new infrastructure to accommodate the new building." VO: The first one... at the Intersection of E.G. Miles Parkway & Veterans Parkway... on the west end of Hinesville... and the second one... Intersection of Oglethorpe and General Stewart.. on the east. Complete opposite ends of the city. SOT: I personally look forward to it. I look forward to having another option for convenience retail." As we receive more information about when the construction will start, we'll continue to keep you updated. In Liberty County... I'm Jasmine Butler... WTOC News. 00:01:17
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Looklive: The Irish Heritage Celebration will be a little bit shorter this year starting a few blocks down on 6th street before making a turn onto Butler Avenue for hours of community fun. VO: There are around 90 participants in this year's parade. That includes, local groups, nonprofits, leaders and even an Irish band. Jay Burke has been there since the beginning. SOT: Jay Burke, Organizer, Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration "It seems like the parade brings everybody together, to have a good time you know, because of everybody gets fractured or separated throughout the year so they forget what it's all about. It's about family, your Irish heritage, enjoying the day, and kicking off the season." VO: Speaking of kicking off the season, the parade serves as a launch for the spring and summer tourism season on Tybee, ending the slower winter months. SOT: Jay Burke, Organizer, Tybee Island Irish Heritage Celebration "It opens up Tybee going into the business season, per se. It gives us an extra weekend. Tybee has a small window of non-season, so this really kicks off the business season for everybody." VO Tag: The parade is on March 9 at 3pm. Reporting on Tybee Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

2/22/2024 RYAN: TYBEE
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"This new facility will be open and ready for urgent care patients on Monday." "With more people you need more services and more facilities." That growth is a big reason why the president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler wanted to bring the facility to Richmond Hill. "As you know, the residential community here is growing and the second component is the industrial community is growing." Officials with St. Joseph's-Candler say this is the first ever large-scale health care campus in Richmond Hill, encompassing urgent care, primary care and several different specialists... Richmond Hill's mayor says this is a crucial addition to the city. Russ Carpenter "It means residents can stay in their city and obtain excellent health care." Paul Hinchey "It's got to be convenient and in every stage of people's lives, they want convenience. And if you can get convenience, people will use it." Carpenter also says he's excited to see the impacts for future generations. Russ Carpenter "It's going to be phenomenal for the economy. Not just now, but in years to come." ((ANNA)) "This is just phase one of the project. The second phase will include a whole new facility, something the CEO tells me should be ready in about four years. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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FACILITY

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2/24/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM JAMIE: LT DAN BAND "It's nice to be honored, I don't look for that kind of thing. Beaufort and Forrest Gump they kind of go together; both the movie and town have a special place in my heart." "That had a profound impact on me, just seeing all these wounded veterans who had really gone through what I did and got paid to do pretending and that started started my work with our wounded in a pretty impactful way." Senise will be honored tomorrow night at the film festival. 00:00:26

2/26/2024 10:00:00 AM MORN NG BREAK JAMIE: LT DAN BAND Merrit Field at Marine Corps Air Station was packed Friday night for a special concert. The opening act...the Dirty Boots Brass Band from Parris Island. But the main attraction was Gary Senise and the Lt Dan Band! Senise was in Beaufort to receive the Pat Conroy Lifetime Achievement Award at the Beaufort International Film Festival. It also coincides with the 30th anniversary of Forrest Gump that was largely filmed in Beaufort County and Savannah. 00:00:27

<p>2/26/2024 6:53:00 PM 6PM</p>	<p>RBC HERITAGE MEDIA DAY</p>	<p>Jeff: "The grass is always green at Harbour Town, and it bodes well for the RBC Heritage Classic next month. Today was sponsor day here at Harbour town. Laughs, drinks, eats, even a few bad shots from us, but regardless, a whole lot of fun." Steve Wilmot: "At the end of the day we do what we do to give back to charity. This event is so important to this community, but if we're successful and we're able to help others in this community. It's a compliment to all the hard work that happened here. It happened over the years with everyone stepping up. It's always 'yes is the answer what's the question?' We're excited. it's a three hour trip from Augusta, they come down here, come on vacation, get a chance to play for \$20 million. That's not a bad little vacation." Jeff: "Sponsor day also brings out past champions. 2017 champion Wesley Bryan was out today, and likes the direction the tournament is going." Wesley Bryan: "When I was growing up it was the MCI Heritage. When RBC took over, I feel like they've done a really good job. Constantly elevating the product. Obviously the last two years with the PGA Tour, being one of the elevated signature events, it makes it that much more special." Jeff: "We're about six weeks out from the RBC Heritage. Reigning champion Matt Fitzpatrick will be here, along with golf's biggest names. It runs April 15th through the 21st."</p>	<p>00:01:19</p>
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<p>2/27/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM</p>	<p>SAV HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY</p>	<p>the Cuyler-Brownsville...Victorian...and Thomas Square neighborhoods have released a survey asking Savannahians if they support small hotels in some areas south of Forsyth Park. This survey comes after the three neighborhood associations submitted a petition last year to expand Savannah's Hotel Development Overlay District. It sets standards to guide the size and location of future hotel construction within that district.</p>	<p>00:00:26</p>
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2/27/2024 LUCKYS "For us, more traffic the better. More people seeing our name and willing to stop by. Maybe they're
5:29:00 PM MARKET coming in from in town or maybe out in the Effingham area and never drove by Savannah blinds,
4:30PM FUTURE and we're by one of the busiest streets with White Bluff, so after they stop at that grocery store,
usually they're going to circle around White Bluff and drive right by and see us." 00:00:22

2/27/2024 HYUNDAI Hyundai contractors now have four building exteriors done. Crews are working to get those ready
5:29:00 PM META PLANT to install what goes inside those right now. When it's all said and done - the company says their
4:30PM TIMELINE plant will have trails, art displays, sports fields for their employees, too. 00:00:16

2/27/2024 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	HYUNDAI META PLANT TIMELINE	Last night - Hyundai released a statement saying they expect to start production in the fourth quarter of this year. That's ahead of projections for early 2025. Hyundai Motor group's president and C-E-O writes in a statement, "Completing a project of this scale on this timeline has been a challenge, but our team has delivered amazing results"...noting it's the largest economic development projects in Georgia's history.	00:00:25
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2/27/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	HYUNDAI PRODUCTION DATES	Hyundai-brand electric vehicles made in Bryan County could be a reality sooner than expected. The company announcing that automotive production at its Ellabell Metaplant will start in the fourth quarter of this year...a few months earlier than originally announced. It's something Hyundai had been hinting at since October. (from October 2023) "We are on track to start production in early 2025, or as my colleague José Muñoz likes to say, 'if not sooner.'"? sot pop: "It's just really kind of terrifying" With the increasingly closer start to production...some in nearby Pembroke worry if area roads will be ready in time to handle the thousands of expected plant staff. "I feel concerned they actually haven't finished all of the infrastructure that was supposed to be in place prior to that." State transportation leaders have announced three road projects aimed at curbing congestion and improving access to the Hyundai site. G-DOT says the projects will continue on their current path...which were already considered "accelerated." County Board of Commissioners Chairman Carter Infinger says north Bryan infrastructure will keep up with the rate of Hyundai's production. "They're not going to come in and do half a million cars the first day. They're going to come in and ramp that up over time. As they ramp that up, we're ramping our services up – sewer/water, transportation issues." Hyundai's announcement is a sign that construction at the plant is progressing...says Infinger. "They are ahead of schedule. They work hard to be ahead of schedule." Some north Bryan residents are hoping the county and state infrastructure projects that support the plant are met with the same fate. "We're putting the cart before the horse."	00:01:41
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2/28/2024 5:59:00 AM 5AM LUCKYS DAYBR MARKET EAK FUTURE Enson Market has set up signs outside the building. The market sells Asian goods. We spoke with business owners in the area who say it's exciting to finally see something new coming. The CEO of Savannah Blinds says new stores in the area are always good for her business. 00:00:16

VO: The main training center for Georgia QuickStart in Pooler opened back in 2018. And with Hyundai leading the way, they are adding an additional center on site to train suppliers. Susan Williams, Executive Director of Eastern Operations with Georgia QuickStart SOT: The suppliers are key to the Hyundai project. The suppliers, they provide all the parts to build the car and so the training for those individuals is critical to the process. VO: More than \$10 million dollars from the state is going into getting the facility built. Officials at Georgia QuickStart say land clearing will be starting soon, and it should be up and running by January of 2025. Susan Williams, Executive Director of Eastern Operations with Georgia QuickStart SOT: "We're looking at just a few months and we're going to be able to use that center. In the interim time we are of course doing training at the advanced manufacturing training center here in Pooler. VO: But they need a little more space. Susan Williams, Executive Director of Eastern Operations with Georgia QuickStart SOT: "We've also leased a building over in Bryan County where we're also doing supplier training and we're already up and running with that building in the interim time." VO: The facility will be similar to the current space. Including things like classrooms, technical labs, meeting spaces and a loading dock. In Pooler, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News. 00:01:23

2/28/2024 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm JASMINE: FUNDING FOR TRAINING FACILITY

3/1/2024 5:00:00 PM	4PM	FLYNN: TURN THE CITY GREEN 4 PM	Tonight...the Parade Committee will flip the switch and light up several iconic city landmarks green. Over 10 locations are taking part including Forsyth Park...Plant Riverside...and right here behind me at City Hall. Earlier...Parade Committee members told WTOC that this new tradition is meant to highlight the centuries-long impact St. Patrick's Day has had on the city.	00:00:23
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3/1/2024 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	JASMINE: SMALL BIZ GAS STATION	LLINTRO: Four years, a lot of hard work and one dream later... the Liberty County Community finally has a new gas station. But I talked to the owner today and she says, it's not just any gas station. It's one that's meant to give the community that raised her a sense of home. VO: Born and raised in Liberty, Alfreida Walthour says she wanted to fill the gap in local shops in that area. Alfreida Walthour, Owner of Buzzy's mini mart SOT: "Maybe 25-30 years ago, there used to be a store in this area. I go to church across the street and you know, I've always looked over here and said someone needs to do something. someone needs to make another store again. VO: And that's where Buzzy's Mini Mart was birthed... on those same grounds. Alfreida Walthour, Owner of Buzzy's mini mart SOT: "I decided to be that someone." VO: But her commitment isn't the only thing that makes this place special... she says, it's all in the name." Alfreida Walthour, Owner of Buzzy's mini mart SOT: "My grandad's name is David Buzzy Jackson.. so his nickname is Buzzy so I wanted to name the store after him." VO: To honor the role, he played in her life. Alfreida Walthour, Owner of Buzzy's mini mart SOT: "He was just always a big supporter of me." VO: She's the business owner here by day...and a computer engineer by night... She says that kind of hard work is something she learned from those around her... and she's happy to stay connected with those neighbors. Alfreida Walthour, Owner of Buzzy's mini mart SOT: "They feel like they have a part, a sense of ownership in the store with me." VO: The Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, alongside Walthour, held a ribbon cutting last week to celebrate the grand opening. In Liberty County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.	00:01:40
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		HINESVILLE	Looking ahead-- It's that time of year again...the Small World Festival in Hinesville is returning. It's	
		SMALL	a celebration of all of the cultures and ethnicities represented in the city. This year, there will be	
3/2/2024	WKEN	WORLD	over 30 different businesses to represent each culture. The chamber of commerce says they spend	
7:00:00 PM	D 6PM	FESTIVAL	nearly a year preparing for the festival each year and they're excited to finally set it come to life.	00:00:24

			LL: Local leaders touted the manufacturing facility's groundbreaking. ...saying it'll bring 100 jobs to	
			Richmond Hill. PKG: nat pop: Jobs, jobs, jobs. ? The 50-thousand square foot C+H Precision	
			facility is part of an expansion for the gun parts company. nats of groundbreaking? "We're really	
			trying to encompass a complete business that focuses on manufacturing, creating jobs, the	
			shooting industry and food." The 17-million-dollar site is set to house a shooting range...gun	
			store...cafe...and manufacturing center. The groundbreaking comes days after a gun safety	
			legislation advanced in Georgia's State Capitol. Last week...the House of Representatives passed	
			a bipartisan-backed bill that would give tax credits to pay for firearm handling classes and safe	
			storage devices. Bryan County State Representative Ron Stephens voted in favor of that bill. "A	
			tax incentive is a very good incentive to make sure you can put your gun, especially your handgun,	
			so that kids can't get to them. We ought to be doing more of that." C+H Precision founder Buck	
			Holly says the new facility will hold classes for gun owners. (Holly): "You learn to use them safely, I	
3/4/2024		RICHMOND	think it minimizes the risk." LL: The facility is expected to be completed in just over a year.	
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3/6/2024 BREAK SETUP: TURN through St. Patrick's Day. This is the first year the city has tried this - and there already is discussion
10:00:00 AM 3-6 CITY GREEN to make it an annual occurrence. 00:00:25

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3/6/2024 PATRICK'S
6:53:00 PM 6PM DAY HOTEL Because the parade falls on a Saturday and it's the 200th...tourism leaders expect visitors to stay in
OCCUPANCY town longer than usual. 00:00:24

3/7/2024
8:00:00 PM 7PM JASMINE:
HINESVILLE
FARMERS
MARKET It's a time for community businesses and nonprofits to get exposure and provide products. There's everything from food and produce to clothing. Kenya Romero is one of the organizers and she says after all of the planning it takes to get here, her favorite part is watching it all come together. 00:00:17

3/8/2024
5:00:00 PM 4PM GREENING OF
THE
FOUNTAIN
SETUP Check it out - Savannah's fountains are officially green - one week to the day after the 200th Parade Committee, city leaders and WTOC turned the city green! The annual tradition of the Greening of the Fountain brings out locals, tourists, adults and children alike. 00:00:16

"Parking is obviously a hot commodity here in Savannah for St. Patrick's Day weekend, so much so, city officials tell me their parking permits are almost sold out." Those permits are for parking garages on Bryan Street, Eastern Wharf, Liberty Street, Montgomery Street, State Street, Whitaker Street and the Visitor Center parking lot. After speaking with city officials this afternoon, spots in those garages are already almost sold out. While those city spots are filling up, some private businesses are also opening up their lots for some purchasable parking spaces. I spoke with a few of them on the phone, all saying they still have a decent amount available. If you're looking for public transportation, Chatham Area Transit will have free rides throughout the city on March 15th and 16th on their fixed-route and paratransit services. On top of that, there are rideshare services like Uber and Lyft. ((ANNA)) "With this being the 200th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day parade here in Savannah, and it falling on a Saturday, city officials tell me they're expecting even more people to drive into the city for the holiday weekend... a big reason why they say it's important you start planning out your transportation now. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News." 00:01:16

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 3/9/2024 SATUR PATRICK'S
 8:00:00 AM DAY DAY PARKING

Ryan Looklive: Weather was not stopping Tybee Islanders today, they all gathered here at Huc-A-Poo's to throw their own mini parade. Islanders drove golf carts, rode bikes walked around the north end of the island celebrating Irish Heritage. The parade even had its own grand marshal. SOT: Eric Thomas, Owner, Huc-A-Poo's "I think that we spend a lot of time worrying about what can go wrong, and not enough time worrying about what can go right." VO: Thomas and the team at Huc-A-Poo's decided to throw a parade after learning about last night's cancellation. They held a vote for a Grand Marshal on a Google Form. Diane Ring won. SOT Eric Thomas, Owner, Huc-A-Poo's "I think she epitomizes Tybee Island in my eyes. She's always doing selfless acts, she's always worried about others, and I'm happy to be able to give her something back." SOT: Diane Ring "This is God's Country, Tybee. Thank you." "I love everybody, and I love this island." VO: The grand marshal's red convertible rode in the parade with the golf carts, cyclists and jeep-driving baby. I was able to hitch a ride in a golf cart with the grand marshal's family, giving me the view of a parade participant. NAT POP of people cheering SOT: Eric Thomas, Owner, Huc-A-Poo's "Everyone's just out to have a good time and spend some time with their friends their family, make some new friends and let's just have a good time and that's what Tybee really is all about. And I'm glad we're keeping the parade going." VO: To most of the Tybee islanders I spoke with... this was where they would finish celebrating the season of St. Patrick. Others... looking forward to heading up Highway 80 in seven days. LL Tag: We're just one week away from Savannah's 200th St. Patrick's Day celebration, so stick with WTOC for all that coverage. Reporting from Tybee Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC news. 00:01:46

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CAT PORT
WENTWORTH
EXPANSION

Lots of cheering being heard as CAT's expansion into Port Wentworth becomes official. The city's mayor pro-tem says they've been working with CAT for about a year now trying to bring this new bus route to the city. "Everybody does not own a car, every senior citizen cannot drive, but you can depend on somebody to drive a bus to get to where you need to be. Go get groceries, go to the doctors." Barbee says he's also hoping this will help to alleviate some of the congestion on Port Wentworth's roads. "We'll take a lot of cars off the roads, which will be great for some citizens. They'll be able to smile because they won't be stuck in traffic so much." The expansion brings in Route 5, with stops going all the way from the Rice Hope Publix, through Transfer Point, and ending at the Intermodal Transit Center. CAT's CEO and Executive Director saying this expansion will play a big role in economic development throughout the Coastal Empire. "When you're connecting people to the places that they need and want to go, when they can get to jobs, to health care, to education, that is an important part of how we make communities thrive and prosper." She says the city of Port Wentworth funded about \$600,000 of this expansion and the rest came from federal funds leveraged by CAT. Reporting in Port Wentworth, Anna Stansfield WTOC News.

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ANSWERED

Daniel Connell told WTOC for 5 years he's fought the Airport Commission to keep his land and buildings on Bob Harmon Road in Savannah. But at the end of 20-22 he received notice that the commission was claiming eminent domain and he and his residents at Quail run lodge needed to move, and soon. "The people who have to leave are probably going to pay twice what they pay me, if they can find a place, so they're very upset about it." "I'm searching for senior living and all that kind of stuff and I'm just not having very good luck finding things that are staying within my financial means." John Saxon isn't the only one who had to move in 2023. Our Investigates team recently got this call on our Asked and Answered tip line. " we kind of wanted to see why they made us close it, they took it and its just sitting there " Looking for answers we called the airport commission they told us The Quail Run buildings are empty and the land where the buildings are located will be used for aviation related development. That has been the plan all along and has been a part of our FAA approved Master Plan for quite some time I also contacted Daniel Connell, he tells me he's not getting in the way of the Commission's project but he's considering going to court to try to get more money. He says the amount that was given to him is not enough and he wants to be compensated for the buildings as well as the land "If you could come up with enough funding to purchase the buildings from me that I could buy another hotel, and move all my employees and all of my guests with me, I would work that out with you. But as it turns out, the funding level is nowhere near adequate to do that." I reached out to the airport commission for comment on the amount that Connell received, but they said they couldn't comment due to ongoing litigation. For WTOC ARIA JANEL.

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3/13/2024 4:30:00 AM BULLOCH CO LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN the "20-45 Long Range Transportation Plan." lays out future population growth and road work around the town - for the next 20 years. At that meeting Tuesday - attendees had the chance to meet with the firm that is contracted with the city for the project. and were able to participate in an interactive exercise to provide input on the transportation priorities. 00:00:21

3/13/2024 4:00:00 PM HHI ST. PATRICKS BUSINESS PREPS "They're coming here for this. When you think about the fact that the parade attracts almost 40,000 people for a single day on Hilton Head, when you look at that compared to the population of Hilton Head which is really about 38,000, it really brings in folks from all over not just to witness the parade, but to be in the parade." The Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 2 pm on Sunday. 00:00:23

"Board members here at the Savannah Convention Center tell me right now, there's no set timeline of when this expansion might be completed, but say they're hopeful it will be done by this time next year." This expansion, doubling the facilities exhibit space size from 100,000 square feet to 200,000 square feet, was set to be done in May of this year. Now, the general manager telling me he doesn't know when it will be done, but assuring me... "This is a short term delay." This delay forcing several events to be rescheduled. Moore tells me all the clients they're working with have been forgiving. "They were very understanding, and they are committed to coming back to Savannah. They want to be here." On top of this expansion, crews are also working on the facility's river walk. The chairman of the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority tells me they recently received about \$8 million from the state and about \$2.5 million dollars from the federal government to help finish a part of the river walk that's never been completed. "We have a very nice campus that's visited by a lot of people and it's going to get even more enhancement through these river walks, allowing more boats to dock here and people to embark and disembark." Something else they're working towards... getting another hotel on Hutchinson Island. It's all part of House Bill 1041. It has already passed through the House and is waiting to be heard in the Senate and it would increase the bonding capacity at the convention center. MARK SMITH "So that we could sell bonds to the general public and private investors to build the capital needed to build the hotel." That new hotel is something Smith says would be essential once the expansion is done. MARK SMITH "We're going to have more conventions and larger conventions and we're going to have to have a place for them to stay, so this new hotel will protect the investment that the state of Georgia has made and allow us to host more and larger conventions." ((ANNA)) "Officials here tell me there's a chance that bill could be heard in the Senate this week. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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CONVENTION
CENTER
BOARD

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Hundreds of thousands of people are descending on Savannah. Taking a LIVE look from the WTOC Riverfront Skycam. Tourism leaders expect hotels to be 99 percent full this weekend...and they're expected to stay full longer - with the holiday falling on a weekend and Savannah celebrating it's 200th St. Patrick's Day parade tomorrow.

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HOTELS FULL

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VO: I just had one question for everyone out enjoying St. Patrick's Day today... VO: "Did it live up to the hype?" SOT: "Yes it is!" SOT: Absolutely, this has been the funnest trip I've had in like forever, I love it so much." SOT: "It is worth the hype, it's worth every hype." SOT: "Yes, most definitely.. will be back." VO: Many of the people out today, in Savannah for the first time.. or visiting for the 200th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. VO: "So what made y'all come down for St. Patrick's Day? SOT: "My husband is from Savannah and he's bringing us down to celebrate St. Patrick's in his city." SOT: "Just to hang out as a group because this is one of the best celebrations in the country." VO: And they say they're ready to finish off the weekend. SOT: "I'm excited just for a good time. Memories, pictures." SOT: "Beautiful city, right on the water. Spanish Moss is incredible. It's that old south feeling." VO: And businesses in the area, saying this is by far, their busiest holiday of the year for them. Chase Crenshaw, General Manager- Dockside Seafood SOT: "Quadruples. Our numbers are incredible over this holiday weekend. You know, Christmas and New Year's are great obviously, but this is just a whole another restaurant."

11PM JASMINE: ST.
3/17/2024 WEEKE PATRICK DAY
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New at 3-- The City of Beaufort unveiling the master plan for Washington Street Park. The city says the focal point will be a new performance pavilion. They will also be putting in a basketball half-court, a tennis practice court, a rain garden, new landscaping and benches, two murals, and a historic marker. It's expected to cost over \$1.2 million dollars. It will be funded through two grants totaling \$330-thousand dollars. Construction is expected to start in late May. And then its scheduled to be done by the end of the year.

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ST PARK
PLAN
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Ryan Looklive: State and local officials told me that having the cyber summit here is a sign of the growth of Beaufort County as a Cybersecurity Hub. VO: The event started with a speech from South Carolina District 1 representative Nancy Mace. She spoke about the importance of cybersecurity in the Lowcountry. SOT: "We have a great hub of Cybersecurity professionals here in Beaufort County, and they have been actively working on Cybersecurity for a few years now. We're trying to build an event greater resource, and network and hub of cybersecurity professionals, especially when it comes to DOD-related cyber issues." VO: To Mace... building a stronger network of cybersecurity in the Lowcountry would mean working with different levels of tech companies. SOT: "Well that means, private industry, working together with the chamber of commerce, working together both in tech large and small, working with our federal agencies to make sure that we're covered." VO: County officials told me that having Beaufort County as a cybersecurity hub is important for the different industries that call Beaufort county home. SOT: "In Beaufort County, there is a lot of innovation that's going on with businesses, so businesses need to protect their data. Our military is large in Beaufort County, our County Government, so we want to protect all of the data. So days like today are very important." Looklive Tag: The Cyber Summit ends tomorrow, reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

3/18/2024 RYAN: CYBER
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History tells the stories that time fades. Similar to the Tos Theater, with its faded walls and chipped paint which was once a prospering part of Pembroke. ((ELIZABETH NORMAN##FRIENDS OF TOS THEATER 0.11)) "It was thriving, if you ask any of the old timers here in town, it was the place to be on Saturdays." A legacy that Pembroke is hoping to restore. ((FERNANDA CAMACHO HAUSER##DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)) "We have been very excited about it from the beginning." As Pembroke sees more and more growth in the community, the city feels as if this is the right time to move forward with this project after years of less-than-ideal conditions. ((FERNANDA CAMACHO HAUSER##DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 0.35)) "This city purchased the theater intending to do exactly what we are doing now, in 2001. Then we acquired the other two buildings in 2008 so this is a long time coming." After years of hopefully wishing the time has come for tactful planning. ((ELIZABETH NORMAN##FRIENDS OF TOS THEATER)) "We have a couple of new restaurants in town and there is no rental space in town on this strip here so there is... this is a very prized place." Norman says that this location once open will be a home for movies, live theater, and dance recitals, and more as a multipurpose entertainment center. "It will serve many purposes and therefore it is not just for the people of Pembroke, but will also serve the 7000-8000 people in north Bryan county.

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OLD THEATER

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3/19/2024 12:00:00 PM	NOON	BEAUFORT WASHINGTON ST PARK PLAN UNVEILED	The City of Beaufort is also making plans for change. They released the master plan for Washington Street Park. There will be a new performance pavilion, a basketball half-court, a tennis practice court, a rain garden, and a historic marker. It's expected to cost over \$1.2 million dollars. some of the funding will come from two grants totaling \$330-thousand dollars. Construction is expected to start in late May. And is scheduled to be done by the end of the year.	00:00:28
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Sot: "The Gullah community, the black community, this historic community is being destroyed." Vo Louise Cohen founded the island's Gullah Museum, displaying the history of those that came before her... But in recent days you can find her in town meetings just as often as at her business. Sot "Don't take our property. Don't take our community away from us." Vo At Tuesday night's council meeting, town staff provided an update on what they call the Gateway Corridor Project - meaning 278. As highlighted, they're currently in the Refine Alternatives stage... showing the community what properties would be impacted by one of the potential plans. That plan, going through the historic Stoney community of the Gullah Geechee people. Sot "We are here. Leave us alone and let us enjoy the property that our ancestors struggled and brought for us." Vo Town staff knows what areas would be affected, saying they're trying to mitigate negative results on Stoney. Sot - "What we'd like to do is minimize those impacts if possible." Vo As we've reported, the town has created a group dedicated to that task... and hired an experienced executive director to steer the ship. The town says that group has held multiple community meetings with Gullah folks seeking feedback, including in the last few weeks. At Tuesday's meeting, one councilmember mentioned a potential 278 plan that would not go through the Stoney community. Although we haven't seen those details, Cohen says it has her support. Sot "With that plan you are not touching these black people property so if they take that route then I'll say, yes you are working with us."

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HINESVILLE SOT: "So what will happen is, we'll doing the paving and then we'll take and cut the crosswalks
STREETSCAP back in, and then after that we'll do landscape and that section of it will be done." The project is
E expected to be completed in Mid-April. 00:00:13

3/29/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM FLYNN:
DAFFIN "It's really nice to be able to have a court to come to and you don't have to reserve in and since it's
COURTS newly paved, that's also a plus. It's also nice not having to be a part of a club. This is available to
REOPENING everybody so it's to come out and play." The renovations were part of a larger recreation project
that brought upgrades to Forsyth Park's basketball courts. 00:00:20

3/29/2024
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FLYNN:
DAFFIN
COURTS
REOPENING

District four Alderman Nick Palumbo announced three tennis court renovations are done and now open to the public. New spaces with pickleball markings...fencing...windscreens and score markers are available. Players say they're excited to have facilities open to everyone.

00:00:17

DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.

TERRORISM/AMERICA UNITES
JANUARY 1, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2024

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 01/07/24 **Guests:** Representative Mike Johnson (R-LA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); former Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY), author, "Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning" (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3) Governor Ron DeSantis (R-FL), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (5)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)
1) Topics include: his visit to the U.S.-Mexico Border at Eagle Pass, TX / staffing and funding issues for the Border Patrol / budget stalemate over border policies / if impeaching the head of the Department of Homeland Security is slowing down border negotiations with the White House / dialogues with the White House and the Senate over border policy; reaction to Donald Trump's comments about immigrants "poisoning the blood of the country"; US funding to Ukraine being tied to border security / asking for an end-game in Ukraine and how funding will be spent
4) Topics include: immigration laws / Cuban and Haitian migrants in Florida / deporting migrants; possible violence after the November elections / potential outcome of the Iowa Caucuses
5) Topics include: his trip to the Middle East / why aid is not reaching Gaza / question of consequences if aid is held up by the Israeli government; border issues for the Biden administration
6) a report from Eagle Pass, TX, on the "full border picture" seen during a tour of a federal border facility and a migrant shelter
- 01/14/24 **Guests:** Anthony Salvanto, CBS News Director of Elections and Surveys (1); Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (3); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (3); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (3); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Admiral John Kirby, coordinator for strategic communications, White House National Security Council (6); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (7); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (8)
Guest Interviewer: Tony Dokoupil, co-anchor, CBS MORNINGS (2)
5) a report from Israel on the growing conflict in the Middle East
6) Topics include: two Navy SEALs missing off the coast of Somalia; possible retaliation from the Houthis over military strikes; questions about Secretary Austin's health and his contact with President Biden / chain of command concerns; pressure from the United States on Israel to move into a lower intensity campaign against Hamas / humanitarian aid to Gaza
- 01/28/24 **Guests:** Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration reporter (1); Senator James Lankford (R-OK) (2); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (3); Shawn Faine, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (4); Amos Hochstein, White House envoy and top energy adviser (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6); Janti Soeripto, president and CEO, Save the Children (7)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (8)
1) Topics include: Senate immigration bill negotiations / showdown between Texas and the Biden Administration
2) Topics include: bipartisan Senate immigration bill / balancing immigration border shutdowns with the right to asylum / immigration parole authority / terrorists being waved into the country / Mr. Trump's active campaign against the immigration bill;
3) Topics include: bipartisan Senate immigration bill / fentanyl coming through the border / restricting asylum requests / linking funding for Ukraine and Israel to the immigration bill; suspending aid to UNRWA for links to Hamas / finding NGOs that can aid Gaza; retaliatory and self-defense strikes against the Houthis
5) Topics include: another front opening in the Middle East conflict / negotiations for a land border between Israel and Lebanon; oil prices increasing due to attacks by the Houthis; the politics of limiting liquid natural gas exports
6) Topics include: his most recent report from when he was in Gaza, on the continuing war between Israel

and Hamas / a discussion on the restrictions placed on reporters by the Israeli military / growing international pressure to prevent acts of genocide / soldier fatigue

7) Topics include: visiting Gaza to access humanitarian needs / difficulties getting supplies into the north of Gaza / what makes this crisis different than others / lack of access to aid to help sick children

8) BREAKING NEWS: three American service members were killed and 25 injured, in an attack on a base in Jordan

02/04/24

Guests: Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (1); Jake Sullivan, national security adviser, Biden administration (2); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (4); Representative Jim Hines (D-CT) (4); General Frank McKenzie (Retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (5)

1) Topics include: Senate immigration bill funding / changes to catch and release policy / asylum policies / migrants being abused by the drug cartels / legal requirements for the Biden administration to implement new immigration laws / chances for the bill to get through the House / timeline for the bill to pass the Senate; reelection plans

2) Topics include: strikes against the Houthis / Iran's involvement in the attacks on American troops / telegraphing the attacks; polling about the Israel's military campaign in Gaza / Israel's statements on a hostage deal / Israel offering a hostage deal / Gaza residents' right to return to their homes

3) a report from Erbil, Iraq, on the strikes on Yemen, targeting Houthi interests, as the United States appears to carefully calibrate its response in order to avoid an escalation in violence or embolden its enemies

4) Topics include: telegraphing strikes against the Houthis / unknown outcome of the strikes / attacks on American troops predating October 7th / stand-alone bill for Israeli funding / question of Democrats protecting Speaker Johnson to help pass funding for Israel; Republican support for the Senate immigration bill / bipartisan support for the immigration bill

5) Topics include: impact of the strikes against the Houthis / campaign against Iran as a possible target / power changes in Iran after the death of Qasem Soleimani; Israel's campaign in Gaza against Hamas

02/11/24

Guests: Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bob Bauer, President Biden's personal attorney (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Mike Morell, former deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), CBS News senior national security contributor (4); Samantha Vinograd, former top counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security, CBS News contributor, senior adviser, Biden Institute, University of Delaware (4); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (5); James Brown, host, NFL TODAY, CBS News special correspondent (6)

1) Topics include: Donald Trump's remarks about NATO countries paying their dues; Trump's comments about her husband; bill supporting Ukraine; Israel's military response against Hamas

3) Topics include: passing the Senate spending bill for Ukraine; possible executive action at the border; using the spending bill to reign in Israel in their war against Hamas / White House official's comments to Arab-Americans in Michigan about the Israeli government and the lives of Palestinians / the President wanting Israel to defeat Hamas and protect innocent lives;

02/18/24

Guests: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (3) Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) (4); Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian, author, "The Unfinished Presidency" (5); Amie Parnes, co-author, "Lucky – How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency" (5); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)

Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent

1) Topics include: funding for Ukraine and the border / emerging House bill for Ukraine and border funding; the death of Alexei Navalny in a Russian prison / legislation making Russia a state sponsor of terrorism; will Donald Trump support Ukraine and border legislation / Mr. Trump's comments on NATO and Russia; possibility of Special Counsel Hur testifying in the Senate after his House testimony

02/25/24

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3) Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) (4); Representative Jared Golden (D-ME) (4); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (5); Fiona Hill, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

2) Topics include: possible deal to return the hostages / Hamas' demands for the hostage release / victory for Israel / White House's desire to see plans that protect civilians in Gaza / question of moving civilians to Egypt, threatening years of peace between Israel and Egypt; Mr. Netanyahu's relationship with American officials / international recognition of a Palestine state; reports about civilian casualties

4) Topics include: forcing a vote on a new foreign aid bill for Ukraine and Israel that secures the border / lack of humanitarian aid and remain in Mexico policy in the bill being a non-starter for many House Democrats

5) Topics include: status of the Ukraine-Russia war / urgent need for aid to Ukraine / Russia's recent victories; election year issues influencing support for Ukraine; Ukrainian children abducted by Russia to be indoctrinated and adopted by Russians

6) Topics include: President Putin changing his mind on the return of Alexei Navalny's body to his mother a week after his death / how Mr. Putin's arrest of an American citizen and battlefield victories have emboldened him; Donald Trump's comparison of himself to Mr. Navalny; politicizing aid to Ukraine

- 03/03/24 **Guests:** Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (1); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (5); Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (6); Steven Dettelbach, director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (7)
 2 Topics include: polling on immigration; immigration funding without the immigration bill / the cost of possible executive actions / legal challenges to executive actions; the undocumented migrant accused of killing Georgia college student Laken Riley
 3) Topics include: national security concerns around the border / funding concerns around the border; food aid to Gaza / Israel's part in delaying aid to Gaza; holding the Biden administration accountable for not dealing with Russia's anti-satellite weapons program; aid to Ukraine
 4) a report from Tel Aviv, on the latest on the war in the Middle East and the growing urgency to get aid into Gaza
 5) Topics include: should Israel be held accountable for halting humanitarian aid to Gaza / can President Biden hold Israel accountable in an election year; President Biden's error during aid announcement, calling Gaza 'Ukraine' twice; uncommitted votes in the primaries; question of the Biden administration halting weapon shipments to Israel; President Biden's issues with his base
 6) Topics include: can Republicans deliver aid to Ukraine / Ukraine aid bill includes funding for weapons to be built in the United States and improvements to the US Navy / should former President Trump support Ukraine funding;
- 03/10/24 **Guests:** Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (1); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) (2); Representative Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader (D-NY) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4)
 1) Topics include: President Biden's comments on a hot mic about Israel / his position that Israel is in violation of the Foreign Assistance Act and possibly the Leahy Act / is a ceasefire possible with Hamas running Gaza / Israel's plan to launch an invasion into Rafah; "uncommitted" votes in Michigan and Minnesota because of the US policy in Israel / need to oppose Mr. Trump and reelect President Biden
 2) Topics include: concerns about terrorism from the Middle East due to the US-Israel relationship / US troops remaining in Iraq / the US establishing a port in Gaza to bring in humanitarian aid / creating a distribution system ensuring aid goes to civilians and not Hamas / tunnel system in Gaza run by Hamas; security threat to the US through technology by China / China's technology lagging behind US / China ramping up their military capabilities / aid for Taiwan / border deal which includes helping Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan; bill to prevent any US President from withdrawing unilaterally from NATO; possible ban of TikTok; foreign interference in the 2024 election and policy debates
- 03/17/24 **Guests:** Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (3); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (4); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, author, "Burn Book: A Tech Love Story" (5); Catherine Russell, executive director, UNICEF (6)
 2) a report from Tel Aviv on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza
 3) Topics include: his conversations with the families of Israeli hostages; funding for the U.N. agency UNRWA in the upcoming spending bill / why the Netanyahu government is against funding UNRWA; Israel's non-compliance with regulations for countries receiving U.S. offensive weapons / claim that Israel is targeting humanitarian aid workers
 6) Topics include: generational impact from what is happening on the children of Gaza / death of children in Gaza and Israel / children suffering malnutrition in Gaza / getting therapeutic feeding and medical supplies into Gaza; the ongoing crisis in Haiti / struggles getting humanitarian aid to Haitians
- 03/24/24 **Guests:** Debora Patta, CBS News foreign news correspondent (1); Representative Michael McCaul, chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee (2); Kevin McCarthy, former speaker, House of Representatives (R-CA) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (4); Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA) (5); Jason Owens, chief, U.S. Border Patrol (6); Samantha Vinograd, CBS News contributor, former counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (8)
Guest Reporter: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration and politics reporter (6) (7)
 1) a report on the ISIS-K attack in Moscow. Although ISIS claimed responsibility, Russian President Vladimir Putin has pointed a finger at Ukraine, a charge Ukraine flatly denies.
 2) Topics include: ongoing threats posed by ISIS-K from Afghanistan / protecting Americans from ISIS-K and other terror threats across the world / impact of the troubled withdrawal from Afghanistan / rescuing the Afghan translators left behind; voting for the Ukraine funding bill; possible ouster of the Speaker of the House; concerns about humanitarian aid being held back by Israel
 6) an interview on the situation at the U.S. southern border with Mexico, including the impact of border security on national security
 7) Topics include: humanitarian crisis at the southern border / national security risks of possible terrorists crossing the border / anticipated uptick in border crossings / video of confrontation between migrants and the Texas National Guard and the legal right they had to be processed
 8) Topics include: no credible threat to the United States for a similar Moscow attack; ISIS' ability to conduct operations / DHS's work with allies to receive and analyze the best intelligence possible / stopping terrorist travel by vetting migrants / under-resources in the intelligence community for vetting teams / timetable for vetting migrants / impact of Texas' policy of arresting migrants on the DHS's ability to accurately assess them
- 03/31/24 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation (1); Brandon Scott, mayor (D - Baltimore, MD) (2);

Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (3); Bernardo Arevalo, president of Guatemala (4); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Programme (6); Archbishop of Washington Wilton Cardinal Gregory (7); Episcopal Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (7)

Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

4) Topics include: Guatemalan citizens migrating to the United States, including two of the bridge workers on the Francis Scott Key Bridge / reasons why the United States should continue to send funds to Guatemala

5) a report from Jerusalem, during the Easter season at a time of war

6) Topics include: what needs to change to get humanitarian aid to the residents of Gaza / food needs in Gaza greater than aid being allowed in / negotiations with Israel to get food in; famine in Sudan, South Sudan and Chad; national security issues with famine victims migrating; Haiti's hunger

60 MINUTES

02/04/24

"A Hole In The System" – a report on Chinese migrants. As Chinese asylum seekers enter the U.S. through Mexico at an exceedingly high rate, some by utilizing instructions found on TikTok, many say they are attempting to escape China's struggling economy and government oppression. Includes interviews with a number of Chinese migrants; Jerry Shuster, who owns property just north of the border fence outside Jacumba Hot Springs, California; Jacqueline Arellano, a border volunteer offering humanitarian aid to migrants; and Tammy Lin, an immigration attorney working with Chinese clients. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

02/18/24

"Crisis in the Red Sea" – a report on the U.S. Navy's response to Houthi attacks in the Red Sea from inside the 5th Fleet's Command Center at Naval Headquarters in Bahrain. As the U.S. Navy attempts to stop the disruption of global trade in the Red Sea, the Yemeni Houthi rebels continue to launch attacks on commercial ships as a sign of solidarity with Hamas. Includes interviews with Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, the U.S. military's deputy commander in the Middle East and the Navy's top officer in the region; and Commander Justin Smith and Rear Admiral Marc Miguez, who are stationed in the area. (C: Norah O'Donnell – P: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel)

The Last Minute – Alexey Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition leader, died at his Arctic prison. In 2020, while recovering from poisoning, he spoke with 60 MINUTES. ("Putin's Public Enemy", OAD: 10/18/20) (C: Lesley Stahl)

02/25/24

"142 Days In Gaza" – a report on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In response to the October 7th attacks by Hamas, the Israeli military has launched a steady offensive campaign which has killed more than 29,000 Palestinians, displaced residents and destroyed cities. As the war continues, Gaza's humanitarian aid and healthcare system deficiently operate amidst dire circumstances. Includes interviews with Dr. Nahreen Ahmed, a critical care specialist from Pennsylvania working at the Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza; Nebal Farsakh, spokesperson for the Palestinian Red Crescent; and Scott Anderson, a U.S. Army veteran and former deputy director of operations for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency who returned to his job when the war began in October. (See also: "The Lesson of War", OAD: 05/03/15) (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

03/03/24

"Operation Lone Star" – an interview with Governor Greg Abbot (R-TX) from Eagle Pass, Texas. He discusses Operation Lone Star, the controversial program he launched three years ago which deployed the Texas National Guard and created barriers at the border to deter illegal immigration. Includes interviews with Christopher Olivarez, Texas Department of Public Safety Lieutenant; Raul Ortiz, former chief of the U.S. Border Patrol under President Biden and deputy chief under President Trump; and a number of migrants attempting to cross the border. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Andy Court)

03/10/24

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION

60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION (7:00 – 8:00p)

"Rise" – a report on the Russia-Ukraine war and how some Ukrainian families are coping with grief. Through a charity founded by an American marine, bereaved widows and children attempt to process trauma by embarking on treks through the Austrian Alps. Includes interviews with Natalia Zaremba, whose husband Mykhalio was shot down as a navy pilot; Nathan Schmidt, lieutenant colonel U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and CEO of the Mountain Seed Foundation charity; Myroslav Kupchenkov, whose father Oleksandr Kupchenkov who was killed by a Russian missile; Amit Oren, clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the Yale School of Medicine; Svitlana Melnyichuk, who lost her husband Yuriy in the invasion; and Dan Cnossen, a Navy SEAL and Paralympian. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Oriana Zill de Granados, Michael Rey) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (OAD: 11/26/23)

03/17/24

"The Capital of Free Russia" – a report on the political opponents of Russian President Vladimir Putin. With Russia's 2024 presidential election to be held in March, many of those who have chosen to defy Putin have been forced into exile in Vilnius, Lithuania. Includes interviews with Mantas Adomenas, former deputy foreign minister of Lithuania; and Anastasia Shevchenko, Sergei Davidis, Aleksandr Plyushev, and Tatyana Felgenhauer, Russian dissidents living in Lithuania. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS

On Friday, February 2, a CBS News Special Report (Syria Retaliation) aired for 9:28 from 4:20:42-4:30:10pmcny, live to all stations.

WTOC SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

2/15/24-10:54AM-11:14AM-Breonna Moffatt Funeral Motorcade. Moffatt was a local soldier that was killed in Jordan.

INVESTIGATE TV

- 1/31/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 68**- A blind veteran uses archery to give us an eye-opening view on life.
- 2/12/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 76** Pilots and crew members face longer security lines, and some warn a change in the process could keep your next flight from running smoothly.
- 2/21/24 **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 83** We revisit a wounded warrior who will now be able to do for his family what he did so bravely for this country....serve.
- 2/22/24- **InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 84** Innocent people profiled, stopped at airports, and searched by drug agents looking for money. Our investigation examines how those agents can seize assets including cash, and why in most cases they keep it.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 17--OUR MILITARY FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. 165TH NEW AIRPLANE, FORT STEWART TRAINING, GA GOV KEMP SENDS GUARDSMEN TO TEXAS, VIRTUAL VA APPOINTMENTS BILL INCLUDING HELPING VETS IN RURAL AREAS WITH TRANSPORTATION, HAAF CAR BOMB EXERCISE, POLISH PRESIDENT AT FT. STEWART SOURCE: MILITARY OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ETC.

LL INTRO: This new C-130J model better known as the "Super Hercules" has arrived from Marietta to its new home here in Savannah. Donning the state's flag – the Super Hercules – built by Lockheed Martin right here in Georgia – will now serve Georgia's Air National Guard. "This is the first model to roll off the line at a Lockheed Martin plant, and this enables us to be at the leading edge of technology, capabilities and development of that platform." Just this past August – the 165th retired the C-130H, the previous Hercules model, which had served the unit since 1981. "The H models were an older aircraft. They had outdated avionics in comparison to what's available now. So, with the J models, we've got a whole new avionics suite, everything is digital. There's a lot of software, whereas before it was more analog." The new model brings the 165th to the forefront of updated technology – they're only the 6th Airlift Wing to receive it so far, according to unit leaders. Airmen say the upgrade makes a big difference. "The C-130J has more power, it's a little more efficient, it can carry more cargo, fly a little faster, and fly a little higher. It's really capable. What this version of the C-130J does, it takes advantage of all of the avionics upgrades." The planes are responsible for making airdrops and transporting supplies. The upgrade comes with some crew changes. "There's less crew members. Whereas a C-130H needed a minimum of five to six crew members, we can operate with three to four crew members." However, the unit's airmen say... it's a step forward they're excited about. "It was a good opportunity for all of us to come together and accomplish this feat. We accomplished step one today, getting the first aircraft here." LL TAG: Leaders with the 165th say the C-130J will serve the airlift wing here in Savannah for years to come. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:51

1/24/2024
5:53:00 PM 6PM

165TH NEW
AIRPLANE

VO: Sounds like this... or like this... have been ramping up lately. Fort Stewart Army Airfield officials say it could be because of two things. The first one...routine trainings this time of year preparing units for deployment... Command Major Jose Padilla SOT: "Right now, the Brigade is getting ready to do our rotation in NTC, we have key leaders, they're new to the brigade and to the squadron and we're making sure that everybody is qualified and trained and ready to execute our NTC rotation this summer." VO: And the second one... recent weather change. JP Wheatley, Range Officer at Fort Stewart Hunter Army Airfield SOT: "We as the army and as a program try to facilitate the noise. We have noise consultations and buffer zones and all these other things but environmentally, sometimes the noise just travels further than it normally should or would." VO: And in this case, it's been colder than normal... also known as "cold snaps"... allowing the noise from the ranges on base to travel differently through the air. He says it's similar to how it would if it were cloudy or clear. SOT: "Barometric pressure and environmental climate control things play into how distant the noise travels. When it's low cast, overcast, cloudy and foggy... obviously, the sound is going to travel further. When it's clear skies, it dissipates and goes into, you know, the atmosphere. Like, that noise right now, on a clear day wouldn't be that loud that we just heard. So, it does travel." VO: So, if you've heard more booms... sounding closer to home lately... it could be because of these. In Fort Stewart... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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4:00:00 PM 4PM

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FORT STEWART BOOM EXPLAINER "We try to let the community know ahead of time when we're going to do large exercises and have big gunnery densities so they can have some understanding of what's actually happening."

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There are some existing programs to help, but it's defined so narrowly that many veterans of rural Georgia can't take advantage of those opportunities. OSSOFF VIRTUAL VA APPOINTMENTS BILL This expands the definition of strengthening programs that provide veterans in rural areas with transportation to VA healthcare." This bill is backed up by Veteran organizations like Veterans of Foreign Wars , the American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans.

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nat sound "starting route to Carl Vincent VA medical emergency department." And so starts the trip that Navy Veteran Charles Hart makes more than he would like. "Where is the closest VA clinic?" "Dublin" A 72 mile one way trip to get medical care. A trip that isn't always as simple as getting into the car and going. ((CHARLES HART##RETIRED US NAVY)) "I'm okay driving, but I usually have to have someone with me because of getting in and out, that's where the problem is." Juggling the schedules of his family to help get him to and from the clinic. But it isn't the lack of passengers that hurts Hart the most. It's the cost to get there. "Oh yeah, when I go down there, I have to pay for everything." The financial fight and difficulty for veterans in the rural areas is what this new legislation proposed by Senator Jon OSSOFF hopes to help. ((SENATOR JON OSSOFF)) "There are programs out there that help veterans in rural areas but it's defined so narrowly that many veterans in rural Georgia can't take advantage of them." Legislation Hart says is way overdue. "Why now? The problem has been there for years and years and years." Hart says he is thankful that someone is now pushing for the welfare of veterans and hopes to see even more done in the future. In Lyons, Lindsey Stenger WTOG News

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In a statement today he writes in part, "Georgia is once again stepping up to help do what the White House and Democrats in Congress refuse to do - secure our southern border. As I recently told Governor Greg Abbott, Texas has Georgia's support and we stand ready to provide additional resources in the effort to keep Americans safe."

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REPORT "Everybody recognizes this is in the interest of public safety. So yes,
ACT individuals, if ICE does their job, which is to seek out those they believe are
PASSED dangerous to society, that are here illegally, then yes, this will absolutely help
to avoid situations like occurred with Laken Riley. No question." 00:00:18

3/13/2024 6PM POLAND
5:53:00 PM PRESIDENT VISIT
The visit comes as 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers are deployed in Poland.
Duda watched a live-fire demonstration at one of Fort Stewart's ranges, and
met with 3rd I-D soldiers. 3rd Infantry Division's Headquarters, Artillery
Brigade, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and Division Sustainment
Brigade all deployed to eastern Europe last fall amid the ongoing war in
Ukraine. WTOC's Tyler Manion was at today's visit. He will have much more
coming up later tonight on THE news. 00:00:28

New video shows an historic visit to the coastal empire today. Polish President Andrej Duda visited Fort Stewart. The visit comes as 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers are deployed in Poland. Duda watched a live-fire demonstration at one of Fort Stewart's ranges, and met with 3rd I-D soldiers. 3rd Infantry Division's Headquarters, Artillery Brigade, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team and Division Sustainment Brigade all deployed to eastern Europe last fall amid the ongoing war in Ukraine. Our Tyler Manion is at the event right now. He'll bring us a recap of president Duda's visit tonight on The News at 11.

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Vo Welcomed by cannon fire Nat Vo And lines of 3rd ID soldiers Nat Vo The NATO leader toured parts of Fort Stewart for several hours Wednesday afternoon. A major telling us over 4000 troops from this base have been sent to his part of the country... so this trip... an opportunity to see where they've come from. Bridge Standup After making it to this armor range, Polish President Andrzej Duda got to see the full capabilities of the 3rd Infantry Division. Vo From Abrams battle tanks Nat Vo To Apache Helicopters Nat Vo And more live-fire in between Nat Vo President Duda paying close attention to weapons he says his country will be receiving, thanks to a recent deal with the U.S. Sot: "This is something that is going to strengthen our military potential exponentially and I am glad to say that." Vo He says this equipment will help modernize his country's military altogether... seeing the true power of it on this range. The president also had a direct message for the troops from our area that have been serving in his overseas. Sot "Thank you for being in Poland. Thank you for guarding our security." Vo One of the 3rd ID leaders saying those words along with the Polish president's time... mean the world. Sot: "He has spent time with the units forward and so to have him here to spend time with the soldiers back here that are currently training and building readiness... it was incredible." LL Tag The Polish President says this was the last stop on his U.S. trip and he'll be in Brussels tomorrow to meet with a NATO leader and debrief on everything he saw.

3/13/2024 11:00:00 PM 11PM TYLER: POLISH PRES AT FORT STEWART 00:01:31

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RYAN: HAAF
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EXERCISE

“If the first time you have to do something- some type of emergency is during an emergency, it’s going to fail. You have to practice, it has to be muscle memory. If it’s not muscle memory, something’s going to happen, and it’s going to happen bad.” Our Ryan Tisminezky participated in the simulation, and you can find that story on our website, WTOC.com.

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RYAN: HAAF
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Today’s simulation was a car bomb threat and hostage situation. Hunter Army Airfield’s military police, fire and criminal investigators participated in the training, along with some Savannah law enforcement officers . Organizers said these demonstrations keep first responders ready to go.

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VO: The all-hands-on-deck exercise simulated a car bomb threat and hostage situation. Hunter Army Airfield's military police, fire and criminal investigators participated in the training, along with some Savannah law enforcement officers. Organizers said by simulating these types of threats, it keeps responders ready to go. SOT: "If the first time you have to do something- some type of emergency is during an emergency, it's going to fail. You have to practice, it has to be muscle memory. If it's not muscle memory, something's going to happen, and it's going to happen bad." VO: The exercise simulated the entire timeline of the event, even when the media tries to get interviews at the gate, where they're not allowed to film. That's where I got to play my part, asking about the fake incident. SOT: "We heard there was a possible car bomb incident, are you able to talk about it at all." "Number's on the board give them a call, we've got nothing to say at this time." "Can we speak to a garrison commander, or something like that?" "Number's on the board, give them a call." "Alright." VO: We were unsuccessful, meaning the guards did their job. The organizer of the exercise said that having role players like us and other volunteers helps responders ready to expect the unexpected. SOT: "The role players create the scenario, get a reaction from the law enforcement professionals, the fire, the CID, without the role players you're not going to get the reaction to test the policies and the plans we create." VO TAG: Bergeron thanked the various organizations that made the simulation possible. Reporting from Savannah, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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RYAN: HAAF
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**ISSUE 18: HOW THE MILITARY IS HONORED AND REMEMBERED.
 COMMUNITY REMEMBERING LOCAL SOLDIERS KILLED IN COMBAT,
 MIGHTY 8TH NEW DOCUMENTARY, FALLEN SOLDIER DIGNIFIED
 TRANSFER MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM EXPANSION, HELPING
 VETERANS WITH WHEELCHAIR ACCESS, JASPER GREEN CEREMONY
 HONORS LOCAL FALLEN SOLDIERS, NAVY BAND PLAYS AT
 WATERFRONT, VIETNAM VETERAN CEREMONY
 SOURCE: VETERAN ORGS, ETC**

1/12/2024 6AM TOM: FLAG The At-Home Senior Living of Jesup held a Flag Ceremony - for the center's
5:59:00 AM DAYBREAK CEREMONY the 526th Engineer Construction Company, and veterans from V-F-W Post 45-
83 all came out for the Flag Ceremony. 00:00:16

1/25/2024 MIGHTY Check it out-- A new mini documentary series all about the journey of the
5:53:00 PM EIGHTH Mighty Eighth Air Force will soon be released on Apple TV. It's called Masters
6PM SHOW of the Air. It's based on the book "Master's of the Air: America's Bomber Boys
Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany." The museum in Pooler
served as a resource for the series. 8 veterans were also interviewed at the
location. You can also see many of the museum's collections--including the
fully restored B-17 plane. The CEO of the museum says this series has been
a decade in the making. 00:00:32

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GA
SERVICE
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Georgia Governor Brian Kemp honored all three in a statement, writing in part, "These soldiers gave the last full measure of devotion in service to this country." He goes on to write, "The entire Kemp family asks that Georgians everywhere join us in keeping the loved ones of those lost in this attack in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead."

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taps It's a risk every man and woman who bears the uniform knows. *taps* And accepts with honor... *taps* Those who lay down their lives for the stars and stripes... and those back home waiting... *slow fade of taps* Three families NOW grieving the loss of their soldiers...including friends of Savannah's own...Spc. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett. ((SARYHA TRUELL##MOFFETT'S LIFE LONG FRIEND)) "Messages and everything I hold are all dear. You know, not knowing that it's going to be there last time." Attached at the hip since grade school Saryha now has to face the reality of life without her best friend. ((SARYHA TRUELL##MOFFETT'S LIFE LONG FRIEND)) "We were talking and saying how we needed to make more memories. Moffett was no stranger to the military as both of her parents were veterans. The love for her country was evident. Down to her deployment ((SARYHA TRUELL##MOFFETT'S LIFE LONG FRIEND)) "I was like no you should, but you know she went anyway, because of her dedication to her county, she really really honored her job." Specialist Moffett will soon make her final descent home as an American hero. " I know she's in a better place, but I just miss her so much." In Savannah, Lindsey stenger, WTOG News

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1/30/2024 6AM LINDSEY: ((SARYHA TRUELL##MOFFETT'S LIFE LONG FRIEND)) "She could come
5:59:00 AM DAYBREAK MOFFETT into the room and just light it up. She was very outgoing I'm more preservative
SAVANNAH so she would get me out of my shell which I loved about her she would keep
FRIEND me smiling She was just a very caring person she would put other people
REAX before herself." 00:00:15

LL: During his weekly news conference...Savannah Mayor Van Johnson told reporters that the city is heartbroken following Spc. Moffett's death. PKG: Tonight...the City of Savannah remembers one of their own who made the ultimate sacrifice...23-year-old Army Reservist Breonna Moffett. "No parent, no community ever expects to hear the type of news that Breonna's parents received." The Windsor Forest High graduate was one on three soldiers killed during a drone strike at an outpost in Jordan over the weekend. Today...the Savannah-Chatham public school system said in part..."we remain deeply grateful for her service to our country and proud to call her part of the SCCPSS family. Our thoughts are with her immediate family and loved ones during this very difficult time." According to the Department of Defense Moffett supported Operation Inherent Resolve...a mission to defeat ISIS and increase regional stability. Mayor Johnson called on federal officials to hold those behind the attack accountable. Johnson: "We must protect Americans. We must protect those of us that protect us." Now...more than six-thousand miles away in her hometown...messages of support for Moffett's dedication to service. Johnson: "The Bible says there is no greater love than a man lay down his life for his friends. We love Breonna Moffett for loving us and may her memory be a blessing." LL: Mayor Johnson says he expects to talk with Spc. Moffett's family in the coming days to offer support. He says the soldier will get a hero's welcome when she returns home. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:34

1/30/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM MAYOR ON SAV SOLDIER DEATH

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MAYOR JOHNSON ON SOLDIER KILLED
"No parent, no community ever expects to hear the type of news that Breonna's parent received" The Savannah Chatham County Public School System confirmed today Moffett was a 20-19 graduate of Windsor Forrest High School. She was also a member of the band and served as Drum Major for the Marching Knights. The school system released a statement on her death saying in part quote,
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ANNA: BREONNA MOFFETT MEMORIAL
"I came back and told the principal that I accepted the job. I said, 'these girls convinced me.'"/"It's going to live on, you know, I mean, we immediately built, with her help, and her sister and her friends, we built the best band in the land, we did. we had it going."
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FALLEN SOLDIER DIGNIFIED TRANSFER
"To bury a child- that's something I don't think a parent should ever have to experience. But, as an American, it's a somber reminder that our troops put their lives on the line every single day, and that's something we should always remember and keep them in our thoughts and prayers at all times."
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On Hunting Island, there's a new wheelchair in town. SOT: "So the wheelchair is a motorized wheelchair, it actually has almost like tank tracks on it, or a mini excavator." VO: Those tracks... allow the wheelchair... or... track chair to navigate almost all the terrain around the park. People who use the track chair will be able to climb up Hunting Island's Hills, trek across the beaches, and explore the park's trails. All of these for up to seven miles. VO: One of the best features of the chair... SOT: Zabo McCants "This provides independence for them." VO: The track chair is motorized and fully adjustable so it can be used by one person, opening the park for exploration where other wheelchairs can't go. VO: Malia Cooler has worked at Hunting Island State park for more than two decades... she wrote the letter requesting that earned Hunting Island this opportunity. She says her military family roots inspired her to write about the various veteran families that visit the park who would benefit from the track chair. SOT: "It's just a wonderful feeling that they have a feeling of hope that they can come out to the park and be able to know that this is just their little bit of peace, and heaven that they can come out and have that freedom." VO: You can find ways to reserve the track chair on our website, WTOC.com. Reservations should be made two days before visiting the park. Reporting from Hunting Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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ISLAND
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Photos reflecting on memories and Candles, lighting up the night just like friends of Stg Moffett say she did. "She touched alot of lives here in Savannah." Savannah, and the country. "Since she's been gone I feel like I've lost a piece of me." Since Moffett was returned to US soil last Friday elected leaders, friends, and family have made it a welcome home for a hero. Although the community surrounding Moffett is grieving, they say nights like tonight remind them that she has left her mark on the world. (DION WHITE##MOFFETT'S FRIEND)) "We left the balloons fly, we put her up in the sky, we did everything right tonight and I just think we can keep this coming forward and keep shedding light and keep spreading her name across the city." Friends and family clung to each other in comfort as they remembered their stg. Moffett. "Seeing her face every day it did something to me and I ain't ever gonna be able to see her again."

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SGT. "We will escort Breonna and her family through this community on Thursday.
MOFFETT We want her family to feel the overwhelming joy, love and support that this
REMAINS family has for this phenomenal, young lady." All of this comes as mourners
RETURNING gathered in Carrollton, Georgia today to pay their respects for Sargeant
William Rivers...one of the other servicemembers killed in that drone attack. 00:00:22

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SGT. After that...she tells me Sargeant Moffett will be taken to a local funeral
MOFFETT home...before a planned service at the Jonesville Baptist Church. I'm told *
REMAINS that * service is set for 11 Saturday morning and is open to the public. Moffett
RETURNING along with two other service members from Georgia were killed during a drone
attack at an outpost in Jordan last month. Today's announcement comes just
over a week since the three soldiers returned back to the U-S from overseas
and were honored by top military officials in a dignified transfer at Dover Air
Force Base. Today...during the announcement Mayor Johnson called
Sargeant Moffett a hero. 00:00:37

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The public will have a chance to pay their respects to Moffett during tomorrow's motorcade. Savannah Police will lead it from Savannah Hilton Head International Airport...taking Highway 80 to Downtown Savannah. The motorcade will take West Bay Street to MLK. Savannah Fire crews will have a flag on display in Moffett's honor near that intersection. They're asking the public to line MLK between West Oglethorpe and Gwinnett Streets. The motorcade will turn onto Gwinnett from MLK, before turning onto Whitaker then Park to arrive at Campbell and Sons Funeral home. The motorcade is expected to start around 11 tomorrow morning. It will temporarily impact traffic on its route.

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The city says Savannah police will lead a motorcade from the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport to Campbell and Sons Funeral Home around 11 AM tomorrow. The Savannah Fire Department is expected to show their respect with a flag display on West Bay Street. The city says you can pay your respects along the sidewalks of MLK Blvd. between West Oglethorpe and West Gwinnett Street.

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"Well it's important to support the family, because she is one of our own. She's one of our soldiers. So, I thought it was important for us to be down here. I mean, it gives me great pride to be here." BUTTED TO "This is important to support our military, the family needs our strength. God bless them."

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"This project will expand the museum into this lawn right here." Dozens of community members and folks involved with museum gathered to officially break ground on a new part of the museum. This phase of the project will cost about \$12 million. So far, they've raised about \$9.1 million dollars... coming from Chatham County SLPOST funding and several different donations. The 20,000 square foot expansion will allow for new exhibits, more gallery space, two new classrooms and more. Those classrooms will host history and STEM classes... a way to keep younger generations learning about the Might Eighth Air Force for years to come. "It's critical that our young people learn more about the great sacrifice and dedication that our veterans gave. A lot of them, 26,000 of the Eighth Air Force guys gave their lives." "To me the importance of the museum is about inspiring other generations, current generations, to recognize what they're capable of themselves." "Once they finish phase two, they'll start working on phase three. Something officials tell me will focus on redesigning some of the exhibits. Reporting in Pooler, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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HAYLEY:
REM. SGT
MOFFETT

"We grew up together since we were 5. She's a very selfless, caring person. Always a light in someone's darkness. She loved helping people any way she can." BUTTED TO "Watching her grow up over the years, it's just a life that's gone too soon. She had so much life in her. Such a beautiful spirit, a kind person, beautiful in and out. And, we're going to miss her." The Truell family was one of the many who came out to show their support today.

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HAYLEY:
REM. SGT
MOFFETT

I caught up with Saryha Truell, who calls Sgt. Moffett one of her best friends. She says they grew up together from kindergarten.... Truell was gathered outside of the funeral home today... alongside her own mother and grandmother – two women who say they watched Moffett grow up. They honored her by wearing her favorite color today – pink. They say Breonna is someone who will be remembered forever.

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FLYNN: SGT
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SOT: "It's all about respect. This young lady gave her life for us to have freedom and I just want to appreciate her. And if this is the way I can do it, I'm going to do it this way today."

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While some told me they have relatives in the military...many had no connection to the armed forces at all...but said it was * still * important they pay their respects. Somber was how people said they felt as they watched the hearse, and several law enforcement officials drive by. Onlookers describe

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FLYNN:SGT this as a sad day...particularly because of how young Sargeant Moffett
MOFFETT was...just 23 years old. Despite her age...those young and old came out to
PROCESSIO pay their respects today. Including one woman I talked to who said she
N wanted to honor the ultimate sacrifice Sargeant Moffett made.

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"It means the definition of Savannah Strong. It's the definition of Savannah, our neighboring communities coming together." The people of Savannah.... Lining the streets... and gathering at Campbell and Sons funeral home... to welcome Sgt. Breonna Moffett back to her hometown. "From the day that this happened, to right now, to the day that they lay her to rest, my heart is heavy, and I'm very very saddened by what has happened to her, the others that were with her, and to her family." Sgt. Moffett's family.... Entering the funeral home ... after Breonna's remains were transferred there. "For us, we lost a soldier, we lost a citizen, but to this family, they lost their little girl. So, for them to be able to see how this community has come out... I think is overwhelming for them." Those who knew Breonna... honoring her by wearing her favorite color... pink. "Just to honor her in every way that we can. Keep her name alive. Just, the way she loved us, it's only right to show the love back." A

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HAYLEY:MO community... attempting to heal... after one of Savannah's own, paid the
FFETT ultimate sacrifice. "Every American needs to thank and salute a veteran when
PROCESSIO they see one. This child was on the frontline for us to maintain our freedoms
N like so many of us have done."

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nats of procession? A somber procession through Savannah...honoring the service of a fallen soldier. nat pop: "She's our hero. And we thank her so much for that." Waving American flags...onlookers watched as law enforcement...veterans...and elected officials drove down city streets to pay their respects for Sargeant Breonna Moffett. "Breonna was a wonderful young lady" Wanda Frazier says her son knew Sargeant Moffett during their time at Windsor Forest High School...describing her as a natural leader. Frazier: "I was a Booster mom at Windsor for years and she was a fellow drum major with my son, Isaiah so, I wouldn't have missed it for the world. "This could be any of us. Any of our parents could get that call, that knock at the door." As a fellow military parent...Misty Harvest says she wanted to view the procession as a way of showing Sargeant Moffett's family that moms like her support them. (Harvest) "I wish I could give her a hug, but there are not enough hugs, there aren't enough words to really express my condolences, my hurt, and my love for her." Reporter: This is your way of giving her a hug? Harvest: Yes. Amid the sadness...a show of solidarity among the crowds who came to honor the fallen soldier from Savannah.

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SGT.
MOFFETT Over the next couple of days there will be services held at Jonesville Baptist
VISITATION Church for people to pay their respects. Moffett's visitation is being held now
UNDERWAY until 8 PM. And tomorrow she will be laid to rest after the funeral at 11 AM.

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TYLER &
SIMONE:
SGT.
MOFFETT
FUNERAL

21 MAYOR VAN JOHNSON - CITY OF SAVANNAH "She gave an eternal commitment this city this community to them. // GOV. BRIAN KEMP - (R) GEORGIA And in giving the last full measure of devotion and service to this nation she is ensured that her name will live on forever as one of our honored fallen and someone our hearts and memories will not forget. Coming up on THREE news at 11 we hear from the family and how they say they will remember the life of Sgt Moffett

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<p>2/17/2024 WKEND 8:00:00 PM 7PM</p>	<p>TYLER & SIMONE: SGT. MOFFETT FUNERAL</p>	<p>Sergeant Moffett was one of three soliders killed in a drone strike in Jordan last month... The Savannah native's family and friends said some of things they will remember most... is her ability to make friend with anyone she came in contact with-- The church sang and encouraged Sgt Moffet's family... to carry on her legacy in the community.... Savannah Mayor... Van Johnson and Georgia Governor-- Brian Kemp pledged to do the same...</p>	<p>00:00:26</p>
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<p>2/18/2024 11PM 12:01:00 AM WEEKEND</p>	<p>SIMONE & TYLER: SGT. MOFFETT FUNERAL</p>	<p>The community shared their fondest memories, words of encouragement for the family and vows to ensure her impact on this community and country continues on. SOT: The epitome of what family means-- She gave to her community a hero – She truly represents and embodies the best our nation has to offer. Sgt. Moffett's mother sharing stories and reading a poem titled "Only If" SOT "Only if and you look my way once more" VO Savannah's mayor van Johnson and governor Brian Kemp came out to show their respects... SOT VAN JOHNSON Immensely sad but immensely grateful this 23 year old did more in her life than some do in 80 years.. BRIAN KEMP To the entire Moffet family please know that all of Georgia mourns with you today. Marty and the girls and I will continue to pray for you all during this difficult time. VO The service giving her loved ones a chance to reminisce on Sgt. Moffett's support for those around her-- SOT DION WHITE Whatever it was she never left my side if I needed anything she was there if she needed anything I was there Breonna She saw something in me that I didnt see in myself.. Even before she raised her right hand to serve she was already a natural leader. She demonstrated that in so many ways in the community in her school anybody who has any kind of interaction with her says the same thing. Its geniune she was just a natural leader... Many in attendance offering the family the same support and strength they saw in Sgt. Moffett.. SOT "Only if my arms could hug you tight and never ... I will always love you honor you and cherish you."</p>	<p>00:01:31</p>
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		WRDW:	The other soldiers killed in the drone attack were also laid to rest. sergeant	
		OTHER	kennedy sanders' services were held in waycross today. the 24-year old's	
2/18/2024	11PM	SOLDIERS	public visitation was yesterday where governor kemp attended to honor her.	
12:01:00 AM	WEEKEND	LAI TO	the third soldier killed - staff sergeant william rivers - was buried on february	
		REST	13-th in carrolton,	00:00:20

		TYLER &	She's one of three soldiers killed in a drone strike in Jordan last month...	
		SIMONE:	The Savannah native's family and friends remember her ability to make	
		SGT.	friends with anyone. The church encouraged Sgt Moffett's family to carry	
2/19/2024	4:30AM	MOFFETT	on her legacy in the community. Mayor Johnson and Governor Kemp	
5:30:00 AM	DAYBREAK	FUNERAL	pledged to do the same.	00:00:18

		NATIONAL	Dawn, this award started to honor the more than one million military spouses	
		GUARD	nationwide. Spouses are recognized based on their role in supporting their	
2/27/2024		SPOUSE OF	fellow military community. Something This year's Georgia winner Brooke	
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			"We think giving back is part of our DNA, it's what we should be doing. We're	
			going to be advocating for wounded warriors because without the warriors, we	
		PARKERS	don't have the freedoms we have in America." Parker says it's all part of their	
2/29/2024	5AM	WOUNDED	charitable pillars--education... healthcare... hunger... and heroes. The	
5:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	WARRIOR	campaign will go on starting *tomorrow March 1st through July 4th.	00:00:22

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12:00:00 PM NOON
NAVY BAND Check it out - It's Navy Week and the U-S Navy Band performed at Plant
PLAYS AT Riverside during Morning Break on Tuesday highlighting a series of free
WATERFRO concerts that are happening this week. Navy Week brings service men and
NT women to the Hostess City and Coastal Empire as part of an outreach event. 00:00:17

3/15/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM
HAPP.
NOW.: "To honor our military- that means the world to me. I've always come to this
JASPER even when I wasn't living in Savannah, I would come back to this one. So we
GREEN always salute those guys and ladies, and we appreciate everything that they
CEREMONY do to protect our country." 00:00:15

3/15/2024
4:59:00 PM 5PM
HAPP.
NOW.: Today's ceremony will also honor the three Georgia soldiers killed overseas in
JASPER a drone strike in January, including Savannah native Sgt. Breonna Moffett.
GREEN Our Anna Stansfield will have a wrap up of everything tonight on THE News at
CEREMONY 6. 00:00:14

			They say the message behind the monument is to show the simultaneous global conflict of World War II happening on both sides of the Earth. It's dedicated to the 407,000 Americans that died during the war, 527 of those from the Savannah area. The group first proposed this marker to city back in January, but council had a few concerns about its relevancy and the length of the text. Today, the Veterans Council of Chatham County plans to show the council their amended version.	
3/28/2024	6AM	530 LIVE ANNA WORLD WAR TWO MARKER		00:00:28
5:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK			

			"When we came back from Vietnam, we were spit on, we were laughed at, we were called 'baby killers,' and that kind of hit and hurt home, but nowadays, we usually say to all the servicemembers who come back from a deployment or a combat zone, 'hey, welcome home, and congratulations for a job well-done.'" Liberty County Sheriff William Bowman gave the keynote address and thanked the group for their service.	
3/30/2024	11PM	LEWIS: VIETNAM VETERAN CEREMONY		00:00:24
11:01:00 PM	WEEKEND			

			The Liberty County chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America came together at the veterans memorial in Hinesville to remember those who served in the Vietnam War. Veterans were joined by their family and friends to commemorate their service and those who died in the war with speeches and a potluck. The president of the chapter says this goes a long way in making up for the hostile welcome some of them received when they returned from overseas.	
3/30/2024	11PM	LEWIS: VIETNAM VETERAN CEREMONY		00:00:26
11:01:00 PM	WEEKEND			

ISSUE 19: HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FAA REAUTHORIZATION FUNDING BILL, TSA SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIPS. SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TSA, NSA, FAA, ETC

2/9/2024
12:00:00 AM 11PM

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FUNDING
BILL

New at 11 - a key spending plan is moving forward on Capitol Hill - as a Senate Committee officially sends the F-A-A Reauthorization bill onto its next step. The plan is the main source of funding for programs and policies dealing with air travel. It's among a handful of bills Congress considers only every 5 years.

00:00:18

3/13/2024
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM

TSA
SPRING
BREAK
SAFETY
TIPS

"Not knowing the rules of whether something is allowed or not, or not giving themselves enough time to get to the process. A lot of people are just surprised of the sheer volume of people at airports, especially around these holiday weekends. So if you give yourself at least two hour to get through the process of checking in through security, you should have plenty of time to kind of relax on the backside." Howell adds to make sure any liquids you're bringing in a carry-on are less than 3.4 oz. Certain items that can't be placed in carry-ons, like oversized liquids, can be put in checked luggage.

00:00:35

**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**GOVERNMENT
JANUARY 1, 2024– MARCH 31, 2024**

FACE THE NATION

- 01/07/24 **Guests:** Representative Mike Johnson (R-LA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); former Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY), author, "Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning" (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3) Governor Ron DeSantis (R-FL), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (5)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)
size of the Republican majority dropping to 219 and dealing with the Democrats in the House / possible January 19th government shutdown; / if he has spoken to President Biden or Donald Trump / his recognition that Mr. Biden won the 2020 election and is president / his legal brief about the 2020 election, which claims the Constitution was violated / disagreements with former Representative Liz Cheney about the brief / dealing with President Biden after the election disagreements / impeaching President Biden while negotiating with him / House impeachment inquiry into President Biden
2) Topics include: her disagreement with Speaker Johnson's legal brief about the 2020 election and the House's role in a dispute / her book, which notes that the Speaker's brief was written by the former president's lawyers and was not factually sound / House Republican leadership's current support of former President Trump's re-election / use of the term "hostages" to describe January 6th jailed protestors by Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY) / Gov. Ron DeSantis's stand on reviewing the jailed January 6th protestors; Supreme Court review of Colorado's removal of Donald Trump from the ballot / D.C. Circuit Court reviewing Presidential immunity / cases against Mr. Trump; Defense Secretary Austin not reporting to the White House that he was hospitalized
3) a report from Des Moines, IA, ahead of the January 15th Iowa caucus, as the campaign themes of frontrunners Donald Trump and President Joe Biden emerge
- 01/14/24 **Guests:** Anthony Salvanto, CBS News Director of Elections and Surveys (1); Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (3); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (3); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (3); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Admiral John Kirby, coordinator for strategic communications, White House National Security Council (6); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (7); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (8)
Guest Interviewer: Tony Dokoupil, co-anchor, CBS MORNINGS (2)
1) Topics include: Republican Iowa Caucus / current state of polls / why Nikki Haley outpolls President Biden nationally / how voters feel about the economy / Donald Trump's lead with Republican voters / how Republican voters feel about Trump's statements about immigrants "poisoning the blood" of the country / issues of race in the election
2) an excerpt from yesterday's interview in Iowa, ahead of Monday's Iowa Caucuses
3) Topics include: upcoming Iowa Caucuses / support for Donald Trump, Ron

DeSantis and Nikki Haley / how Republicans see Mr. Trump's upcoming court cases / Mr. Trump's foreign policy / poll numbers / Biden campaign's thoughts on a possible rematch with former President Trump / what a second Trump presidency would look like

4) Topics include: what President Biden needs to do to improve his polling / the Senator's work with 'Americans Together' / his attempts to push Mr. Biden towards the political middle; concerns about the border; status of Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin / lack of communication between the Defense Department and the White House

7) Topics include: Donald Trump remaking the Republican Party / Mr. Trump's statements about immigrant; fentanyl crisis in America / solutions to fentanyl being brought into America

8) Topics include: importance of the New Hampshire primary for Nikki Haley / Donald Trump's chances against President Biden compared to Nikki Haley's chances; drug crisis in New Hampshire and the rest of the country / rural access to drug treatment programs

01/21/24

Guests: Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI) (2); Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R-AR) (3); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief elections and campaign correspondent (4)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

1) Topics include: poll results indicating she beats President Biden in the general election, but trails Donald Trump in the New Hampshire Primary / endorsements for Mr. Trump from Senators and House leaders / South Carolina primary; mental fitness and age of Mr. Trump and President Biden; chaos around former President Trump / national security issues / Mr. Trump's relationships with dictators; national abortion ban

2) Topics include: abortion on the ballot in every state / Michigan's abortion laws; affordable childcare / women's healthcare / Biden administration's healthcare issues; national polling for President Biden / polling for Mr. Biden in Michigan / voters believing Mr. Trump is better for the economy than President Biden; hopeful for a Biden endorsement from the UAW; pain and frustration expressed by Michigan's Arab community for the Biden's administration's stand on Israel and Gaza

3) Topics include: Arkansas' abortion laws / possible ballot initiatives in Arkansas concerning abortion; postpartum care limits for new Arkansas mothers and newborns; food assistance programs for children in Arkansas; ages of Mr. Trump and President Biden; Mr. Trump's ability to unite the country / border security under President Trump; possibly being vetted to be VP

4) Topics include: New Hampshire primary / Nikki Haley's chances with independent voters / voting against Donald Trump by voting for Nikki Haley; Republican establishment lining up behind Mr. Trump; changes in Governor Ron DeSantis's schedule and his campaign finances; Michigan swing voters on the economy, jobs and Israel-Gaza

5) a focus group discussion with Michigan voters, including Michigan State students and community activists, on the challenges Mr. Biden faces in a state that supported him in 2020, which include abortion rights and his stance on Gaza

01/28/24

Guests: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration reporter (1); Senator James Lankford (R-OK) (2); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (3); Shawn Faine, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (4); Amos Hochstein, White House envoy and top energy adviser (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6); Janti Soeripto, president and CEO, Save the Children (7)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (8)

2) Topics include: endorsing Mr. Trump for president / the former President's legal

issues

4) Topics include: what President Biden needs to do to win Michigan / how to keep the members of the UAW from voting for Trump / possible other union endorsements for president; potential impact of the change to electric vehicles on jobs; UAW's call for a ceasefire in Gaza / pushing the Biden administration on their stance on the situation in Gaza

02/11/24

Guests: Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bob Bauer, President Biden's personal attorney (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Mike Morell, former deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), CBS News senior national security contributor (4); Samantha Vinograd, former top counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security, CBS News contributor, senior adviser, Biden Institute, University of Delaware (4); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (5); James Brown, host, NFL TODAY, CBS News special correspondent (6)

1) Topics include: mental acuity tests for presidential candidates;

2) Topics include: special counsel's report about President Biden / Attorney General Merrick Garland / The Justice Department / President Biden's fitness to serve / Mr. Biden's performance during his testimony / possibility of the interview transcripts between the special counsel and the President being made public / Vice President Kamala Harris' accusation against the special counsel of being politically motivated / "...looking at this particular performance by this particular special counsel in this particular case" / the President's aides who packed the classified material / specific documents the President said he was retaining for posterity's sake

3) Topics include: Mr. Biden's mental and physical acuity to campaign

4) Topics include: similarities between the classified items in President Biden's possession and Donald Trump's possession / what does the special counsel's conclusions say to government employees tasked with handling classified information / should the President apologize for mishandling classified information

5) Topics include: his doubt that the Supreme Court will take up Donald Trump's claims of immunity / would a president face prosecution for political decisions / claims of unequal justice for Trump with the non-prosecution of Biden; Supreme Court's hearing of the Colorado ballot issue

02/18/24

Guests: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (3) Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) (4); Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian, author, "The Unfinished Presidency" (5); Amie Parnes, co-author, "Lucky – How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency" (5); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)

Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent

2) Topics include: impact of Mr. Trump's legal issues on his campaign / differences in the justice system's charges against Mr. Trump and President Biden's handling of classified documents; the role of the vice president in terms of election certification; negative remarks made about him by Nikki Haley's son; Donald Trump's disparaging comments about Nikki Haley

3) Topics include: Trump ruling in the civil fraud case and possible payment / upcoming New York hush money criminal trial / can a person run for President and be convicted of a crime / turmoil surrounding Fani Willis and the election fraud case in Georgia

4) Topics include: Biden reelection campaign concerns / the use of AI / turnout concerns in the upcoming election; Biden administration's support for Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu / Mr. Biden's relationship with Netanyahu; what President Biden has to do to secure the Black vote; the President's age in the upcoming

election

5) Topics include: the health of Jimmy Carter and his legacy; similarities between Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden's first term; Vice President Kamala Harris's role in the upcoming election; Dr. Jill Biden's role in the reelection campaign; President Biden's belief that he is the only person who can beat Mr. Trump / Mr. Biden's concern that the improving economy does not get the attention it deserves / news reports focus on his age; the changing Republican party from the party of Reagan to the party of Trump; how the Biden campaign deals with foreign conflicts; concerns about Robert Kennedy Jr. and Cornell West's campaigns; Mr. Trump's legal issues

02/25/24

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3) Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) (4); Representative Jared Golden (D-ME) (4); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (5); Fiona Hill, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

1) a report from Charleston, SC, on former President Donald Trump's big win, despite it being Nikki Haley's home state

3) Topics include: Democratic primary voters voting uncommitted to send a message to President Biden that they do not support his foreign policy; U.S. policy on keeping Gaza civilians safe / President not calling for a ceasefire; President Biden's decision not to meet with Michigan's Arab-American voters; if abortion rights concerns cancel out unhappiness with international affairs

4) Topics include: / possible amendments to the bill; possible government shutdown; prodding the new Speaker of the House into being more decisive

03/03/24

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (1); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (5); Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (6); Steven Dettelbach, director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (7)

1) a discussion of the latest CBS News/YouGov presidential poll: how perceptions of the economy are influencing poll numbers / concerns over protecting democracy and access to voting is not helping the Biden campaign bring in new voters / reproductive rights on the ballot / criticism of President Biden from Democratic voters / Biden campaign seeing a lack of motivation to vote

Donald Trump's mental fitness / former members of the Trump administration coming out against his candidacy

03/10/24

Guests: Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (1); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) (2); Representative Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader (D-NY) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4)

3) Topics include: latest CBS poll results regarding the presidential election / enthusiasm in the Black community for Biden / issue of the border in the election / should Democrats toughen their messaging on immigration; aid to Ukraine / possibly protecting Republican Speaker Mike Johnson should he face threats of an ouster from certain factions in the Republican Party over Ukraine

03/17/24

Guests: Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2), Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) (3); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (4); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, author, "Burn Book: A Tech Love Story" (5); Catherine Russell, executive director, UNICEF (6)

1) Topics include: former President Trump's remarks, referring to prisoners facing

charges for their role in January 6th, as “hostages” / should voters see the criminal charges against Mr. Trump before election day / his decision not to endorse the former President in 2024; Mr. Trump’s remarks about a “bloodbath for the country”; his stand on abortion and protections for IVF / the Republican Party is the pro-life party

4) Topics include: what will happen in the Senate with the House-passed TikTok bill / Biden campaign’s use of TikTok for his reelection / potential sale of TikTok before the 2024 election / how the government stops TikTok if it is not sold / lack of guardrails for social media companies / Mr. Trump’s changing views on TikTok

5) Topics include: her belief that the Senate will water down the House’s TikTok bill / her use of TikTok on a burner phone / TikTok’s worth without the algorithm; Elon Musk’s thoughts on censorship

03/24/24

Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign news correspondent (1); Representative Michael McCaul, chair, House Foreign Affairs Committee (2); Kevin McCarthy, former speaker, House of Representatives (R-CA) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (4); Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA) (5); Jason Owens, chief, U.S. Border Patrol (6); Samantha Vinograd, CBS News contributor, former counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (8)

Guest Reporter: Camilo Montoya-Galvez, CBS News immigration and politics reporter (6) (7)

3) Topics include: chaos caused by departures in the House Republican caucus / challenge to the Speaker of the House keeping his position; Representative Matt Gaetz’ issues with him over a House ethics investigation; lack of a timeline for votes funding Ukraine, Israel and the border; small Republican majority in the House / his future in the Republican Party

4) Topics include: former President Trump’s ability to pay his bond in his fraud case / political ramifications for Mr. Trump’s financial issues in the upcoming election

5) Topics include: Mr. Trump’s lead in the Georgia polls / disconnect between politicians and voters on voting rights, police reform and defending democracy / lack of action on these issues; humanitarian crisis in Gaza being an issue with Black voters / military support for Israel in the future

03/31/24

Guests: Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation (1); Brandon Scott, mayor (D - Baltimore, MD) (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Intelligence Committee (3); Bernardo Arevalo, president of Guatemala (4); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Programme (6); Archbishop of Washington Wilton Cardinal Gregory (7); Episcopal Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (7)

Guest Moderator: Ed O’Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

3) Topics include: possible upcoming vote for Ukraine funding / negotiations to get a bipartisan bill passed / will the bill pass before the next Congressional break in late April / damage done to Ukraine by delaying the vote / disagreement over types of arms sent to Ukraine / speed to get the vote done; Congressional retirements with five members leaving in the middle of their terms; is it appropriate for Mr. Trump to sell bibles

6) Topics include: crisis; the death of Senator Joe Lieberman

7) Topics include: counseling parishioners during tough times / hard for people to see the good in world / spiritual life four-years since the lockdown; role and level of Christianity in politics and the presidential election; conversations between the Pope and President Biden

60 Minutes

02/18/24

“Fake Electors” – a report on Wisconsin’s fake presidential electors following President Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election. As criminal charges mount against fake electors in Georgia, Michigan and Nevada, Wisconsin’s GOP electors now allege they were duped by the Trump campaign’s attempts to overturn the election based on unfounded allegations of voter fraud. Includes interviews with Andrew Hitt, an attorney and former Wisconsin Republican Party chairman; Jack Smith, Special Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice; and Alesha Guenther, who delivered the fake elector documents to Washington. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Sarah Koch)

03/24/24

60 MINUTES (7:30 – 8:30p)

“The Right to be Wrong” – a report on efforts by social media companies to stop the spread of misinformation. While some claim this constitutes censorship, the Supreme Court is now deciding on whether social media platforms have the right to edit or remove misleading user posts. Includes interviews with Kate Starbird, professor at the University of Washington and leader of a misinformation research group created ahead of the 2020 election; Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; Katie Harbath, former Facebook employee; and Darrell West, senior fellow of technology innovation at the Brookings Institution. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

“AMLO” – an interview with President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador from Mexico City. In the final stretch of his term, he discusses the fentanyl crisis in the U.S., Mexico’s economic growth, his ideas on immigration, and drug cartels. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis)

“Law Of The Sea” – a report on the race to extract minerals used in modern electronics from the seabed of the Eastern Pacific. While China is expected to lead the forefront, the United States is currently blocked by a group of Republican senators who refuse to ratify the UN’s Law of the Sea, asserting the proposed treaty dividing the international ocean floor would undermine American power. Includes interviews with John Bellinger, partner at the D.C. law firm Arnold & Porter; John Negroponte, one of a number of senior Republicans urging the Senate to reconsider and ratify the treaty; Steven Groves, senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation and special counsel in Donald Trump’s White House; and Thomas Shugart, former U.S. Navy submarine warfare officer and senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security. (See also: “Into The Deep”, OAD: 11/17/19) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

The Last Minute – an update to “Operation Lone Star”, OAD: 03/03/24. (C: Cecilia Vega)

03/31/24

60 MINUTES (7:42 – 8:42p)

“Targeting Americans” – a report on Havana Syndrome. The complex medical condition has been reported by North American government officials primarily overseas. After a five-year investigation into possible attacks on American government employees, an FBI official says she was targeted in the United States and may have potential evidence of Russian involvement. Includes interviews with Carrie, FBI agent working in counterintelligence who says she experienced Havana Syndrome; Dr. David Relman, microbiologist at the Stanford University School of Medicine; Christo Grozev, journalist known for unmasking Russian plots; Mark Zaid, Carrie’s attorney; Greg Edgreen, retired Army lieutenant colonel who led the Pentagon’s investigation into Havana Syndrome for the Defense Intelligence Agency; and the unnamed wife of a Justice Department official, a nurse with a Ph.D. in anesthesiology who says she experienced Havana Syndrome. (For other segments on Havana Syndrome, see also: “Targeting Americans”, OAD: 03/17/19,

1st Rebroadcast: 09/01/19, 2nd Rebroadcast: 06/27/21; and “Targeting Americans”, OAD: 02/20/22, Rebroadcast: 06/26/22) (C: Scott Pelley – Producers for Part I: Oriana Zill de Granados, Michael Rey. Producers for Part II: Michael Rey, Oriana Zill de Granados) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

CBS NEWS SPECIAL BROADCASTS

On **Monday, January 15**, a CBS News Special Report (Iowa Caucus) aired for 1:03 from 8:29:57-8:31pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Tuesday, January 23**, a CBS News Special Report (New Hampshire Primary) aired for 1:06 from 8:21:42-8:22:48pm cnyt, live to all stations.

03/05/24

CBS NEWS: AMERICA DECIDES: CAMPAIGN '24: SUPER TUESDAY (10:00 – 11:00p) live coverage of the results of the Democratic and Republican presidential primaries and caucuses. Democrats and Republicans held primaries in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia; Democrats held a primary in Utah; Republicans held caucuses in Alaska and Utah; and Democrats held caucuses in the U.S. territory of American Samoa. For the Republicans, CBS News projects that Donald Trump has won the Republican primaries in eleven states so far: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia; Vermont is “likely” going to be a win for Nikki Haley. CBS News also projects that President Biden has won every state that has closed so far: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Virginia. Also includes: (1) a live report from Mar-a-Lago; (2) live footage (video only) of former President Trump speaking at Mar-a-Lago; (3) reports from multiple states, focusing on the races and key issues in North Carolina, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas and California; (4) analysis of the key issues on voters’ minds: immigration, the economy and reproductive rights; (5) a discussion of the four criminal trials Mr. Trump will face, including the Supreme Court’s decision to hear arguments about presidential immunity; and (6) a live report from Mar-a-Lago, recapping Mr. Trump’s speech to supporters (includes taped footage [no audio] of him speaking from moments ago). CORRESPONDENTS: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, CBS News Washington); John Dickerson (CBS News Washington); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa (CBS News Washington); Ed O’Keefe (CBS News Washington); Caitlin Huey-Burns (Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, FL); and Jo Ling Kent (CBS News Los Angeles). CONSULTANTS: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News director of elections and surveys (via remote); Joel Payne, Democratic strategist (via remote); and Leslie Sanchez, Republican strategist. REPORTERS/ANALYSTS: Taurean Small, CBS News political campaign reporter (Charlotte, NC); John Keller, political analyst, WBZ-TV News (Boston, MA); Caroline Cummings, reporter, WCCO-TV (Minneapolis, MN); Jack Fink, political reporter, KTVT-TV (Dallas, TX); and Gary Dietrich, political analyst, KOVR-TV (Sacramento, CA).

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

03/07/24

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: STATE OF THE UNION AND THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE (9:00 – 11:17p) – live coverage of President Joe Biden’s State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Includes: (1) President Biden’s address. Preceded and followed by Correspondents’ commentary and analysis; and (2) the Republican response by Senator Katie Britt (R-AL), from the Britt family kitchen in Montgomery, AL. Preceded and followed by Correspondents’ commentary and analysis. Correspondents: Norah O’Donnell (anchor, CBS News Washington); Ed O’Keefe (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa (CBS News Washington); Margaret Brennan (CBS News Washington); Nancy Cordes (CBS News Washington); Jo Ling Kent (CBS News Washington); Scott MacFarlane (from inside the House Chamber); Major Garrett (Capitol Hill); Nikole Killion (U.S. Capitol); Weijia Jiang (White House); and John Dickerson (New York). Contributors: (voice of) Ashley Etienne, CBS News political contributor; and (voice of) Terry Sullivan, CBS News political contributor.

On Tuesday, February 6, a CBS News Special Report aired for 10:15 from 10:10:29-10:20:44am cnyt (Trump denied immunity by Appeals Court) and for 7:51 from 1:37:20-1:45:11pm cnyt (verdict in the Crumbley trial), live to all stations.

On Thursday, February 8, a CBS News Special Report (Justice Department releases the results of the investigation into the Biden documents) aired for 17:32 from 2:55:56-3:13:28pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Friday, February 16, a CBS News Special Report (Trump Civil Case) aired for 33:53 from 3:11:15-3:45:08pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Saturday, February 24, a CBS News Special Report (South Carolina Primary) aired for 1:50 from 7:02:02-7:03:52pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Wednesday, February 28, a CBS News Special Report (Supreme Court/Trump Immunity) aired for 9:26 from 5:02:39-5:12:05pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Monday, March 4, a CBS News Special Report (Trump Supreme Court Ruling) aired for 7:41 from 10:04:00-10:11:41am cnyt, live to all stations.

On Friday, March 22, a CBS News Special Report (Kate Middleton Cancer Announcement) aired for 1:52 from 2:00:48-2:02:40pm cnyt, live to all stations.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 20: ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON FEDERAL, LOCAL, STATE. NEW LAWS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS, GA MEDICAL BILL, BIGGER THAN ROE'S WOMENS MARCH, ANTISEMITISM BILL, SC AND GA PRIMARY DATES HUD SECRETARY VISIT, SC PARKS RULES, VP HARRIS VISITS SAVANNAH, GA UNPERMITTED EVENTS BILL PASSES, MOMS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE HB 161, GOV. KEMP SIGNS ANTI-SEMITISM BILL, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, STATE BUDGET, GOV. KEMP VISITS GA PORTS AND HIS TAKE ON BALTIMORE BRIDGE COLLAPSE, GA EPA WATER BILL PASSES.
SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, CBS, CONGRESS, SENATE GOV. KEMP, GOV. MCMASTER, BUDDY CARTER, ETC**

It's not uncommon for people to sign up and forget about their subscription so this law requires the companies to now notify you before they take those payments out. In the past, it was not required by law to notify after a free trial was up or subscriptions began to automatically renew. Now under this bill not only do they have to notify you before the money is taken out they are also requiring a simplified cancellation process. In 2022 C+R research surveyed just how much Americans think they spend on subscriptions vs how much they spend on them. That study said that the average price per month that people are spending is 210 dollars, while 42% of those people didn't know they were paying for them. This Bill is looking to cut down on that and provide much more transparency. The second problem the bill addresses 3rd party delivery services like Uber Eats, doordash, and Postmates. This bill it is prohibits the ability to add restaurants to their services or even use the restaurant's likeness without written permission from the restaurants.

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vo: georgia is one of ten states that started their own HEALTHcare program- which includes a work requirement - OPTING OUT OF THE AFFORDIBLE CARE ACT. ITS CALLED THE The Georgia Pathways Program AND IT launched in July- IF YOU HAVENT HEARD OF IT, YOURE NOT ALONE SIGNUPS ARE WAY UNDER WHAT THE GOVERNER ESTIMATED. OUT OF 300 THOUSAND ELIGIBLE PEOPLE - ONLY 25 THOUSAND GEORGIANS SIGNED UP LEAVING A GAP IN STATE HEALTH CARE. Sot: we should be embarrassed about that. in reality its a nightmare for providers and patients.... Vo: doctor karen kinsell is the only doctor in rural clay county- serving a county of 3 thousand people near the georgia border between columbus and albany- she is one of several doctors who testified to democrat state lawmakers- showing her support for Medicaid expansion- sot: These are real people you are kicking off of coverage- Abby: the georgia budget and policy institute estimates more than 250 thousand georgians are in Thealthcare coverage gap- meaning they make too little to buy health insurance and don't qualify for the states medicaid program. They estimate expanding medicaid would make the state eligible for an estimated one billion dollars from the federal government- sot: we are going to leave no stone unturned when it comes to improving healthcare options in georgia vo:Speaker of the house Jon Burns says republicans are willing to listen to a proposal sot: there is no discussion thehouse cant have. we are firmly commttited to governor kemp and his pathways program, thats a viable option we have, its working and it will continue to work but we want to be sure we are looking at every option and working with the governor vo: demorcrats have not drafted legislation yet- they still face more hurdles- holding committee meetings, majority support in the house and the senate, and a signature from Governor Brian Kemp- in Atlanta, I'm

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"This fight right now is in state legislature such as Georgia and it's so important that we have folks in elected office who can speak to the lived experience of women." Saturday's march is one of many happening across the country as the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade approaches. Tonight on The News at 7, we'll tell you how Chatham County's top prosecutor is speaking out about state legislation.

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The marchers are advocating for reproductive rights ahead of the 2024 elections. The march started at the park and ended at city hall. Some local organizations and state leaders came out to show their support today. Georgia state representative Anne Allen Westbrook says she's advocating in every way possible.

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Dozens of people gathered in Forsyth Park for the Bigger than Roe Women's march. Advocating for women's reproductive rights ahead of 2024 elections. VO: A call to action... all over the country... by the National Women's March. Reaching Savannah where they marched all the way to city hall today. SOT: It's humbling to be apart of this movement that's been going on for so long and to walk next to women who have been fighting this fight for 50 years." VO: A movement that has been going on for more than 50 years... and a movement that hits home for many. SOT: "I was going towards the end on the first semester before I started feeling some sort of... anything happening with my body. So, because I was not ready, I was not mature enough mentally to have a child... and also physical issues, medical issues.. I needed to have an abortion. So I do think of the people here today, we do know of people here in the community, this has adversely affected." VO: City and state leaders...coming out today...and using their platforms to speak out. SOT: "My job is to make sure that murderers, rapists, kidnappers, armed robbers, gag actors... those people.. are put behind bars and go to jail. Doctors, women who make healthcare choices... do not belong in the criminal justice system." SOT: "This fight right now is in state legislature such as Georgia and it's so important that we have folks in elected office who can speak to the lived experience of women." VO: The anniversary of Roe v. Wade is January 22nd -- marking 51 years since the decision. In Savannah.. Jasmine Butler... WTOC News.

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Early voting in the democratic race starts on Monday and runs through Friday, February 2nd. There are 3 names on the ballot. President Joe Biden, Minnesota Congressman Dean Phillips, and author Marianne Williamson. Primary day for the Democrats is February 3rd.

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"Of course - representing the entire coast of Georgia - more than a hundred miles of pristine coastline and our environment is extremely important to us. That's why I'm extremely excited about this position and extremely excited to have a gavel in my hand.

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Governor Newsom made his stop at Sun City Hilton Head in Bluffton today to talk to Lowcountry voters on behalf of the Biden campaign before the upcoming primary. VO: Newsom... welcomed by a full-capacity crowd... spoke about what his party believes is at stake during this election, as well as what the Biden administration has achieved. The main theme of today's event was the 'we go first' slogan, referring to the democratic primary being the party's first in the country. Newsom answered questions from South Carolina Democrats, focusing on what independents need to know... as well as gun control and reproductive rights. The visiting governor also spoke to press about his views on former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley's campaign, saying that he believes it will be difficult for her to win the nomination, but she is welcome to the competition. SOT: "As a democrat, I kind of like that fact that she's in this race. Because now it's kind of two against one. You've got Biden hitting Trump as the presumptive nominee, and you've got Haley amplifying a lot of the points that the Biden campaign's making. So the longer she stays in, the better it is, as a humble democrat. So from that perspective, lets hope it continues for many, many months." Looklive Tag: You can follow all things campaigns on the election center on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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In his State of the State address, Gov. Henry McMaster reiterated some calls he's been making to the General Assembly – like raising teachers' starting pay ... giving the governor the power to appoint judges... and putting more money into state reserves. But some of his most pointed remarks of the evening -- were directed toward unions – that may be looking toward South Carolina as new grounds for growth. "our prosperity – and that of generations of South Carolinians to come – face a clear and present danger from the big labor unions." The governor's words come amid a fight that's gone all the way to the U-S Supreme Court – over union activity at the Port of Charleston. "We will fight. All the way to the gates of hell. And we will win." McMaster welcomed to the State House the leaders of several companies that have pledged in the last year to invest billions of dollars and create thousands of jobs at new facilities in South Carolina. But with that growth in industry – and in population – the governor also acknowledged a concern shared by other state leaders – that South Carolina's power-generation capacity is not enough. "We know that we will need more. The questions are: how much power will South Carolina need? And how will it be produced and transmitted? The governor renewed his major spending requests for lawmakers in the next budget – including a proposal to put half-a-billion dollars toward repairing and replacing aging bridges. "Continued big, bold, and transformative investments are imperative." McMaster is also calling on lawmakers to enact a major restructuring in how *millions of South Carolinians access health services – by consolidating several state agencies – into one. A recent study found the state's health- and human-service structure – is the most fragmented in the country – and the governor says – it's hurting South Carolinians. "Too often they fall through the cracks of a system that does not coordinate, communicate or collaborate. That is not acceptable in our state, ladies and gentlemen." And McMaster yet again echoed an entreaty he's been making to the legislature for well over a year now: to enact tougher penalties for people who illegally carry guns – like those with stolen guns ... or felons who carry weapons despite being legally barred from doing so. "And during this last year, it has become an almost daily occurrence for an innocent South Carolinians to be shot or shot at by a career criminal who should be behind bars instead of roaming our streets with virtual impunity." After the governor's remarks – Representative Roger Kirby of Florence County delivered Democrats' rebuttal – decrying the negative outcomes he says have resulted in South Carolina from, quote, "one-party rule without accountability." "We respect and appreciate our Governor. Yet we face many daunting challenges which will require Democrats and Republicans working with unity of purpose. We can return to a time when ideas were debated, not dictated. But we need your help." In closing his remarks – the governor delivered a similar call for civility and unity. "And let us set our State on a course that will provide the opportunity for prosperity, success, and happiness for generations of South Carolinians."

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That new policy from the Beaufort County Passive Parks Department states that any business big or small who wishes to use parks like the one I'm standing in for things like tours or educational programs will have to give ten days' notice as well as pay a fee for anywhere from fifty to two-hundred dollars. VO: Jennifer Clementoni and her husband run Birding Beaufort, a bird watching tour company that showcases the birds of the Lowcountry. They run tours around Beaufort and the sea islands... often using a couple of the county's passive parks. She told me the new policy threatens her business. SOT: "Ten days' notice cuts into probably fifty percent of our tours." The passive parks director told me the changes came about because people were concerned that activities taking place on passive parks were limiting public access. She said the ten days' notice gives park employees the proper amount of time to schedule the various businesses in the area. SOT: "Some businesses may have things come up last minute, but other businesses don't and because of the large number of requests that we get for use of these properties, we need to be able to schedule those appropriately." VO: With the new rule, Clementoni says it'll be hard to break even since people tend to book less than ten business days before tours, and the cost of a tour is around 35 dollars. SOT: "The thought that some of us are having that we may have to close up shop because this impacts us so greatly... it's devastating when you put your heart and soul into a small business." VO: Nagid explained that the department ran the numbers and found that on a ten-person tour for 25 dollars a person, the fee is around 6%. SOT: "There's an opportunity to reevaluate one's business plan when it comes to how much is being charged." VO: Nagid told me that businesses can explore other opportunities with parks outside of the passive park system, something that Clementoni told me she is already doing. In the meantime, citizens are free to go to whichever park they chose. You can find a list of passive parks on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort County, WTOC news.

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SAVANNA "We've got their back, and we hope that they have ours too, because in a natural position on Georgia's
H CITY coast, we're facing environmental threats every day and every tropical season. So it's so important to stand
COUNCIL in solidarity with other municipalities and counties that are out there to give them a stronger voice and a
OKEFENO boost, and this is a natural wonder for our state, so it's so important for us to take a stand, especially when
KEE RES it could be out of sight, out of mind when it's so far away."

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DAY: GSU and same here at the state capitol. Things like transportation, things like housing and childcare, all these
DENTAL issues that we all deal with, the decisions that are made here in the budget and then in bills, affect our
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the state's legal code. That will allow prosecutors to tack on antisemitism charges to crimes committed
against Jewish people or places. WTOC will have more from under the Gold Dome on the signing coming
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Ryan Looklive (or vo because it is 5 seconds long): With the upcoming Democratic and Republican Primaries you may want to know where and when to vote. In Beaufort County, there has been a change. Precincts that normally vote at the Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park will have to vote at First Zion Missionary Baptist Church for the Democratic Primary this Saturday. Future elections will return to the Rotary Center. Other changes to voting locations will only affect Bluffton's Special Election on the 13th. You can find details of changes and more info about the primaries on WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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Continuing coverage -- Georgia's governor putting pen to paper on a change to state law. Today -- Governor Brian Kemp signed a bill that creates a legal definition for antisemitism in the state's legal code. That will allow prosecutors to tack on antisemitism charges to crimes committed against Jewish people or places. WTOC has been following this legislation for months. For more on the bill and a look at our past coverage, head to our website and look for this story on the homepage.

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Happening now - Prosecutors in Georgia can now tack on antisemitism charges for crimes committed against Jewish people or places. WTOC has been following this legislation for months. Governor Brian Kemp signed the bill on Wednesday -creating a legal definition for antisemitism in the state's legal code.. For more on the bill and a look at our past coverage, head to our website and look for this story on the homepage.

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2/1/2024 5:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K SBORO MAYOR LEAGUE OF CITIES The announcement was made by N-L-C President Mayor-Elect David Sander. McCollar was elected to a one-year term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The city says that will involve working with those communities to develop resources and programs. The goal is to build ones that can be replicated across the country. 00:00:22

2/2/2024 12:00:00 AM 11PM KAMALA HARRIS TO SAVANNA H New at 11 - Mayor Van Johnson saying the city is excited to welcome the V-P, writing in part, "Vice President Harris has shown her passion for Georgia, visiting our state often, and we are proud she's chosen Savannah as she travels the country to talk about major issues the Biden-Harris administration is focused on." 00:00:19

2/2/2024 5:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREA K KAMALA HARRIS TO SAVANNA H Mayor Johnson says the city is excited to welcome the V-P. He put out a statement -- saying the "Vice President Harris has shown her passion for Georgia, visiting our state often, and we are proud she's chosen Savannah as she travels the country to talk about major issues the Biden-Harris administration is focused on." 00:00:19

2/2/2024 6:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K KAMALA HARRIS TO SAVANNA H Mayor Johnson put out this statement -- expressing excitement to welcome the Vice President. This will be the third stop on the VP's nationwide "Fight for Reproductive Freedoms" tour and her 11th visit to the state since being sworn in. 00:00:14

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2/4/2024	8AM	VOTING		That is a voter turnout of about 3.87%. We caught up with Beaufort County's elections director who says	
9:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	PRES		after they certify those numbers... focus shifts to the Republican primary that's right around the corner... but	
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2/5/2024	4:30AM	VOTING		"But you can only participate in one... so if you voted in the Democratic primary you're not eligible to vote in	
5:30:00 AM	DAYBREA	PRES		the Republican primary on the 24th." In South Carolina... you don't have to be associated or sign up as	
	K	PRIMARY		a Republican in order to vote in the state Republican presidential primary. Early voting for that election	00:00:21
				starts next Monday, February 12th.	

				More details tonight on Vice President Kamala Harris' visit to Savannah. WTOC has learned Harris will be	
2/6/2024		VP		speaking from the Savannah Civic Center... as she brings a tour focused on Abortion policies to Georgia.	
12:00:00 AM	11PM	HARRIS		Savannah is the third stop on the nationwide tour called "Fight for Reproductive Freedoms." WTOC will be	
		VISIT		there to cover the V-P's 11th trip to the Peach State. Look for LIVE coverage starting tomorrow at 9 a-m on	00:00:26
				Morning Break.	

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2/6/2024	6AM	KAMALA		"We know that we'll have an opportunity to get close. But between our police department, the local	
6:59:00 AM	DAYBREA	HARRIS		government, secret service, they're doing a lot of work to make sure that everything is safe, everything	
	K	VISITS		around the area that she'll be, they'll let us know. And we'll have an opportunity to say a couple of things to	
		TODAY		her.	00:00:18

			530 SHEA VP KAMALA HARRIS VISITS TODAY	I spoke with Dr. Estella Shabazz, who represents the 5th district, and she actually recalled when then-Vice President Biden visited the Georgia Ports in 2013. She says that that was a great experience- and that she and council are expecting nothing less today when Vice President Harris visits. Dr. Shabazz says that she believes the Vice President's visit to Savannah is a testament to the work that's being put in in this area.	00:00:25
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			530 SHEA VP KAMALA HARRIS VISITS TODAY	This is a huge moment for Savannah. We continue to impress and attract the highest level federal officers and officials, and this is a testament to the work that our Mayor, Mayor Van Johnson, along with our city council, along with Team Savannah are doing on the ground here to make our city the best it can be. We share a desire with the Vice President	00:00:21
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			5AM SHEA VP KAMALA HARRIS VISITS TODAY	This will be the Vice President's 11th visit to Georgia since taking office in 2021- and she'll be visiting to discuss abortion bans in the state. Detric Leggett, a City of Savannah Alderman, says that he's excited for Vice President Harris' visit, saying that everyone is doing their part to make sure it goes smoothly.	00:00:19
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			VP HARRIS SAVANNAH VISIT	"And that includes the freedom to make decisions about ones own body and not have the government telling people what to do." Georgia's abortion ban still faces legal challenges. The recent ruling from the state supreme court sends the case back to Fulton County Superior Court. We're still waiting to see what that court will decide.	00:00:20
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2/6/2024 4:00:00 PM 3PM VP HARRIS SAVANNA H VISIT Today, she talked about different topics including abortion bans in the state. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed the state's heartbeat bill into law back in 20-19. It was blocked from taking effect for a few years after it was challenged. After going through the legal system, the Georgia Supreme Court ruled last October the law would go into effect. The law bans most abortions after 6 weeks of pregnancy--with limited exceptions. During her speech today, Vice President Harris said in America, Freedom is not to be given or to be bestowed, but that it is our right. 00:00:34

2/6/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM FLYNN: VP HARRIS SAVANNA H REACTIO N "They have to leave their family and friends who might be with them in this moment to give them comfort and care to travel to a state that protects reproductive freedom. There is only one state in the south without an abortion ban: The State of Virginia. In the entire south, one – a six hour drive from here in Savannah." 00:00:18

2/6/2024 5:00:00 PM 4PM VP HARRIS IN SAVANNA H As we head to break - some new video into the WTOC Newsroom from the Vice President's visit. On her way out of town - Kamala Harris made a surprise stop at a local business. WTOC had the only camera in the room as she stopped at Diaspora Market...just before heading back to the airport and leaving for Washington D-C. We'll have more from the stop in Savannah in just a few minutes. 00:00:22

2/6/2024 5:29:00 PM 4:30PM NUTS & BOLTS: AFTER ROE (Vice President Kamala Harris): " to truly protect reproductive freedom, we must restore the protections of Roe what the United States Supreme Court took away in place but we must have a majority in the United States Congress, who simply agree that the government should not be making those personal decisions for people" 00:00:17

2/6/2024 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm MADDIE IN THE FIELD HARRIS **Protester yelling...** VP Kamala Harris: " Thank you thank you thank you are, and we know in a healthy democracy, we value the freedom of all people to be heard and but right now we are talking about a different issue. And that is the issue of what is happening to the women and people of America as a result of the Dobb's decision." 00:00:19

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HARRIS LEAVING SAV New video just into the WTOC newsroom showing the Vice President boarding her plane to head back to Washington D-C. If you're looking for more of our comprehensive team coverage - every angle we've covered so far is posted right now in the WTOC news app and on WTOC dot com. 00:00:16

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HARRIS VISIT NUTS & BOLTS SOT (Vice President Kamala Harris): I have met women who have had miscarriages in toilets because they were refused care. I'm a woman who went to an emergency room during a miscarriage, and was turned away repeatedly, because the doctors they were afraid they might be put in jail for helping her, and it was only at the point that she developed sepsis. Does she receive care?" 00:00:20

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HARRIS SUPPORT ERS SOT: "It was the tone of her speech, the sort of personal tone about the importance of these issues and the fact that she and President Biden are support reproductive freedom and will work for it. I just feel there's someone there who's worried about the same thing I'm worried about." "It's important because it impacts people who look like us. It impacts people who are of childbearing age. It impacts somebody that you know. Somebody that you love could be affected by these laws. So it's really important that we stand up and bring our bodies here." 00:00:32

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HARRIS SAVANNA H VISIT WRAP UP "to truly protect reproductive freedom, we must restore the protections of Roe what the United States Supreme Court took away in place." Vice President Kamala Harris made Savannah the third stop on her "Fight For Reproductive Freedom's Tour". The Hostess City visit comes as the she travels the nation ...bringing attention to abortion bans and her fight for women's reproductive justice. she says this is not a partisan issue and said the nation is now facing an urgent healthcare crisis. "I have met women who have had miscarriages in toilets because they were refused care. I'm a woman who went to an emergency room during a miscarriage, and was turned away repeatedly, because the doctors they were afraid they might be put in jail for helping her, and it was only at the point that she developed sepsis. Does she receive care?"" Vice president Harris told her audience if congress passes a national abortion ban, President Biden will veto it. This - as Georgia's own ban faces legal challenges. Back in October - a ruling by the Georgia supreme court put the state's ban back in place while the court case against it plays out in Fulton County Superior Court. In the meantime - it is illegal to get an abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be detected. That's usually around six-weeks of pregnancy. Georgia governor Brian Kemp weighed in on critiques of Georgia's law today, writing in a statement to WTOC, "Georgia is proud of its record on protecting the life of the most vulnerable among us." WTOC also heard from the people who came out to hear the vice president speak, telling us this is a far-reaching issue. "It's important because it impacts people who look like us. It impacts people who are of childbearing age. It impacts somebody that you know. Somebody that you love could be affected by these laws. So it's really important that we stand up and bring our bodies here." 00:01:50

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		VIRTUAL	((Senator Jon Ossoff)) SOT: There are some existing programs to help, but it's defined so narrowly that	
		VA	many veterans of rural Georgia can't take advantage of those opportunities. This expands the definition of	
2/8/2024		APPOINT	strengthening programs that provide veterans in rural areas with transportation to VA healthcare."	
12:00:00 AM	11PM	MENTS	(DAWN***) This bill is backed up by Veteran organizations like Veterans of Foreign Wars , the American	
		BILL	Legion, and Disabled American Veterans.	00:00:25

		BO:	Mike Roman - a former Trump aide - is alledging Fulton County d-a fani willis and special prosecutor	
		TRUMP	nathan wade aren't being truthful about the details of their now public romantic relationship. according to	
		CO DEF.	new court filing yesterday-- an attorney for Roman plans to call on wade's former law partner and friend as	
		ACCUSES	a witness at a hearing next week. That person's name is Terrance bradley, and they are expected to refute	
	7AM	FULTON	the claims of willis and wade's personal relationship starting after she appointed him in late 20-21. The	
2/11/2024	DAYBREA	DA OF	defense attorney argues that willis knew the relationship would disqualify her. Willis has previously denied	
8:00:00 AM	K SUNDAY	LYING	any wrongdoing. The hearing is scheduled for february 15th.	00:00:42

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		CHATHAM	"The decisions that are made here impact us every day. Same as city council, same as county commission,	
	TUESDAY	DAY: GSU	and same here at the state capitol. Things like transportation, things like housing and childcare, all these	
2/12/2024	MT	DENTAL	issues that we all deal with, the decisions that are made here in the budget and then in bills, affect our	
6:29:00 PM	PRACTICE	SCHOOL	everyday lives."	00:00:20

			New video out of Atlanta shows Georgia's governor putting pen to paper on a change to state law. Less	
		KEMP	than two hours ago - Governor Brian Kemp signed a bill that creates a legal definition for antisemitism in	
	TUESDAY	SIGNS	the state's legal code. That will allow prosecutors to tack on antisemitism charges to crimes committed	
2/12/2024	MT	ANTISEMI	against Jewish people or places. WTOC will have more from under the Gold Dome on the signing coming	
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Nikki Haley's bus stop in Bluffton just one stop on the South Carolina campaign trail today as early voting in the republican primary is underway. Speaking about early voting... Haley emphasized the need to cast your ballot in the primary. "If they want to make a difference, this is the way to do it. Vote early, or vote on February 24th." Haley spoke about the usual topics of her campaign, but also had some responses to Donald Trump's comments encouraging Russia to do as they please with NATO countries that don't pay their dues. She also responded to his comments about her husband, who is currently deployed in the US military. "He's siding with someone who has literally tried to defeat the United States for years." Haley was introduced by Bluffton's former mayor Lisa Sulka. Sulka read off some of her favorite quotes from Haley, then spoke about the former Governor's role in securing sponsorship for the Heritage Golf Tournament. "She is the reason that 13 years later, we are all going to celebrate the RBC Heritage of golf presented by Boeing." Attendees told me they planned to head to the polls after the event and cast their vote for Haley. "I think her message has been growing and I feel good about her, in fact, I've been feeling better and better about her. This is the second event here in Bluffton I've gone to see her, and her message is just fantastic, it's what America needs." You can follow the Republican Primary on the election center of our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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UPDATE

a new resolution that would let georgia voters to make the final call -- just passed a senate committee. 80-percent of the revenue from sports betting would go to education -- like the hope scholarship. the next step is a vote on the senate floor.

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HALEY:
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Haley: "When you hear Donald Trump say in South Carolina a week ago that he would encourage Putin to invade our allies if they weren't pulling their weight, that's bone chilling because all he did in that one moment was empower Putin. And all he did in that moment was he sided with a guy that kills his political opponents. He sided with a thug that arrests American journalists and holds them hostage and he sided with a guy who wanted to make a point to the Russian people. 'Don't challenge me in the next election or this will happen to you too.'"

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GA EARLY PRIMARY VOTING BEINGS A couple more things for Chatham County voters to keep in mind today - Because it's President's Day - the county only has one early voting location open today. That's the main annex on Eisenhower. All other early voting locations will open for the first time the following day. Early voting ends March 8th. Election Day is March 12th.

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WCSC: PRESIDENTS DAY VOTING Polling places are closed today in honor of President's Day. Early voting will start again tomorrow and run through Thursday. Election Day itself is this Saturday the 24th. We will be covering those election results. Be sure to stick with us for the latest updates.

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GA UNPERMITTED EVENT BILL PASSES The Georgia Senate passed Bill 443 on Thursday. That's the plan sponsored by local State Senators Ben Watson, Derek Mallow, Billy Hickman and Mike Hodges. It would allow local governments to sue promoters and organizers when public dollars work to clean up after unpermitted events. General Assembly records show that bill is now onto it's first reading in the House.

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GA UNPERMITTED EVENTS BILL PASSES "So, you can imagine an island that's 3 miles long, has 14 police officers at full capacity, it was overwhelming. And the promoters of that, though they did show up and say they were going to get permits, they did not do that. They didn't follow through with the permits and you need infrastructure support for that." Watson says this bill will allow Tybee to recoup the costs of the event. Now that the bill has passed in the Senate, it will go to the House for a full vote.

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Chatham County elections officials describe a slow turnout on this first day of early in-person voting. The people who did come out tell me they wanted to be among the first to cast their ballots. On this President's Day...Georgia voters begin heading to the polls...deciding who they want their party's presidential nominee to be. sot pop: "The country is going in a terrible position. I want it to change." sot pop: "We have proof that President Biden has delivered." Front runners President Joe Biden and Former President Donald Trump are both on their respective party's ballot. Their challengers also appear...despite some already dropping out of the race. Georgia is an open primary state...meaning voters can choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot. Some people we talked to.. voting Republican...saying they want change. "I like both candidates. Trump first, Haley second. We want the economy to change. We want the direction of the country to change. The immigration problem is so bad." Those voting Democrat are seeking to keep President Biden in the White House for a second term. "In terms of the environment, climate, roadways, the economy is improving. We have things to look at to say that he is working on every day American's – like myself – behalf." Starting tomorrow...Chatham County voters can cast a ballot early in-person on weekdays at these locations. In-person early voting will also be available on select weekends at some location between now and Primary Day. Statewide...officials report no lines at voting centers and say more than 20-thousand absentee ballots have already been mailed out to voters who have requested them. LIVE: Early in-person voting ends March 8. Election Day is March 12. Reporting in Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.

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Early voting in South Carolina is also happening this week. It will resume tomorrow and run through Thursday. Election Day for the republican primary is this Saturday the 24th. We will be covering those election results. So -be sure to stick with us for the latest updates. A reminder, if you already voted in the democratic primary, you CANNOT vote in the republican primary.

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state lawmakers are debating a bill that would let georgia power customers buy solar power from third-party community solar providers. supporters say it could lower electric bills. critics argue it would hurt georgia power's bottom line.

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((WAGNER)) "This bill is holding adults responsible to keep their firearms secured." activist group moms demand action took to the Georgia capital this week to levy House Bill 161. ((KATHRYN WAGNER##MOMS DEMAND ACTION)) "It's a really good meet-in-the-middle solution for both firearm owners and people who dont own, it's real easy hanging fruit." If this passes it will not only encourage but also require firearms to be secured making it... *GRAPHIC* 'UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED 52 FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE 53 FIREARM.' According to the group, pediatricians from Memorial Hospital in Savannah, as well as other hospitals in the state, spoke in support of the bill... ((KERRI MCGINTY##MOMS DEMAND ACTION)) "The leading thing they are seeing here in Savannah is guns." More voices in support say it could help fight against a prevalant issue. ((LAURIE MCNEIL##MOM'S DEMAND ACTION)) "That what gun violence is in our country is a public health crisis" This bill, the group says could be the first step to helping fight the war on gun violence in Georgia. ((WAGNER)) "I saw a willingness for people to say, enough is enough, and surely we can agree that keeping kids safe from firearms is something we can all agree on." ((MCNEIL)) "Most people feel this way and secure storage again is something we can all agree on

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5AM SHEA
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PRIMARY
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"This time there are two primaries going on, so there's a little more work involved and a little more voter anticipation, so I guess it's a little more exciting because there are two parties that are competing which sparks the interest of the voters more."

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((SOT)) "All of our voting equipment is tested before we send them out to the polling locations. We do that prior to every election, make sure our equipment is tested. We have what we call a public test where the public can come in and see the process of how we test to make sure that the correct ballots are loaded in the machines."

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Marie Smalls, the Director of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections in Beaufort County, says that turnout for early voting in the Democratic Primary had about a 3 percent turnout from registered voters- while the Republican Primary has had 8 percent. In the last presidential election- there was only a Democratic Primary because then-President Donald Trump was running unopposed. Smalls says that she believes that the competitiveness of this election is driving voter turnout.

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(Lk live) The big question here is can Nikki Haley beat the former president in her home state? She was once wildly popular here as governor but the polls show Trump is well ahead of her. (Pkg) Nat After spending a lot time this week trying to win over voters. Donald Trump and Nikki Haley are now making their final push to win over voters in the palmetto state ON their last FULL day of campaigning before the South Carolina Republican primary. Former President Donald Trump "Each and every one of you is going to get out and vote and deliver a gigantic win right here in South Carolina." Former Ambassador Nikki Haley "It is time that we finally put the past behind us and elect a new generational conservative leader." It's the first in the south republican presidential primary and some predict it might be the last FOR 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. Sots butted Drew McKissick, State Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party "South Carolina ends up sort of playing the role of that graveyard of campaigns because, you know, once you leave South Carolina, you've got to be able to be competitive in a dozen to 15 states at one time... I would expect that we could see things wrap up once all the votes are counted in South Carolina." Haley was South Carolina's governor for six years before moving on in 2017 to serve as THEN PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMPS U.N. ambassador. While she was well liked in the state during her tenure here, she's been polling well behind Trump throughout February by around 30 points. But Haley has been insisting that she's sticking it out. Former Ambassador Nikki Haley ?"South Carolina will vote on Saturday, but on Sunday, I'll still be running for president. I'm not going anywhere." (Lk live) Despite the polls, Nikki Haley has been pushing ahead and campaigning a lot here while former President Trump is hoping to continue to ride the primary wave to send him to the nomination. In Columbia, South Carolina, I'm Stetson Miller

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JASMINE: I talked with a polling manager here at the center and she said she's also seen a steady flow of voters throughout the day. There was no early voting available at this location so today was the only opportunity for people in this area to come in person. One voter says this was the second location she's been to, but she didn't mind... because it was just that important to her.

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SC VOTER
TURNOUT

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SC GOP "I want to congratulate Donald Trump on his victory. And I want to thank the people of South Carolina for using the power of your voice no matter the results. I love the people of our state. I love what we accomplished together and I love how we united during our worst challenges and tragedy." "An even bigger win than we anticipated. And I was just informed that we got double the number of votes that has ever been received in the great state of South Carolina. So that's pretty good. So it's a record times two."

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The mentality with the Trump campaign and supporters was that a victory tonight was a given — so they want to win big. But at his primary night party here in Columbia, even Trump himself seemed a little surprised by how quickly the race was called. "this is a little sooner than we anticipated and a bigger win than we anticipated." Former President Donald Trump claiming victory just *minutes after polls closed across South Carolina – with the race already called for him. "it's an early evening and a fantastic—so you can all go down and you can celebrate for about 15 minutes because we have to get back to work." Trump spoke for about 20 minutes – standing alongside his family and the South Carolina politicians backing him – including Gov. Henry McMaster, a longtime Trump ally. "did you expect to have such a quick call tonight as we saw?" "Yes I did because the people of South Carolina love Donald Trump. ... We're glad that we've given him this big victory. This is like a blastoff from a rocket going into space. We're headed to the finish line, so we're going to make America great again." At no point during his victory speech did Trump mention his main Republican opponent, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, by name. Instead the former president saved his shots for President Joe Biden – and the November election. "We're gonna look him right in the eye, he's destroying our country, and we're gonna say, 'Joe, you're fired! Get out! Get out, Joe! You're fired!'" Looming over the Trump campaign are the state and federal indictments he faces – totaling to 90-plus criminal charges. "Do you think it poses a threat to the campaign?" "Let me just say, I practiced law, if you count eight years as attorney general and four years as US attorney under Ronald Reagan, it's been about 40, 43 years. There's not a bit of substance in any of those cases ... I've got no concern at all because I've got confidence in the US Supreme Court and maybe some other judges along the way to do the right thing." As he closed his remarks — Trump told this crowd to go home and get some rest — saying they have a lot of work ahead of them. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green.

2/25/2024 11PM MARY: SC
12:01:00 AM WEEKEND PRIMARY WRAP UP

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VO: "Important" is the word voters are using to describe why they came out to vote. SOT: "Extremely important, especially this year." SOT: "Without supporting, that means you give the choice to somebody else." VO: It's an election that could set the tone for the general presidential election this November. Several Republican candidates who have since dropped out of the race were still on South Carolina's ballot... including Ron DeSantis and Chris Christie – leaving this race to front runners former governor Nikki Haley and former President Donald Trump. Donna Reese, Voter SOT: "Your vote really counts and if you want anything to change... the way our economy is, the way our border is, the other issues that are out there, you need to vote. VO: A poll manager at the center tells WTOC she saw a steady flow of voters throughout the day. Jerrius Swierad was a part of that last group to cast their ballots. He didn't want to show his face on camera, but he says, for him, it's all about support. Jerrius Swierad, Voter SOT: "To express their rights. The people, sometimes they say the government should do this, or do that.. to support them, go and vote."

2/25/2024 11PM JASMINE:
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2/26/2024 4:00:00 PM 3PM GA
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Candidates are also on the campaign trail ahead of Super Tuesday. In a little over two weeks, more than a dozen states will vote in the primary. This will *not* include Georgia. The state's primary is on March 12th.

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SC CALLS
FOR A closed primary would requires voters to be a registered member of a party to vote in its primary. Current
CLOSED rules allow any registered voter to participate, regardless of party affiliation. While some are pushing for it -
PRIMARIE the state's top elected official says it's unnecessary. Coming up on THE News at 5 - we'll explain both
S sides of the argument. 00:00:20

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PARKER
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ES DA According to campaign officials, Parker has 20 years of experience as a prosecutor. She also has several
CAMPAIG years of supervising other attorneys. And, she previously served as Deputy Chief assistant and Chief
N Assistant District attorney at the Chatham County DA's office. The democratic primary is May 21st, 20-24. 00:00:19

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KEMP Georgia's second in command - Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones says he's grateful to the governor and
SIGNS everyone who worked on the plan, writing in a statement, "The budget is part of our continued efforts to
AMENDED prioritize the education of our children, develop the infrastructure that is critical for expansion in our
BUDGET business community, increase public safety, and boost our agriculture industry." 00:00:23

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SIGNS The signing green lights additional money for education - including more than 100 million dollars in K
AMENDED through 12 schools. It also includes 50 million dollars to expand the state's rural workforce housing
BUDGET program. And 1 point 5 billion dollars for the Georgia Department of Transportation to spend on projects. 00:00:19

		JASMINE:	U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff's office stopped in Hinesville today. They hosted their "Constituent Services in	
2/29/2024		OSSOFF	Your Community" event to help Georgia families learn more about Federal services. Teams assisted	
6:29:00 PM	5:30pm	COMM.	people all morning with concerns about Social Security, Medicare and obtaining passports and visas.	
		EVENT	Hinesville was one of more than 25 cities in Georgia.	00:00:21

		KEMP	Georgia's second in command - Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones says he's grateful to the governor and	
	4:30AM	SIGNS	everyone who worked on the plan, writing in a statement, "The budget is part of our continued efforts to	
3/1/2024	DAYBREA	AMENDED	prioritize the education of our children, develop the infrastructure that is critical for expansion in our	
5:30:00 AM	K	BUDGET	business community, increase public safety, and boost our agriculture industry."	00:00:23

		JASMINE:	A team from Senator Jon Ossoff's office stopped in Hinesville on Thursday. The hosted an event to help	
	5AM	OSSOFF	Georgia families learn more about Federal services. We alerted you to this event on Daybreak	
3/1/2024	DAYBREA	COMM.	yesterday. Teams assisted people with concerns about Social Security, Medicare and obtaining	
5:59:00 AM	K	EVENT	passports and visas. This is one of more than 25 stops the team is making around the state.	00:00:23

			"In our hearts most of us know that this is unfair and it's really harming Georgians. There are also powerful	
			forces on the other side. This is an industry that has it's fair share of power under the Gold Dome. Lots of	
			things don't cross the finish line even though they are really good ideas and so that's why we have to just	
		TITLEMAX	keep trying." Westbrook says although there's still a chance HB 342 could get tacked onto other legislation	
		BILL	before the session ends on March 28th—she says she's not seeing an appetite for passing the bill this	
3/1/2024		LIKELY	year. Meanwhile..WTOC continues to receive numerous calls from consumers around Georgia complaining	
6:53:00 PM	6PM	DEAD	about the sometimes predatory practices and sky-high interest rates of title pawn companies.	00:00:43

3/5/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	UNPERMI TTED EVENTS BILL TO GOV. DESK	The bill would allow municipalities to hold promoters of unpermitted events financially accountable for any damage done and any extra costs incurred by public services. All of this comes ahead of the large spring break party returning to Tybee Island this year. It's known as Orange Crush. Georgia Senator Ben Watson, a sponsor of the bill said previously--last year the event was \$187-thousand dollars of expenses to the citizens of Tybee. Today, we talked to another sponsor of the bill--state representative Jesse Petrea who says this bill is fair and reasonable. .	00:00:34
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3/7/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	NANCY MACE CHALLENGER	<p>It was in front of the final resting place of his great-great grandfather Robert Smalls that Michael Moore launched the next phase of his campaign, announcing what he wants to bring to DC. VO: Moore, who is running as a democrat, explained his views to a gathering of community members. He wants to reduce medical debt, advocate for women's reproductive rights, hold the top 1% of wealthy people accountable, and more. Moore also wants to take care of South Carolina's coastal environment. SOT: "We've got to get serious about the environment. We all need clean air to breathe, we all need clean water to drink. We all need our coast lines to be in tact. They call us the Lowcountry for a reason, and we've got to get serious about that." VO: Moore's Lowcountry roots trace back to Beaufort hero Robert Smalls. Moore's supporters say he emulates his ancestor. SOT: "I see this gentleman, this Gullah Statesman like his great-great grandfather was called, that truly wants to be about helping the state of South Carolina, helping America." VO: Moore says he wants to bring a new view to our nation's capitol. SOT: "You know, I'm running because... not because I'm in love with what I see in Washington, but probably because I'm not in love with what I see, and I just want to add a different take, a different perspective." VO: Before the general election in November, Moore needs to win his candidacy in the upcoming primary. His opponent is former U.S. Coast Guardsman, Mac Deford. The statewide primary in South Carolina is on June 11th. You can keep up with all things elections of the election center of our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:38
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3/8/2024 5:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK	530 LIVE SHEA UNPERMI TTED EVENTS BILL	<p>"We have to just send a message to the promoters of this who choose to do it like this. Listen, everyone's got the right to go down there and say, we want to have an event and then prepare for it. If you choose to do it this way, we gotta make sure that the promoters know that you'll be held accountable if the City chooses to seek damages for all that they have to incur financially to hold this event. This now gives them a route to do that."</p>	00:00:25
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			FLYNN:		
			FEDERAL	"We've lost parking spaces in front of the building. The bottom of our building is commercial	
3/8/2024			COURTHO	establishments, and it definitely effects their business not having clients be able to pull up in front of the	
			USE	building." According to the G-S-A's website... the projected cost for the renovations was around 90 million	
1:00:00 PM	NOON		UPDATE	dollars. At last check the updated budget now totals more than 125 million dollars.	00:00:23

			CHATHAM	"What the primaries do is it sort of gives the campaigns some indication of how they'll do in the state, or	
			GA	where they will do well. And so, one of the reasons why it's important to go out and vote and so that then	
3/12/2024			PRIMARY	the candidates will have some idea of how they're going to do and what they need to do to fix any	
4:00:00 PM	4PM		DAY	weaknesses in their campaign moving forward."	00:00:20

				That's a number she says is much lower than years past and she even tells me that today's turnout might	
				be the lowest she's ever seen in her X years of doing this. After Super Tuesday last week, many Georgia	
				voters have already seen what results look like for many states across the country, something elections	
			GA	officials tell me often leads to less motivation for them to hit the polls. They say another key reason behind	
3/12/2024			PRIMARY	this low turnout is that Nikki Hayley has dropped out of the republican race, leaving only one actively	
5:53:00 PM	6PM		DAY	campaigning candidate for each party. One voter I spoke with says that despite all of that, he still feels like	
			VOTING	Georgians need to get out and have their voices heard.	00:00:40

				The federal government is pumping millions of dollars into a road improvement project in Bryan County.	
			BELFAST	Congressman Buddy Carter says nearly 4 point 8 million dollars of federal money will go toward I-95	
	6AM		KELLER	interchange improvements at Belfast Keller Road. We've been following this project since work began to	
3/15/2024	DAYBREA		FEDERAL	build the new interchange. It opened in 2021. We've also been following plans to widen Belfast Keller	
5:59:00 AM	K		GRANT	Road since September... when crews started removing trees to prepare to widen the road to four lanes.	00:00:30

3/23/2024 11PM
 11:01:00 PM WEEKEND
 CNN GA:
 FANI fulton county district attorney fani willis spoke out earlier today. willis came under fire weeks ago for a
 WILLIS ON romantic relationship she had with her lead prosecutor but a judge determined she could stay on the case
 TRUMP as long as her ex-boyfriend nathan wade was no longer on the team. c-n-n caught up with willis during an
 CASE annual easter basket giveaway near atlanta. she says recent distractions have not interfered with her work. 00:00:25

3/23/2024 11PM
 11:01:00 PM WEEKEND
 CNN GA:
 FANI We were still doing the case in the way that it needed to be done. Um, I don't feel like we've been slowed
 WILLIS ON down at all. Um, I do think that there are efforts to slow down this train but the train is coming." the d.a.'s
 TRUMP office still faces some legal challenges. last wednesday, a judge granted requests from trump and his co-
 CASE defendants to seek an appeal on whether willis should be removed from the case. willis is up for re-election
 in november. she said she is not embarrassed by anything she has done and re-emphasized her conduct
 did not violate any laws. 00:00:32

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 PORTS
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 Governor Brian Kemp here at the Savannah Port Today with members of Congress's Transportation and
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 good pace." Congressman Graves says the bill to make that study possible has a deadline of September
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As Governor Kemp made a visit to the Coastal Empire, he made a stop to the city's ports on Monday. After seeing our port and hearing the news of the bridge collapse in Baltimore, he says he can understand the true devastation the city of Baltimore is feeling. Kemp saying the collapse is something that hits very close to home with our community. Right now, he says his thoughts and prayers are not only with those directly impacted by the collapse, but the entire city of Baltimore. After his visit to the ports on Monday, Kemp says he now has a better understanding of the need for safety in those areas. "I had the opportunity to speak to ILA folks yesterday and head of the pilot's folks, and when you see something like that happen, it makes you realize how important that job is and safety is job one, and I am just thankful for the job they do every single day. And certainly, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those in Baltimore. Tragic situation." In Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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HB 11-46 was tabled in the Senate Tuesday. This comes after it passed a House vote last month. The bill would have allowed Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to issue water permits to private utility companies---essentially bypassing city and county approval. Opponents said the bill would hurt local governments and strain already limited water resources. HB 11-46 was sponsored by Savannah representatives Jesse Petrea and Ron Stephens as well as Savannah Senator Ben Watson.

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trump's attorney argued his political speech is protected and he can't be punished for false statements. prosecutors pushed back, arguing the communication from trump related to the charges is not protected and his lies furthered a criminal conspiracy.

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WTOC told you yesterday the bill had been tabled by the Senate earlier this week. But they picked it back up as the session entered its final hours yesterday. Since the House passed the plan last month - it's headed to the Governor's desk. The bill allows Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to issue water permits to private utility companies---essentially bypassing city and county approval. Opponents said the bill would hurt local governments and strain already limited water resources.

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On the last day of Georgia's legislative session...state Senators passed House Bill 11-46 by a vote of 32 to 22. The bill allows private utility companies to get water service permits from Georgia's Environmental Protection Division...without local government approval. It only applies to companies that tap into coastal aquifers in areas where a city or county water service would take longer than 18 months to be ready. "There's private water systems and public water systems and they're going to have to work together." State Senator Ben Watson co-sponsored the bill. He says the change is needed to spur workforce housing development near Hyundai's Bryan County electric vehicle plant...which is expected to bring more than eight thousand jobs to the area. The automaker has announced plans to begin production at the seven billion dollar plant later this year. Watson: "Bryan County needs to go ahead and move on this because if not the developers will be building deep wells for every home and doing septic tanks for every home." C-E-O Mark Smith of Savannah-based Water Utility Management urged lawmakers to advance the bill during a Senate committee hearing this month. Smith says his company currently provides service to 32-thousand homes in 17 counties. Several of the bills opponents...including conservation group One Hundred Miles...say it could put public drinking supply at risk. "Local governments have been spending a lot of time, energy, and money to access funds to protect our water and to supply water to all of our needs. This is working completely outside all of that planning." The Georgia Association of Water Professionals and the Georgia Municipal Association also opposed the bill...saying it undermines local government's authority. The changes under House Bill 11-46 would expire in 20-29. It now awaits Governor Brian Kemp's signature. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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**ISSUE 21- ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STAFF CHANGES. TAYLOR FORMERLY KNOWN AS CALHOUN SQUARE TO GET NEW MARKERS, TYBEE NEW MAYOR INAUGUATION, PUSH TO REMOVE JESUP MAYOR, SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT NOW NOT LISTED IN THREATENED CATEGORY AND MOVING ON WITH SMART DEVELOPMENT. TALMADGE BRIDGE RAISING UPDATE, JESUP TRASH PICKUP PROBLEMS, RAILROAD QUIET ZONE IN EFFECT, TYBEE WATER BILL INCREASES IN 2024, BULOCH EMA DIRECTOR RETIRING, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL OKEEFENOKEE RESOLUTION, BUCKHALTER RD REZONING APPROVED, PORT WENTWORTH WORFORCE HOUSING, SAVANNAH GUN STORAGE PROPOSAL UPDATE, CASEY CANAL DRAINAGE, ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUNDAY SALES AND EVENT RULES, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES WOC'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL FUND INCLUDING TIDE TO TOWN PROJECT, SAVANNAH TO SIGN GHANA PARTNERSHIP, PARKWAY NOISE SOLUTIONS, FUNDS TO CLEAR CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM ENMARKET SITE, STATESBORO STATE OF THE CITY, PORT WENTWORTH PARKING ORDINANCE, ORANGE CRUSH DISCUSSIONS, SAV. GUN STORAGE PROPOSAL UPDATE, RINCON RAILROAD NEIGHBORHOOD UPATE, NEW POOLER CITY MANAGER, ST. PATRICK'S DAY SANITATION RULES, BLUFFTON COUNCIL MEMBER ARRESTED, I16 FLYOVER FUNDS, DHEC ABANDONED BOAT PROGRAM, BEAUFORT CO. COMPOSTING, TYBEE SHORT TERM RENTAL STUDY, EFFINGHAM WOMAN FACES \$3000 WATER BILL AFTER HIRING SOMEONE THAT SAYS THERE WERE NO LEAKS, ST. PAT'S TRASH NUMBERS, LIBERTY CO. SR. 38 BYPASS PROJECT, CHATHAM CO. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE BUILDING RENOVATION TIMELINE, POOLER SHORT TERM MEETING, PORT WENTWORTH LAWSUIT, EFFINGHAM CO. CLERK UNDER INVESTIGATION, HHI STRATEGIC PLAN, GLASS RECYCLING STOPPED FOR CITY OF SAVANNAH AND CHATHAM CO., BEAUFORT CO. AUDIT, CITY PARKING GARAGE PROPOSAL, TYBEE CITY OFFICIALS ON ORANGE CRUSH
SOURCE: CHATHAM CO. COMMISSION,, SAV. CITY COUNCIL, ETC**

PKG: Tonight...Savannah's 140th administration will be sworn in. A majority of council members will keep their seats for another term. The only change...Carol Bell won the Post 1, At-Large seat...replacing Keshia Gibson-Carter who lost a mayoral bid in the fall. "We have a council that's veteran now. They all have at least four years in. We can get in and get right to work. It wasn't that way four years ago, but right now, I like the team that's on the field." Among the many issues council members are expected to take action on in the new term include what will happen to the city's civic center, increasing affordable housing, and forging a balance between residential life and tourism. Johnson: "I see us as being a transformative council...moving in a way that not only makes history but also makes sense. We have to look at ways of being able to make sure the Savannah we know is the Savannah we pass down better than when we found it." The new council's inauguration comes ahead of what's expected to be major growth in the Coastal Empire...thanks in part to recent manufacturing announcements. Sixth district alderman Kurtis Purtee called the recent election one of the most important. He expects talks between city and county officials to ramp up as they work to address the area's growing pains. "We need to bring everyone to the table and everybody's going to have to put forth their fair share of not only input but financial dollars as we try to fix these issues."

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"Tonight is the first official act of the city council of Savannah as they swear in their oath for office." A night of celebration for the city of Savannah. As One by one each of the eight councilmen and women took their oath of office. ((I DO A COLLAGE OF EACH OF THEM SAYING A SENTENCE OF THE OATH)) " I Dietrich Legget solemnly swear, that I will well and truly perform, the duties of the councilman of the city of the savannah GA with the best of my skill and ability that is to me and that feels to be, fair to the city without fear, favor or affection, so help me god." And lastly, the man of the city, Mayor Van R Johnson took the stage for this oath an final inauguration speech " In addition to being a loving city, I also want the next four years in office to represent a city that is livable, safe, resilient, and a city of legacy." Mayor Johnson says that his primary focus for the next 4 years is create a city of love, kindness, and leave the city better than he found it.

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		TAYLOR	"Because we are caretakers of history, we should not be trying to erase it. We wanted to make sure that the	
		SQUARE	history of the square was adequately codified within the square." City documents say the marker will be	
1/12/2024		COUNCIL	30 inches of granite placed in a landscape bed in the square's western portion and will cost around 14-	
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		TALMADG	Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. will replace the bridge's cables, bearings and joints. The contractor will also	
		E BRIDGE	help raise it for ships to access the Port of Savannah. GDOT says once the construction phase begins, the	
1/3/2024		RAISING	contractor will shift responsibilities to a general contractor. They also say pre-construction is expected to	
4:59:00 PM	5PM	UPDATE	begin in the first quarter of 2024. Actual construction will start in early 20-25.	00:00:25

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1/4/2024	DAYBREA	INAUGUR	"There's a lot of new. A lot of new, a lot of change, and I think our city is excited about it, I'm excited about	
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			Starting this month- this is what you'll pay for water on Tybee Island. The progressive rate structure starts	
			with the lowest tier of usage being 5,000 gallons or under, and the highest- over 20,000 gallons. Lower tier	
			users will pay the same rate year-round, while mid-to-higher tier users will pay a higher rate during peak	
			season. Those prices are up 7 percent from last year. but mayor Brian West says it could've been ten. "It is	
			important to keep it as low as possible. Our rates are still on par or below what other municipalities are	
			paying, so we're proud of that, but it's a shock, those increases for the residents. And for the businesses as	
		5AM SHEA	well." Tybee officials say the rate increase was necessary to fund infrastructure projects, including	
		TYBEE	replacing sewer and water mains, water tower improvements, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment	
		WATER	plant. West says that the though rate increases are taking place now- the projects themselves are longer	
	6AM	BILL	term. West: "We planned several years ago to start replacing things that needed to be replaced and	
1/4/2024	DAYBREA	INCREAS	upgrading the system, and we planned for these increase and publicized these increases over a five-year	
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1/4/2024 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK K 530 LIVE SHEA TYBEE INAUGURATION Tony Ploughe, Bill Garbett, Nick Sears, and Kathryn Williams will be inaugurated on Council, while Brian West will be inaugurated as mayor. West says that he and the new iteration of Tybee's council have already been meeting and working together, even ahead of the ceremony, and that he's excited to dive in and get started. 00:00:19

1/4/2024 4:59:00 PM 5PM TYBEE TO WELCOME NEW COUNCIL Happening tonight - Tybee Island will welcome its new mayor and council members by officially swearing them into office. Taking a LIVE look from the WTOC Farah and Farah Skycam. Brian West will be inaugurated as mayor, along with four council members. That ceremony is taking place at the Tybee Post Theater tonight at 7 p-m. 00:00:19

1/5/2024 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K LINDSEY: PUSH TO REMOVE CITY MANAGER ((COMMISSIONER JONATHAN MCCULLOUGH)) " Id like to make a motion that we remove Miss Rose Marcus from position of city manager as per her contract that she retain her salary with the city, and a position to be determined at a later date." It was a packed house at Thursday's Meeting even after the city Commission broke into executive session for nearly an hour and 45 minutes According to the city's website ,this agenda item was added just two days ago on January 2nd Mayor Ralph Hickox was the final vote as the city commissions votes were split 3-3. He says that his decision was based on what direction he felt the city needed to go. ((RALPH HICKOX##JESUP MAYOR)) " when it comes down to their undecided, or split 50-50 to my decision, and my decision was that I felt like the city needed a new direction. All respect to Miss Rose. She is a wonderful person. We just needed a new direction." Marcus has worked with the city for nearly 34 years and will return to her previous salary and duties. She says that she saw this demotion coming but it still stings. ((ROSE MARCUS##FORMER JESUP CITY MANAGER)) " The city has been very very nice to me..." "... i'll be OK as you can see I'm not torn up about it so I'll be OK." 00:01:03

1/10/2024 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM SAV QUIET ZONE IN EFFECT They will only be allowed to blow their horns in the case of an emergency. This is the first portion of a multi-RAILROAD phase project. The next phases of the Quiet Zone will focus on Habersham to 52nd St. City officials will visit the site with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the next phase soon in the hopes of pushing it forward in the coming years. Coming up on THE News at 5:30 - we'll have more from city leaders on the change. 00:00:25

a threatened category. in fact, they tell me they are reviewing their whole process. this is a change from when we first started working on this story. i also spoke with residents, tourists, business leaders, and the tourism community they tell me they're looking for a place where history and preservation and creating a thriving tourism community live harmonously. "when you bring the tourism into savannah, you bring in wealth and then you also bring in a collection of the understanding of the old and the new" "savannah wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for historic preservation and that understanding." the hostess city, is a bucket list destination for many people around the world. according to visit savannah, longwoods international is reporting that savannah, played host to 9.7 million overnight person-trips. in 2022. "this is a beautiful place to be creative, to be you, so much hospitality out here." in 20-18 the national park service deemed savannah's historical district as threatened. concerning many who love this city. "people are scared of that word. that word "threatened" to them it's this intense word when in reality it just means there are things we need to work on." according to michael owens, the president of the tourism and leadership council. a lot has been done over the past few years. "i think it's a larger community effort on things like archaeology ordinance, which we passed, there were questions about preserving the pavers that we have in different areas i think there's been good work that's been done on that, it's not just one problem is what a bunch of things all at the same time" . another issue that was brought up in the 20-18 nps review was the number of large-scale hotels in the historic district. as we previously reported bed tax record data from the city shows 57 hotels and inns are currently operating within the historic landmark district's roughly 1 square mile. since the nps designation the city has created the hotel overlay district. it runs from river street to gwinnett. the goal is to help manage and regulate hotel construction. so that hotels are only being put up in areas that have been deemed commercial and not residential. Detric: "If we over develop or we don't move at a pace where we're going to keep everybody here, we don't have anything for the visitors to come see. So that's why we have our partnerships like the tourism leadership, downtown neighborhood, Victorian neighborhood." according to visit savannah. the city's increased lodging demand is up 9.2% for hotels and 3.3% for short-term rentals. savannah also generated \$44.5 million in bed tax collections in 2022 and that money goes back into the community. according to bert brantley, the ceo of the savannah chamber the work to better preserve the district hasn't stopped. bert brantley ceo savannah chamber: "but we've asked for help, because frankly we believe we have made a ton of progress". that help not only coming from local officials and the city but also congress. "our congressman buddy carters office has been engaged with them as well about this designation about the threatened nature of it" I reached out to carters team to see how those conversations with nps have been going and i received this statement: "Savannah is the 'Hostess City of the South' because generations have dedicated themselves to building and sharing our rich culture and history. I am proud to join with the City of Savannah and our historic preservation partners to continue that tradition and to free ourselves of the misguided 'threatened' label placed on our National Historic Landmark District," said Rep. Buddy Carter. i also reached out to the national park service on monday. they sent me this statement saying in part quote "the national park service is currently evaluating the nhl condition monitoring program nationwide as part of its commitment to providing technical assistance in the form of helpful and constructive feedback" they went on to say while the quote "monitoring program undergoes this review, nps is neither updating, nor assigning condition categories to properties". meaning right now savannah's historic district is not categorized as anything. it is just a national historical landmark district. i went on to ask the nps when this change was made and what things they are looking to change in their review process but i have not heard back. "i think a fresh look at these things makes a lot of sense especially when its so important and so emotional to how we feel about our city and our downtown area" "we want savannah to retain the uniqueness and the specialness that it has nobody's looking to ruin that" "now is my opportunity to have conversation with everybody at the table to let them know we do have development but we're going to have smart development. were going to slow down a lot of things so that residents do have a voice and give them that conversation". "we love this place, we love the history, and the architecture and the intangible thing that makes savannah so special to everyone" "historic preservation is so important and savannah is its shining star". for wtoc im aria janel.

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SAV RAILROAD QUIET ZONE IN EFFECT Some peace and quiet is coming for many Savannahians. A federally designated Quiet Zone is now in place for the Old Fort Rail line. This means trains will no longer need to blow their horns through the crossings from Habersham to President Street. They will only be allowed to blow their horns in the case of an emergency. This is the first portion of a multi-phase project. The next phases will focus on Habersham to 52nd Streets.

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You may remember - City Council approved the name honoring the first Black nurse to work during the American Civil War, Susie King Taylor. That happened back in August. Today's vote on the marker is coming in the council's first meeting this term. It started at 2. WTOC is there and have an update for you coming up on THE News at 6.

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LL intro: Trash pickup trucks have been hard at work all day here in Wayne County trying to get back on track after what residents say is weeks of missed pickup. "It didnt take me long to go from well what in the world to... WHAT IN THE WORLD." County Commissioner Jamie Hickox received a phone call from a Wayne County resident asking for help getting his trash picked up... after the call, she started to wonder if this was more than just him. ((JAMIE HICKOX##WAYNE COUNTY COMISSION)) "I thought this was just isolated to the original caller's area and I thought oh well we will be able to get this done quickly but then it became evident that it was all over the county." After Hickox posted what was happening on her Facebook page, residents quickly responded- comment after comment agreeing that this trash problem had been going on for up to 3 weeks. People sent pictures of overflowing trashcans and bags of trash that had been ripped into by animals. Wayne County leaders say the county has a contract with Republic Services trash services. They pay more than a million dollars a year. What Republic Service has told the Wayne County Administrator Paul Drawny about the delay? The perfect storm. ((PAUL DRAWDY##WAYNE COUNTY ADMINISTATOR)) "During the holiday season, they had two drivers go down, and during the holiday they can't pull from other counties because those drivers are on holiday pay." It wasn't the delay that had residents upset -- it was lack of communication. ((JAMIE HICKOX##WAYNE COUNTY COMISSION)) "We all understand what happened, it was the information breakdown." In the meantime, local business owner DJ Jones put a Dumpster out that he owns so those residents who still haven't had their trash removed can use it. ((DJ JONES##RELIABLE ROLLOFF SOLUTIONS OWNER)) "I had one laying around so I got one of my drivers to get off what he was going, i had the officer get him off so he could come bring it over here." Tag: according to the county administrator, Republic Services hopes to have all of the trash picked up and be back on track by tomorrow, in Wayne County Lindsey, Stenger, WTOC News.

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"You know... I've already been sworn in, two, three already times for council. So this'll just be the fourth time of taking the same oath, and it's a big moment. It's quite an honor, really. I'm excited to get it done and get started." Tonight's town council meeting starts at 5 pm at Bluffton's town council chambers.

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Ryan Looklive: Larry Toomer swore the Bluffton's town council oath for the fourth time today, but instead of swearing it as a council member... he swore it as mayor. VO: In addition to Toomer, town councilmembers Bridgette Fraizer and Dan Wood took the oath for new terms. Toomer is replacing long-time mayor Lisa Sulka, who gave words of encouragement at the beginning of the meeting... and says she's excited to watch council meetings take place from the other side of the room. Sulka... hopes the friends and family of everyone sworn in today come back to future meetings. SOT: Lisa Sulka, Former Mayor of Bluffton "And I know you all and I don't see you often here so I will be sitting back there with you to make sure you attend." VO: Before today's meeting... Toomer told me he plans to build upon the path laid out by Sulka, and continue with his priorities during his time on council... SOT: Larry Toomer, Mayor, Town of Bluffton "Environment, the people. You know the way we spend our money. It's the people's money, it's not our money. It's not my town, it's our town." VO: As for this year... Toomer told me one of the most important tasks is making sure the town's various Capital Improvement Projects are going smoothly. SOT: Larry Toomer, Mayor, Town of Bluffton "Keeping the ball rolling, you know. Making sure that things are not stalling, or you know, getting postponed or pushed off for reasons that can be helped." LL Tag: Now that Toomer has switched over to mayor, his old council seat is now available. A special election will be held in February to determine who will take that spot. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky WTOC News.

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TAYLOR SQUARE DEDICATION

Taylor Square will be dedicated on February 10th. It's a day-long celebration that will start at 11 a-m with a ceremony, and continue into the evening with music and more.

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SBORO SCOOTER LAWS MEETING

The second group impacted would be riders - who would need to keep speeds at 15 miles-per-hour or lower and be at least 15-years-old or older. This meeting is happening tomorrow night at 6 p-m at the Statesboro City Hall Council Chambers on Main Street.

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SAV ANNOUNCES NEW MARATHON

Here's what we know right now - The race will begin in front of City Hall...with plans to start in the morning. For drivers - they're expecting Bay Street to open to traffic by 9 a-m. Runners will be clear of the Historic District by 10 a.m. The City also says the marathon will not impact the Forsyth Farmers Market.

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S COUNT do we have? And then we can start figuring out solutions once we can quantify what the challenge looks
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SAV Savannah Alderman Nick Palumbo and Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely celebrated new
CLEAN jobs and manufacturing coming to our area like the upcoming Hyundai electric vehicle plant. They are
AIR asking the EPA to finalize expanded clean car standards. The benefits, they say, include quieter roads and
PRESSER cleaner air for residents.
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AIR Savannah and Chatham County leaders joined clean energy advocates to demand stricter clean car
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A weak sewer system, the lack of a grocery store, and a lack of public transit. All concerns were brought up at tonight's Town Hall Meeting. *Nat Sound* "There are other places that this can go that have grocery stores..." Habitat for Humanity announced in 2023 that they had been looking for a spot to build a housing development that could help the working class in Chatham County. Plans were presented tonight to folks living around the area but were met with concerns that the city is not looking at the bigger issues. ((Manda
LINDSEY: Faye Dunigan##Port Wentworth Resident)) "There is not alot of transparency so that a very big concern
PORT when it comes to them developing on the frail system of old Port Wentworth." Something the city says they
WENTWO are actively working on. ((Steve Davis##City Manager)) "You know you've got some old pipes, pipes that
RTH we have found just doing other road work, that we have had to replace but we have multimillion-dollar
WORKFO projects dealing with water and sewer in the works." the city of Port Wentworth tells me that there will be
RCE several town hall meetings involving the habitat for humanity development, as well as other downtown
HOUSING projects, and encourage residents to attend so they can rebuild that relationship and transparency.
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"Do you remember at any time that we have required, ever, that we have required a 100-foot buffer between you or Mr. Lloyd? That's unheard of, but I think it's above and beyond to try to protect." Savannah Mayor Van Johnson talking about the amendments made to the original plan for this rezoning... after hearing concerns from some people living in the area. The main change has to do with the buffer area near the industrial site. The city manager says originally, there was supposed to be a 40-foot buffer... now it will be a 100-foot buffer along with at least 8-feet of trees and plants to help with noise and light pollution. Today, about a dozen members of a group called "Don't Box Us In," a group of community members living close to Buckhalter Road, gathered to hear the city's vote. Although they say they were expecting today's vote to turn out the way it did, they say they're not done fighting. "Even though the vote was yes, we still have a long way to go to negotiate with the developer and with the city to protect the rights of all of the neighbors that are on the Buckhalter Road and Red Gate Farms properties."

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Chatham County Superior Court judges are also officiating weddings all day on February 14th. You'll need to call in advance and reserve a spot if you're interested. They say you'll also need to make an appointment with the Probate Court to get a marriage license. To get the February 14th wedding - you'll need to do that February 2nd.

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According to a permit application obtained by WTOC...organizers have applied to take runners through areas including West Savannah... the Historic District... Gordonston... Skidaway-SSU... Daffin Park and Ardsley Park. Last week...city officials said the race will start outside city hall and end at the Trustees Garden on Broad Street. Around five-thousand runners are expected to take part in the November 16th marathon. It's important to note...an official race route has not been released yet.

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That announcement came today from the U-S Department of Housing and Urban Development. It's part of more than three-billion dollars in grants, from the White House. Secretary Martha Fudge was in Savannah today to announce the funding for the "Chatham-Savannah Continuum of Care." It's part of a national network of response systems across the country. The funding will go to more than 7-thousand projects across the country. WTOC will have more on the money - coming up on THE News at 6.

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nat pop: "I am here today to do something really, really special." HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge presenting a check for four million dollars. The money will support the Chatham-Savannah Interagency Council on Homelessness' Continuum of Care...a county-wide initiative bringing together resources for those with housing struggles. "Everywhere housing is a crisis. No one that makes minimum wage can afford a two bedroom apartment in this country." Savannah Mayor Van Johnson says the funding comes at a time when homelessness is on the rise. He described homelessness as one of the most pressing issues the city faces. "It is a matter that touches the very core of our humanity, demanding a compassionate and comprehensive response." One of the beneficiaries of the Council's programming spoke after the announcement. Reginald Chisolm says he lives at the Cove at Dundee...a tiny home community for those experiencing homelessness. "Thanks to incredible programs, several supported through HUD funds, I was never alone." Later...Secretary Fudge held a roundtable with local organizations that help people experiencing homelessness and visited affordable housing sites in the city. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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SHELL The Beaufort County Stormwater Department held a public meeting last night. Project consultant J. Bragg and County staff discussed upcoming maintenance efforts and the timeline for the project. They also touched on federal funding they hope to obtain. If you missed last night's meeting -- you can find all the information on the Beaufort County website -- under the stormwater management tab.

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SBORO MAYOR LEAGUE OF CITIES This year's council will be led by Chair Jonathan M. McCollar, Mayor of Statesboro, Georgia; Vice Chair Dany R. Fleming, Councilmember of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and Vice Chair Julie Pignataro, Councilmember of Fort Collins, Colorado. 00:00:14

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BULLOCH EMA DIRECTOR RETIRING "I am excited about this next stage in my life, I'm sad on some level, absolutely. Because I'm going to miss the people that were such a integral part of the success that we've had.." Bulloch county Public Safety and EMA Director Ted Wynn says he's happy with the work that he was able to do in public safety for the past 3 decades. "EMS is now in four stations, the fire department is in three stations. So, we feel good about the progress that we've had and I'm just very thankful to have been a part of that." From establishing the county's very first 911 system back in 1992 to being the voice for the Bulloch County community during the global pandemic. "I wouldn't have wanted to do it anywhere else but here in Bulloch County. We've had some good leadership; I've only had to work for two county managers in these last 32 years. You know, that in itself is almost unheard of." He says he's proud... and confident... that his successor, Randy Tillman will carry the torch when he leaves. "We've made a lot of progress in the last 10 years but there's still some progress to me made and I'm confident that Mr. Tillman in my replacement can facilitate those changes and carry it forward." In Bulloch County... Jasmine Butler... WTOC News. 00:01:11

LL: Four and a half million dollars. That's how much money...if approved...would be used to clear contaminated soil from this site...where city leaders want a new two thousand space parking lot to go. VO: As part of the larger parking project at the arena...regulators required the city to sample the ground where the lots would be built. In the months after the arena opened in 2022...WTOC's Investigates team discovered that a scrap metal yard used to sit where some of the current parking lots are now. City documents say the testing showed the amount of contaminated material at the site for the new lot was much higher than previously known. The money needed for additional contaminated soil removal brings the cost of the Arena Surface Lot Capital project to more than 13 point five million dollars. SOT: "The southern lot is already constructed. It's the northern lot that has the highest levels of contamination. We did analyze what it would cost to build a parking garage instead and the costs were still significantly higher to build a garage. I think estimates were \$65-70 million. So it's still significantly less." LL: No timeline has been announced for the new lot's completion. The vote is expected to happen during this week's Savannah city council meeting set for two p-m on Thursday. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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RAILROAD This comes less than a year after a train lost power in front of the Picket Fences neighborhood - leaving
NEIGHBO some people trapped in their neighborhood and others waiting for hours to get in. The city says they met
RHODD with the neighborhood Saturday...promising they will build another exit in case the entrance gets blocked
UPDATE again. The city says they'll use "every legal means necessary" to make it happen.

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BEAUFOR "To me that's a little low, but it is what it is. And so we will be expecting the rest of the voters to turn out at
T CO. the Republican Primary." That Republican Primary... set to take place on the 24th. Early voting will kick off
PRIMARY in a week. The battle is between South Carolina's former Governor Nikki Haley and former president
VOTER Donald Trump. Haley spent some time campaigning around the state last week, you can find that coverage
TURNOUT on the elections center of our website, WTOC.com.

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Not locked out of their homes, but blocked out of their neighborhood. This scene from last March's train stall left many stranded out of their neighborhood for hours. A conversation that must have been the talk of the culdesac as residents knew exactly why I was there. ((SHARON OLIVER##RESIDENT)) "You must be here for the train track issue we have been having aren't you?" In this interview with Rincon City Manager Jonathan Lynn, he said the city was the closest to finding a solution and may be in the beginning stages. ((FILE INTERVIEW RINCON CITY MANAGER JONATHAN LYNN)) "Everything comes with a dollar figure and planning for that isn't easy but if we find a solution we will put pen to paper and get it done as quickly as we can." And that solution may be right around the corner. On Saturday city officials and Emergency personnel held a meeting right in the center of Picket Fence to explain their options and the reasons for the delay. According to the meetings hand out this entry point would not be a constant or a replacement for the current entry place instead it would be only in cases of emergency. Since then residents like Sharon Oliver who have been here for years say that they support the second entry because of last year's lockout. LINDSEY: ((SHARON OLIVER##RESIDENT)) "The concern was if they have special needs or something happened
FIXING and how do you get out or over that train." In the past, the city of Rincon would place EMS and Fire Trucks
RINCON inside the community when they were aware that the train would be stopped at that location. It was last
TRAIN year's train stalling that exposed the need for another entryway. ((SHARON OLIVER##RESIDENT)) "What
PROBLEM S if it stayed there longer? Like what would we do."

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SAV Shinhoster SAYS he's looking forward to hopefully seeing an impact on business owners across the country. The Vice President left Savannah for D-C shortly after meeting him. If you want to see more of our team coverage of the VP's visit you can find it on the WTOC news app and on WTOC dot com.

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"We had to go back to the drawing board, re-engineer it, it took some time to gather the funds, but thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act and strategic investments over many years, we're able to bring this forward and see these mobility investments take place." This portion of the Tide to Town Project has been completed for years. The trail runs from Lake Mayer- but now stops just short of Jenkins High School. If the City of Savannah approves 8-million dollars worth of funding at their meeting tonight- the trail will be connected up to Daffin Park- solidifying a walkable or bikeable path between to of the largest parks in the metro area. Palumbo: "Really, this is a win-win-win across the board. We're utilizing rights of way that the City already has in the form of our canal networks and streams, and rivers, so this really makes it so much more cost effective to be able to build implements just like these in our community." If the funding is approved, Palumbo says construction of this portion of the trail would take around 18 months. Palumbo: "This is a challenging project just because of the topography, and it's in a wetland area for portions of the trail, but it's shovel ready and ready to go and we're so excited to get this across the finish line on Thursday, to get the shovels in the ground and to get this project underway."

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"We have laughed, we have cried together, we have shed many tears to bring this possible. But, I'm so excited to see this come forward because this represents the most historic investment in mobility in the city of Savannah's history. The most historic investment in mobility in the city of Savannah's nearly 300 year history."

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"It fills me with mistrust." Ward Divine says he's been working for months to get answers and solutions about the noises coming from the Truman pkwy. "You can be sitting in the den watching tv and it sounds like someone turned a blender on". Divine tells me he used to sit out in his backyard with his wife and friends but that isn't something they can do anymore. "At 2'oclock in the morning, I don't know what was going on, on that pkwy but it sounded like they were having drag races out there"? The noise coming from the Truman pkwy has been a story WTOC has been following for years. After one side of the pkwy got a noise barrier, and the other didn't. Back in 2014, neighbors off of Whitfield Avenue were asking for a sound barrier to be put up. And in May of that year Chatham county commissioners voted unanimously to contract professionals to conduct a noise study for the Truman parkway ... as well as put more police patrols to slow down some of the fast speedy drivers on the road. but that didn't help. in October of the same year neighbors were still having issues. "It's taken away our quality of life". And almost 10 years later, in 2022 Sean Mannion, who lived in the Edgemere/Sackville neighborhood told WTOC he was working with local officials to get sound barriers for his neighbors. "The noise is just getting out of control. We can't even have a quiet night to do whatever. It's just like, how loud can it get?" Now, 2 years later, Divine says he's reached out to the city, his Alderwoman, and the county. Fighting for the same thing neighbors were 10 years ago. "Best case scenario is a sound barrier that is substantial enough to knock down the sound, it would start at derene on that access ramp, and go to bacon park drive". I reached out to the city, to see if something like this was possible and they sent me this statement saying quote "At the request of residents, the City has hired a consultant and a sound study is being completed. We will be sharing the final results with the public. The City is committed to working with residents on quality-of-life issues and will endeavor to find a collaborative solution to these concerns in partnership with the County and GDOT." – City of Savannah spokesperson I then asked the city when the study started and where it was taking place. They sent me another statement that said in part quote "The study was given to a consultant on June 13, 2023. The final draft has been submitted and is under City review prior to public release." It went on to say " The first study was for the Fairway Oaks neighborhood and a second study would be for the Edgemere-Sackville neighborhood. The City has spoken with residents about the process and will continue to communicate with them on the next steps" – City of Savannah spokesperson When I shared these statements with Divine this was his response: "Why didn't they share that they were doing the study? Why did we have to get media involved to get an answer" "Now neighbors have two new questions they need answered, they want to know how the city plans to communicate with them because they say they've clearly been missing the past messages that have been sent out. They also want to know who's going to be paying for the solution that comes from the sound study. Will it be the city, county, or GDOT" I took those questions to the city they told me their Senior Director of Transportation Services Stephen Henry has spoken directly to residents on the phone who have reached out to request an update. They also told me they are working closely with partners in the County and GDOT regarding potential solutions. But again, they aren't ready to share the results of their study or what happens next. until then, these neighbors will have to wait. And try to tune out the noise. And wtoc investigates will continue asking for updates. In savannah, Im Aria Janel

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Tybee Island Mayor Brian West tells me the city spent about \$180,000 to bring law enforcement in the weekend of Orange Crush last year. He expects that cost to be about the same this year, but he's hoping for a much different result. Over that one weekend in 2023, leaders estimated 40-50,000 people flocked to Tybee's beaches. "It turned out to be a much bigger event than we expected last year, and it also turned out to be a different group of people than we were expecting. It wasn't the typical college spring breaks students that we normally get. It was groups from further out of town and so it was really bad for the community." He emphasized the impact the crowds had on Highway 80. "The big problem for us is it's one way in one way out, we have a two-lane road, there's no emergency lanes... so there's a public safety risk for our residents that may need to get off the island for medical help and we're not going to tolerate the road being clogged up and us not being able to get them off the island. A possible solution he suggests... redirecting traffic away from the island toward the Bull River Bridge. The mayor telling WTOC in the years to come he wants to see Orange Crush gone from this area. "They ended it in Buckhead when it was going on there, they ended it in Myrtle Beach, they're ending it in Miami... we're going to end it too. This is the reputation of our community; we are a place for families to come and have a good time and get away from their work environments and relax." West says that starts by having the staff to stop situations before they start. "It's going to be a miserable experience and the people that are coming should know that they're going to have a hard time getting down here and the things that they paid to do aren't going to happen." "We'll have an increased police force. We'll have over 100 officers from different areas of enforcement around the state: the DNR, the state patrol, the county police, our police, our firefighters." Reporting from Tybee Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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SHORT properties." ... "we invested all of our retirement into this properties to basically be our retirement once we
TERM retire." "This is going to impede on many people who may want to sell their property because the meaning
RENTALS who be much deminished." This topic is expected to be on the agenda for the city's next meeting. 00:00:20

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LINDSEY: Orange crush has been a staple on Tybee for decades, drawing thousands of beach goers to the island for
ORANGE that weekend in April. Mayor Brian West says that it was the chaos that ensued last year that sparked ill will
CRUSH toward orange crush. "It originated as a spring break event. Yes but it's not that anymore. It's much worse."
DISCUSSI But last year promoters from outside of the college scene advertised events and activities that simply were
ON not there. ((TYBEE MAYOR BRIAN WEST)) " a large kind of people trying to entertain themselves because
there is nothing to do." This is why West says that it's not the island versus the visitors but the island vs the
promoters. A battle that legislation may soon stop. "I talked to Senator Watson and representative Jessie
Petrea this afternoon, and they are introducing legislation that allows any municipality in the state of
Georgia to sue in recover damages from promoters that promote events in areas like ours." 00:00:54

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WENTWO Looking ahead to April - Drivers in Port Wentworth will see some new parking rules go into effect. Starting
RTH April 2nd - the City will begin "Odd-Even Parking" That means that during even months - like February and
PARKING April - drivers will have to park on the side of the road as the even addresses. And - then for odd months -
ORDINAN you'll have to park on the side of the road with odd addresses. They do want you to know that they'll be
CE putting in signs to let drivers know about this new ordinance. 00:00:28

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STATEME ((SENATOR BEN WATSON)) Last time is cost tybee island, which is only a community of 3000 it cost over
NT ON 130 thousand dollars and they didnt have any way to recoup that. If passed, this bill allows any
ORANGE municipality in Georgia to recoup those costs by holding the promoters accountable and discourage un-
CRUSH permitted events. 00:00:18

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POOLER CITY MANAGER NEW DETAILS

You may remember - we first reported Byrd's resignation at the beginning of December. His last day on the job was New Year's Eve. Documents from the city show they'll be paying about half a million dollars to Byrd over the next two years in severance pay. In addition - they show the city sold him the Ford F-150 truck he drove for work for 10-thousand dollars. WTOC did an online search of the truck's information which showed it's a 20-23 model. Our Investigates team is still waiting for more insight into why Byrd was asked to resign. We'll update this story when we get more details.

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"So when you show up to vote you will ask for one ballot or the other whether it be the democratic ballot or the republican ballot and on that ballot will be those candidates who have declared for that party as part of the presidential preference primary, and of course you can only poll one ballot as a part of that primary."

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Taking a live look now from downtown Savannah where one of the historic squares will soon officially have a new name. Tomorrow, The new marker for Taylor Square will be unveiled in Savannah. City Council voted back in November of 2022 to remove the name "Calhoun Square." They took public suggestions on what to replace it with and last August, the city decided on honoring Susie King Taylor. Tomorrow's celebration kicks off at 11. The official unveiling will be at noon.

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POOLER CITY MANAGER NEW DETAILS

WTOC Investigates Pooler City Manager Robert Byrd resignation Last day on the job was New Year's Eve. City paying him over \$500,000 over next two years in severance

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				New at 5- City of Statesboro Mayor, Jonathan McCollar, has been appointed chair of the National League of Cities 2024 University Communities Council. The announcement was made by N-L-C President Mayor-Elect David Sander. McCollar was elected to a one-year term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The city says that will involve working with those communities to develop resources and programs. The goal is to build ones that can be replicated across the country.	
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				"It's a great disappointment. I put faith in science, and the science is there from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, Scientists from Everglade, UGA, that they expect mining will harm the swamp. So to take mining consultants science over federal and our greatest college in Georgia, is just a farce." "if it can be done safely, I'm all in favor of it. They need to make sure we can do it safely and not have an impact on this national treasure, the Okefenokee swamp. But we can have economic competitiveness and environmental protection. They're not mutually exclusive. Anyone interested in commenting on the project can send remarks to the EPD at twinpines.comment@dnr.ga.gov - or can attend a Zoom meeting on March 5th. The EPD will make a final decision on the permits once public comment has been taken.	
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				Some conservationists say, however, that the mining site would harm the Okefenokee by lowering it's groundwater levels, increasing the salt content of the freshwater swamp, and create noise and light pollution that would disrupt the eco-tourism economy in the area. A lot of that is based on science by scientists from federal agencies, as well as the University of Georgia. Some people believe that the science that the EPD is using is faulty and the mining project shouldn't be allowed, while others think it should be done if it can be done safely.	
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Twin Pines has been issued 3 draft permits by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division: an air quality permit, a groundwater permit, and a surface mining permit. The mine would be set up on Trail Ridge- which is the eastern boundary of the swamp. Scientists from the University of Georgia, as well as around the United States, have said that the Twin Pines mine would cause three key problems: It would lower the water levels of the swamp, making it significantly more likely to suffer from drought and wildfires- It would create saline clouds from wastewater management that could drop over a ton of salt into the swamp each day, disrupting the freshwater ecosystem, and it would produce light and noise pollution that would disrupt the experiences of tourists, thus damaging the eco-tourism revenue the swamp generates. The EPD, however, has said in documents that quote "EPD's models demonstrate that the mine should have a minimal impact on the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, even during drought periods." Some conservationists say, however, that the research is flawed. "It's a great disappointment. I put faith in science, and the science is there from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, Scientists from Everglade, UGA, that they expect mining will harm the swamp. So to take mining consultants science over federal and our greatest college in Georgia, is just a farce." The issuance of draft permits have also come as a shock to several cities and counties in Georgia that have previously passed resolutions in support of the swamp. In the City of Savannah's first council meeting of the year- they passed a resolution calling on Governor Brian Kemp to tell the EPD to deny all permits for the project. We reached out to Governor Kemp for comment- and haven't heard back. The National Park Service also recently nominated the swamp to be designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. If accepted- the park would join the ranks of other famous US natural features, like the Grand Canyon and Yosemite. US Representative Buddy Carter advocated for the nomination. He says that the United States has to be competitive when it comes to collecting critical minerals. "if it can be done safely, I'm all in favor of it. They need to make sure we can do it safely and not have an impact on this national treasure, the Okefenokee swamp. But we can have economic competitiveness and environmental protection. They're not mutually exclusive. Anyone interested in commenting on the project can send remarks to the email on your screen- or can attend a Zoom meeting on March 5th. The EPD will make a final decision on the permits once public comment has been taken.

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2/19/2024 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	SAV GHANA AGREEME NT	City leaders will be meeting virtually with their counterparts in Ghana's capitol city - Accra. Wednesday's virtual signing ceremony will formalize the partnership - which the city says will encourage the exchange of information and cooperation across many areas.	00:00:16
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		TTED	the legislation last week. It would allow any municipality to sue in recover damages from promoters that	
	4:30AM	EVENTS	promote unpermitted events. All of this comes as Tybee Island prepares for a big spring break bash--	
2/20/2024	DAYBREA	BILL	Orange Crush. Both State Senator Ben Watson and Representative Jesse Petrea sponsored the bill.	
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"This bill will allow Tybee to recoup the costs of the event, and in actuality, last year it was 187-thousand dollars of expenses to the citizens of Tybee." There would be certain provisions that would have to be met for municipalities to utilize Senate Bill 443. Normal citizens couldn't file for damages themselves- that responsibility would be left up to a city or county attorney, or a district attorney or solicitor general. However- if a private citizen were specifically affected- they could file a formal complaint- and an official could take up that complaint. Senator Watson says any municipalities in Georgia could utilize the bill- but officials on Tybee have specifically asked for it because of last year's Orange Crush event. Mayor Brian West says the event used to be mild- but the public safety issues caused by last year's version are unsustainable. "It became something that shouldn't be seen in residential areas, so we have to do something to stop it. If we can have an impact on what the promoters can do here and maybe hit them financially, then that will be good." The bill wouldn't, however, give the City of Tybee control over Highway 80 in high-traffic situations, like they have asked for. West: "We may get that in another way. That looks positive. But this is definitely going to help." The bill will now head to the House Judiciary Committee- and Watson says he believes that it has support over there. He hopes to see it pass the House- so it can be signed into law. Watson: "If it passes the House, it's already passed the Senate, would go to the Governors. We would ask for him to go ahead and sign it ASAP so the law would take effect."

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		SPECIAL	If you have plans to head downtown - The To-Go Cup Zone will also stay expanded this year - stretching	
		EVENT	from Victory Drive to the Savannah River...and from MLK to the Truman Parkway. That will be in effect	
2/20/2024		RULES ST	from 10 a-m on March 16th to 2 a-m March 17th. Remember - the parade is happening on the 16th since	
6:29:00 PM	5:30pm	PATS	Saint Patrick's Day falls on Sunday this year.	00:00:20

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		PATRICK'	"State law allows us once a year...it's kind of a no brainer for us." Many of the festivities... including the	
		S SUNDAY	parade will take place on Saturday the 16th this year. Stay with WTOC for everything you need to know	
2/20/2024		SALES	before the big day.	00:00:13
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2/20/2024			ST.	Since the holiday falls on a Sunday this year... city leaders had to pass a special resolution allowing bars to	
6:53:00 PM	6PM		PATRICK'	open that day. According to a city documents... alcoholic beverages may be served on premises from	
			S SUNDAY	12:30 P-M until 12 o'clock midnight on Sunday... March 17th. Mayor Van Johnson says ...it's something	
			SALES	city leaders can approve only once each year.	00:00:21

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			CITY TO	"We know that sometimes third world countries are very challenged and don't have the wherewithal to	
			SIGN	establish those types of relationships. Savannah and Accra, the United States and Ghana certainly have	
2/21/2024	6AM		GHANA	history that's connected, and so this is an opportunity to explore it in those ways. So I'm excited about what	
6:59:00 AM	DAYBREA		PARTNER	that partnership could mean as we continue to learn about ourselves as a country, and certainly as we	
	K		SHIP	learn more about them as our partners."	00:00:27

			5AM SHEA		
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			SIGN	The City will be formalizing a partnership with the city Accra to encourage the exchange of information and	
2/21/2024	6AM		GHANA	culture between the two cities. The partnership was developed in part by the Greater Savannah Ghana	
6:59:00 AM	DAYBREA		PARTNER	Alliance- which works to develop relationships between the two entities. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson	
	K		SHIP	visited Ghana last April- and met both the Vice President of Ghana and the Mayor of Accra	00:00:24

				"This is such an exciting time for us, celebrating 70 years with serving our community. WTOC stands for	
			WTOC 70	'Welcome To Our City'. That rang true 70 years ago, and it still does. So to be recognized by the City of	
2/22/2024	6AM		PROCLAM	Savannah is truly an honor." Mayor Van Johnson said he couldn't let this time in Savannah's history go by	
6:59:00 AM	DAYBREA		ATION	without some sort of recognition- and even gave an anecdote about how his grandmother was a loyal	
	K		PREVIEW	WTOC viewer. just like all of you.	00:00:26

2/22/2024 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM	RYAN: TYBEE UTILITY WORK	Tybee Island's city manager told me that work is set to begin on this section of 14th street next, as well as a few others around the island... so let's take a look at the map. VO: Where I'm standing, new sewers will be installed for the next couple of weeks. Also happening next week... a section of Polk Street will be repaved. Also... a section of Lovell Ave will see new sanitary sewers installed. Projects will be staggered throughout the process so only a few roads will be closed at a given time. They're all part of an effort to modernize the island's infrastructure. SOT: Michelle Owens, Interim City Manager, City of Tybee "Some of it dates back to when the fort was built. It's probably close to 80 to 100 years old. So we are trying to address that incrementally and every year we allocate funds for the water and sewer upgrades." There will be 10 projects total from now until early may. You can find a full list of the projects and when there will be closures on our website, WTOC.com	00:00:57
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2/22/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	LIBERTY CO. PRIMARY PREPS	"So with Saturday being a day that most people are out of work, we're expecting that to be a day where we see an increase in voter turnout. Most of the voters that have come out, I'm sure they're sharing the information with their neighbors and family members and making them aware. We're consistently pushing information on our Facebook page and online, to make sure the community is aware that advanced voting is going on." For Liberty County voters living closer to Midway, you can also vote at the Liberty County community complex.	00:00:31
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2/22/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	COUNCIL CELEBRA TES WTOC BDAY	"We appreciate all that you do even when you do stories on us that we don't like." *laughter* "You're still always fair and I've always appreciated that about you all and although the region might claim you, you're Savannah's own, and we're glad to have you being Savannah Strong." *applause* WTOC was the first station in the market to sign on the air on February 14, 1954.	00:00:21
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2/22/2024 6:53:00 PM	6PM	SAV COUNCIL ON ST. PATRICKS	"We want to be able to mark it for future generations that we were here for the bicentennial observance of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day parade and how it's grown, and now it's become a worldwide phenomenon. People come from all over the world to Savannah. And so, we just want to mark the specialness of this moment here in this time in Savannah, Georgia."	00:00:21
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			The street marker will be placed on Montgomery Street, just outside of the City of Savannah's Robbie Robinson Parking Garage. Here's a look into what it will look like... as you can see, describing the history behind the very first public St. Patrick's Day parade here in Savannah... a parade that took off from exactly where the marker is set to be placed. Today, council members acknowledging the importance of that day in helping to shape the iconic event for years to come. As we get closer to the 200th anniversary, mayor Van Johnson saying it's only right that we recognize the importance of this day.	
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2/24/2024	WKEND	PRIMARY	"Your vote really counts and if you want anything to change... the way our economy is, the way our border is, the other issues that are out there, you need to vote."	
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			A WTOC Update - we are waiting to see when the Georgia House will vote on a bill that would let local governments sue event organizers. You may remember - we've been following this bill all month, because a Tybee Island event sparked calls for it. The bill would allow local governments to sue organizers for damages caused by un-permitted events. All this in the wake of an annual spring break party called Orange Crush. It's typically held on Tybee Island...and last year caused safety concerns getting out to the island.	
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		CHATHAM DA CANDIDATE	Jenny Parker's campaign shared these photos with WTOC...as she launched her campaign on Tuesday. Parker says she's a career prosecutor with over 20 years of experience...and says she is looking to bring that experience to the District Attorney's office. That office is currently held by Shalena Cook Jones.	
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Chatham County has about 230,000 registered voters... so far... only about 1,700 of them have cast their ballots during the early voting period. That's less than one percent. "At this point, turnout has been kind of low. I would expect that it would pick up a little bit." Kimberly Martin, political science professor at Georgia Southern, says although she's expecting voter turnout to rise in the coming weeks... she's expecting another drop when we get to Primary Day in Georgia on March 12th... mainly because it falls after Super Tuesday. That means Georgia voters will already know what results look like for a big part of the country... something she says often discourages them from heading to the polls. However, despite those expectations, she's still urging people to get out and vote. KIMBERLY MARTIN "It really is important to show on the national level, and show to the party, just how strong that candidate is and just how much momentum they might have moving forward." Members from the Chatham County Board of Registrars also saying how much your vote matters in this election. "This is the opportunity for us as citizens to have our voice heard through that casting of a vote. So often we think that we don't have our voice heard by government and this is the opportunity to get out there, vote, have your voice heard." Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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we have a wtoc update this morning- A house committee has decided to move a bill forward that would let local governments sue event organizers for damages caused by un-permitted events. we've been following this bill all month, because the event, orange crush, that happens on Tybee Island sparked calls for the change. after last year's event caused safety concerns.

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The City is hosting the mayor's annual address tonight -- and everyone is welcome to attend. The mayor will celebrate the city's biggest accomplishments of the past year and goals for the future. It will include musical performances and a Q&A panel with the Mayor. It starts at 7 p-m at the Emma Kelly Theater.

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Funeral plans include a viewing followed by a homegoing celebration this Saturday. Both are happening at the Samuel B. Harris Gymnasium.

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LLINTRO: On Tuesday night's state of the city address mayor Jonathan McCollar spoke about the highs and the lows that Statesboro has seen and his hopes for the city moving forward. "Statesboro I am proud to bring to you tonight that the state of Statesboro is the strongest it's ever been and the future is the brightest it's ever been." The mayor of Statesboro hailing the city's accomplishments during the last four years while acknowledging the struggles its seen. "In the last six years, we have seen an uptick in three of the four categories of violent crime." The mayor says that those crimes have increased, he believes that the city's investment into higher wages for police officers will soon begin to pay off. "because of our investments, we have been able to attract highly qualified individuals for our police and fire department staff" Following the address the mayor sat down for a question and answer session where he talked about the city's work to lower the poverty level and maintains it's one of their biggest success stories. "In January 2018, the city of Statesboro poverty rate was about 53%, now here we are in 2024, depending on what stats you look at the city of Statesboro rate is about 37%" Other topics discussed, how Statesboro was going to handle the inevitable growth coming, as well as how to continue to work alongside of the county for what's best for the city. The mayor also says his vision for Statesboro is for it to grow and develop into a city that is inclusive of all people and a good place for developers. Tag: in Statesboro, THE CITY Lindsey Stenger, WTOC News

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"Many of these homes, they're in the 100-year flood plain, and under direct threat from major structural flooding if we get a direct hit from a tropical system." That's where Casey Canal Drainage Improvement Project comes in. It's a 40 million dollar project- that'll expand the size of drainage pipes in the Midtown area. SHEA STANDUP This pipe right here is 6 inches in diameter- the ones that are in Midtown are around 11 inches in diameter, but after the expansion project, they will be 5 feet in diameter. And as you can tell- that's a lot bigger. Palumbo: "This is a much needed upgrade. It's the largest of its kind in the district's history." But the upgrades won't come without disruption. Crews will begin micro tunneling areas of Midtown, block by block, and Palumbo says that could take a year or more. Palumbo "You'll still be able to park there, and we repave as we go. It's a continuous process where we're moving pipe by pipe, inch by inch, mile by mile, so we really try to minimize any disruptions possible, because we know these disruptions impact your quality of life." The goal: to prevent scenes like this flooding from happening in the area again. But Palumbo says the improvements could help your wallet, as well. Palumbo: "Once the infrastructure is complete, they should get a recalculation on their property insurance and call their homeowners insurance agents about recalculating their flood insurance, as well. So this is a major infrastructure upgrade and a benefit to them, and really a benefit citywide."

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GARDEN CITY ANNEX UPDATE You may remember - we first told you about the plan to expand the city limits to include unincorporated parts of Chatham County in December. Those included the Henderson neighborhood, Berwick and parts of Georgetown. The bill would have put the issue to voters this year - but Georgia governor Brian Kemp vetoed it at the end of a special session. 00:00:20

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SAV. ST. PATRICKS SANITATI ON RULES "Again we want you to be responsible, be respectful, we want you to respect our city. That's important for us." The Mayor also says the city will once again be extending its to-go cup zone for the festivities. The zones will be from the Talmadge Bridge to Truman Parkway and River Street. to Victory Drive. 00:00:18

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SAV. ST. PATRICKS SANITATI ON RULES The Mayor says they want to keep the city green but also clean. He says team Savannah welcomes all of the visitors and residents. But is asking everyone to follow the rules. That includes not leaving anything behind, bring your own trash bags, leave styrofoam at home and NO littering. The city will have people out there issuing citations for littering. Fines start at \$50 dollars. 00:00:23

Bottles of water... "To...brush our teeth and wash hands and everything else right this moment. And gallons of it... We've got our gallons of water here, again, because we're having to fill up the tank to flush the toilet so we can use the bathroom." Laying around Katherine Gowers home... to take care of basic needs while her water is shut off. "Picking up your kid and having to take her to somebody else's house to take a shower, is hard." This all started, Gowers said, when she and her husband received their water bill for November- totaling over one-thousand dollars. Another bill for the same amount came through in December... and then another in January. Gowers says the only plumbing issue her family has had recently- a running toilet. But that problem, she says, was fixed by December. Gowers: "Even after that, we still had a bill over a thousand dollars which is why we called a plumber and leak detection to come out and take a look at our home." Leak detection, Gowers says, found no problems. They said it wasn't likely that the running toilet could run up a water bill that high.. but Gowers says, Effingham County told her it is possible. The leak detection service also told Gowers that the problem was likely with her water meter. Gowers set up a payment plan with the County while she waits to find out what the problem is. She admits she has missed payments on the plan... saying she shouldn't have to pay a bill that high. Gowers: "I really don't know anybody who just has a thousand dollars to spend. And this is while we've been paying for leak detection and plumbers to come out and determine that it's not our fault. So my husband and I, that's why we haven't kept up with the payment plan or anything like that. Because we've been told that's not our issue."

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PKG: The summer of 20-26 is a time several York Street business owners and residents have circled on their calendars. It's when the General Services Administration says renovations to modernize the Tomochichi Federal Courthouse will be done. sot pop: "It seems to be running a little long." Justin Godchaux lives in a condo across from the courthouse. "We've lost parking spaces in front of the building. The bottom of our building is commercial establishments, and it definitely effects their business not having clients be able to pull up in front of the building." According to the GSA's website...renovations on the 125-year-old building began in 20-21...we previously reported that work was supposed to be finished in 2025.. and now that's been pushed another year. The GSA says work was paused and the schedule needed to be changed after that partial floor collapse last April. A statement from the GSA says in part..."Following the completion of construction, the Court and U.S. Marshals Service will prepare the space for occupancy and move into the building, which will take several months. The Tomochichi Courthouse is anticipated to be operational in late 2026 or early 2027." In November...we got a first hand look at the ongoing repairs. The GSA told us they're working to keep residents and businesses updated. sot pop of Abigail Low/Project Executive (from November): "...we know that this is inconvenient." Neighbors now relieved to have a better idea of when renovations may finish as the GSA says its focus is safely completing this historic building. USE Godchaux: "Our unit's value is based on looking out upon the tower and we'd like to get it back without scaffolding and looking like it did before. "

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Vo As we reported at the time, in early 2022 former Port Wentworth City Manager Edwin Booth was one of a handful of city employees to resign. The lawsuit Booth filed within the last two weeks now says "The Mayor's actions prevented (him) from performing the functions and duties as City Manager." He points to suspicions he had of a specific city contractor, ClearWater Solutions. In his resignation Booth writing "it became apparent from the very start that ClearWater Solutions had control of the Council which greatly hindered my efforts." He claims he was investigating the company's practices and was told to stop. The lawsuit also maintains his claims that working for the city was a hostile workplace. 2022 SOT - "They have had a hostile work environment from the council,. They have been threatened. The council has come in and said we'll we have the majority and you could be fired, not understanding what the charter says." Vo

TYLER: The city's response to Booth's lawsuit pulling no punches. They say in his final months in the job Booth
PORT racked up a bill of \$146,000 for being late on the city's power bill. They call his actions "especially
WENTW RTH egregious" and an "obscene dereliction of his duty". They close by saying "Mr. Booth actively sought to
LAWSUIT harm the City, its residents, and its employees, while he was supposed to be its leader."

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I reached out to Councilmember Frazier, and she told me she's working with her team right now and isn't ready to go on camera yet. She referred me to a Facebook post after the arrest. VO: In the beginning of her post, Frazier states quote, "I learned some folks' true colors today and was beyond disappointed, but I'm glad when people reveal themselves, it lets me know my true place in their life." Bluffton's public information officer sent me the incident report detailing how police officer Richard Ramirez describes the arrest. The report says it all started when he was doing traffic enforcement and clocked a gray SUV going 56 in a 35. Ramirez says he identified Frazier from her driver's license, which dispatch confirmed was suspended. The report continues with Fraizer telling Ramirez she didn't know about the suspensions... and was not notified by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles about them. Ramirez wrote that Frazier's driving record was extensive and there were multiple suspensions for the same violation, along with others. I called Bluffton PD to ask about the situation, and they referred me over to the town's public information officer. I asked her what Fraizer's past violations were... if she could confirm that Frazier's license was suspended in the past... and if I could have a copy of the bodycam footage. She told me that none of these requests are public record. Back to Frazier's post, she said she is not immune to receiving traffic violations, and takes care of them when they happen. She ends the post by saying quote, "In the meantime, if someone wants to use my mugshot to put me on my shirt, send me one too. Hashtag Free B, Hashtag Undefeated." You can follow along with this story as it develops both on air and on the Lowcountry page of our website, WTOC.com. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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 The city doesn't normally comment on pending litigation -- but wanted to address what it calls a staggering number of inaccuracies and omissions. The city says it looks forward to "having the courts see it was not the City that failed Mr. Booth, but Mr. Booth that broke his oath and failed the City." Tyler Manion digs into the 60-page lawsuit -- and the city's response.

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3/12/2024
 4:00:00 PM I16 FLYOVER FUNDING
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 As far as where the project stands right now - no decision has been made yet. But Savannah City Council approved money to match federal funding assisting the Georgia Department of Transportation's work on the project. That decision was made in December as part of the 2024 budget. WTOC will continue to follow the planning and bring you updates as it moves forward.

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 New tonight--- Over 100 Beaufort County Residents got the chance to learn about composting today. The County's presentation was focused on the ins and outs of composting in your own backyard. Attendees were given their own bins for free. It was part of a \$270-thousand dollar grant the county received from the USDA. The county's recycling coordinator taught residents how composting helps fertilize the environment. County officials hope the fertilizer that comes from composting can help farmers in the community.

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 The lawsuit claims the city of Pooler's attorney didn't get a chance to look through the mutual separation agreement before it was adopted. Once he did, the concerns were clear. The suit though... says former Mayor Rebecca Benton responded by saying in part "there has been a thorough review of the mutual separation agreement... your opinion is incorrect". The agreement is set to pay Byrd more than \$600,000 in total value, including what would have been his pay for the next two years. The lawsuit reading "payment of two years' salary ... violates the ... Constitution of the State of Georgia" Because of that belief, Pooler is asking a judge to grant a temporary injunction on the agreement... meaning the payments would be paused along with the former city manager's use of a truck he got in the deal. The city... now looking for guidance as to if they legally have to abide by this agreement... writing the "current Mayor and Council are uncertain as to whether the MSA is legally binding on Pooler."

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3/13/2024	5AM	BEAUFOR T CO.	"With these grant funds, we're hoping to initiate a large education campaign on food waste diversion, and then also use that finished product for local agricultural producers, and implementing great- best practices for their soil. If you're interested in composting... you can find information to get started -- on the Lowcountry page at wtoc.com.	
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3/13/2024		SAPVELO ISLAND LAWSUIT DISMISSED	The S-P-L-C sent a statement saying they have a chance to refile the suit, because the judge dismissed the case without prejudice. They write in part, "The ruling only addressed procedural issues, and the court did not address any of the underlying merits regarding Hog Hammock or the zoning amendment." S-P-L-C says they plan to amend their suit and refile within the six months given under Georgia law.	
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3/13/2024		MAYOR JOHNSON PARADE PERMIT	"By the Grand Marshal Mr. Forbes and aides for presentation for the 200th St. Patrick's Day anniversary. And I'm telling them now, and I'm telling them publicly, we have the permit that I have not yet signed. And I'm going to find where we're situated in this parade." The parade will step off at 10:15 AM Saturday. You can catch all our coverage leading up to it right here on WTOC and WTOC plus.	
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3/13/2024		SAPVELO ISLAND LAWSUIT DISMISSED	In the meantime - the Southern poverty law center sent a statement saying they have a chance to refile the suit, because the judge dismissed the case without prejudice. They write in part, "The ruling only addressed procedural issues, and the court did not address any of the underlying merits regarding Hog Hammock or the zoning amendment." They also say they plan to amend their suit and refile within the six months given under Georgia law.	
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WARNOC K 116 FLYOVER FUNDS FOLO "The communities were literally severed from economic mobility and possibility. Right in that same area, there was a thriving Black business district." "All of those areas were literally destroyed in the name of so-called urban renewal." The flyover ramp passes above Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to Montgomery Street. In December...Savannah's City Council approved funding for preliminary engineering commitments on the overpass' removal.

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PKG: nats of permit presentation? It's official. Today...the city of Savannah handed the St. Patrick's Day committee a permit for this year's parade. "The relationship between the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has gotten stronger each year." Hours earlier...law enforcement and event organizers briefed city council members on how they're getting ready. "This is a all hands on deck operation." Savannah police chief Lenny Gunther says the department's special operations begin at 3 p-m tomorrow and will last until the celebrations are done. For those heading to the parade...city officials say more metal barricades are being set up to keep people from crossing the route while floats go by. "We're adding more barricades out there so the parade can move more smoothly through the streets. Hopefully, we'll end at a good time." Also "more" this year...toilets. Locations can be found using this map on the city's website. Broker: "Last year, we got a lot of complaints that we just didn't have enough. So we've increased those and placed them in pods throughout the community." The city will have marshals enforcing littering and other ordinances during the festivities. Chief Gunther says misdemeanor and felony arrests will be taken to the Chatham County Detention Center...but is urging officers to use discretion. sot pop: "It's not a competition to see who can make the most arrests." He says law enforcement is hoping for the best...but planning for any unexpected events. Gunther: "We have contingency plans for mass casualties, vehicle born attacks, medical emergencies, lost children, active threats and suspicious packages."

FLYNN: ST. PATRICKS DAY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PARADE PERMIT VOTE The city of Savannah making all of the festivities official today. They handed the St. Patrick's Day committee a permit for this year's parade. You can see they all gathered inside of City Hall as they presented their plan to council.

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SAV LITTER RULES & FINES Here's a quick reminder of the rules: Styrofoam No glass No littering Make sure you don't damage any landscaping. Don't forget to bring your own trash bags. And don't forget about the trash and recycling bins in all squares and on all streets. If you get caught littering - you'll either have to pay a 50 dollar fine or go to court.

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It's almost six p-m...which means you can soon put out chairs to save your spot for Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade. You can place them on sidewalks and in tree parks along the route starting at six...but be careful where you pick. "If it's in a roadway or blocking egress to a building, we will remove it." "No tents and they cannot be affixed. You can't nail it down. You can't chain it down." The city says crews have already removed several golf carts along the route that were secured to city property. If your belongings are removed...you can pick them up at the Civic Center through Sunday. nats of running in the squares? You'll have to wait a little longer to set up in squares along the parade route. Melder: "Squares will open at 6 a.m. on parade morning just like every other St. Patrick's Day and kick off with the traditional land rush." The city is once again urging people to keep it clean this St. Patrick's Day. Marshals will be out enforcing liter and other ordinances. You can't bring Styrofoam cups or coolers and glass. And if you typically park or live along the parade route... "Vehicles will be towed from the parade route and staging area as early as 4 a.m. Saturday parade morning." Street closures will begin soon after before the parade steps of at 10:15 a-m. The city says more signs than ever before have been placed along the route reminding drivers of the closures. sot pop: "We expect Saturday to be the biggest crowd we've ever seen for St. Patrick's Day" Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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"If it's in a roadway or blocking egress to a building, we will remove it." "No tents and they cannot be affixed. You can't nail it down. You can't chain it down." The city says crews have already removed several golf carts along the route that were secured to city property. If your belongings are removed...you can pick them up at the Civic Center through Sunday. nats of running in the squares? You'll have to wait a little longer to set up in squares along the parade route. Melder: "Squares will open at 6 a.m. on parade morning just like every other St. Patrick's Day and kick off with the traditional land rush." The city is once again urging people to keep it clean this St. Patrick's Day. Marshals will be out enforcing liter and other ordinances. You can't bring Styrofoam cups or coolers and glass. And if you typically park or live along the parade route... "Vehicles will be towed from the parade route and staging area as early as 4 a.m. Saturday parade morning." Street closures will begin soon after before the parade steps of at 10:15 a-m. The city says more signs than ever before have been placed along the route reminding drivers of the closures. sot pop: "We expect Saturday to be the biggest crowd we've ever seen for St. Patrick's Day" Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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JESUP: Nicholas "Nick" Ellis has been serving as the Interim City Manager since January. The City has only had 4
CITY candidates apply for the position- where 3 of them withdrew their applications. The Board of
MANAGER Commissioners will still take 14 days as required by law to still consider Ellis for the position. They will
UPDATE make the final decision in an open meeting.

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		BRYAN CO.		
		APPROVE	A WTOC update-- The Bryan County Board of Commissioners approving the reconstruction of Hendrix	
		S	Park's gym. This comes after an EF-4 tornado whipped through the area two years ago. Commissioners	
3/18/2024		HENDRIX	approved the contract with Belfor Property Restoration. The new building will feature over 4-thousand	
3:00:00 PM	3PM	PARK	square feet of a redesigned space for the public to use. It will also have an over 10-thousand square foot	
		REBUILD	gym area. The project is expected to take about 18 months to complete.	00:00:28

		3RD DISTRICT TOWN		
		HALL ON	Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan will hold a town hall meeting Thursday to give updates about ypur	
3/18/2024		THURSDA	neighborhood. That includes city services and public safety updates. You'll also get the chance to ask	
3:00:00 PM	3PM	Y	questions at the meeting. It starts at 6 P-M at the Resource Center on Pennsylvania Avenue	00:00:17

		EFFINGHA M CO.		
		CLERK	The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has confirmed to WTOC that there is an investigation into Jason	
		UNDER	Bragg for allegations of wrongdoing. Bragg was elected as the Clerk of Superior Court back in 20-20	
3/18/2024		INVESTIG	according to his bio on the county's clerk of courts website. They are unable to share any further details as	
4:59:00 PM	5PM	ATION	this is an active investigation. WTOC will continue to follow this story closely and will update you as more	
			information is released.	00:00:26

		POOLER STVR TALKS		
3/18/2024			mayor Karen Williams tells us they do not have any codes or regulations about rentals at this point. During	
5:53:00 PM	6PM		tonight's council meeting, a first draft is being put forward for approval. It will be followed by a town hall	
			meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m.	00:00:15

3/18/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	POOLER STVR TALKS	Sot: "Hopefully the council will pass a moratorium preventing new applications from being applied for because we have no regulations on them. It will give staff, staff has told us that they need more time to get this final approved ordinance for the second reading." Mayor Williams says the moratorium on new short term rentals is set for six months.	00:00:21
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3/19/2024 4:00:00 PM	4PM	COMMISSI ONER INDICTED EFFINGHA M	There is a county commission meeting today in a little less than an hour. It's not clear if the indictment will be addressed at that meeting. It's happening in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Administrative complex on Laurel Street in Springfield.	00:00:15
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3/19/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	EFFINGHA M CO. COMMISH LOPER INDICTME NT	Reginald Loper was arrested last May. He was given bond and remained as an active commissioner. A grand jury has now indicted him on charges of sexual battery and sexual battery against a child under 16. According to the indictment, the accused act for the first charge happened between August 2017 and August 2020. And the second accused act happened between September 2014 and September 2015. You can take a look at our past coverage on this case on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:28
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3/19/2024 5:53:00 PM	6PM	DHEC ABANDON ED BOAT PROGRA M	"The fiberglass hulls will be chunked up and shredded and those fiberglass shreds will be incorporated into an alternative fuel source for a local cement kiln. So in the past, fiberglass hulls have just been sent to the land fill where they are there forever, and this uses them in a more sustainable way, which is kind of cool." You can find links to apply for the vessel turn-in program on our website, WTOC.com. Applications are due on April 5.	00:00:26
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Short-term vacation rentals have become a Cash Cow for many people in and around the Savannah area As a coast that thrives on Tourism. The pooler area has also seen more growth, short-term vacation rentals have also become more popular. ((PODIUM SOUND)) "This is such a growing area, and I am proud of the service that we have been able to give to some of these transitioning families." Whether it is a place to stay outside of Savannah city limits or a longer resident who has found work and needs a place to stay before finding housing, short-term rentals are on the rise, the only problem now is Pooler doesn't have a way to regulate them. ((KAREN WILLIAMS##POOLER MAYOR)) "This is something that we can fix ahead of time, instead of being in one of those situations where you learn as you go and you make mistakes and then have to go back and fix them" People in support ((PODIUM SOUND)) 'I started renting out a room, and I was able to afford the mortgage. and I am thankful to say that now, that house is paid off" And opposition spoke at the town hall ((PODIUM SOUND)) "The neighbors and the neighbors immediately around the should be talked to and approved of something like that because the business that comes in, you just dont know who they are." After hearing from the speakers tonight, the Mayor is excited to get to work and begin planning for the future of short-term rentals. ((WILLIAMS)) "To give us time, to get the best ordinance we can."

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For reference - the Smithsonian National Zoo says the world's largest living animal - the Asian Elephant - weighs between 6-thousand and 12-thousand pounds. You're looking at the Zoo's elephant cam on the other side of your screen now. More than 12-thousand pounds of trash total was taken by Park and Tree services from the parks and squares Saturday and Sunday.

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ANNA S.:
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City officials say with the number of people packing the island for last year's unpermitted event, there were massive back-ups on the roads, both coming in and leaving the island. They also say it put an extra burden on local law enforcement and resources. This year, mayor Brian West says one thing they are focusing on is traffic. He says they're looking at ways to control parking and make sure cars keep moving along the roadways. This all comes as a bill is currently awaiting Governor Kemp's signature that would allow municipalities to hold organizers of unpermitted events, like Orange Crush, financially accountable for any damages.

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"This study is something Tybee's mayor, Brian West, tells me will help the city get a better understanding of just how much short-term vacation rentals have an impact on the economy." Mayor West says he has two main things in mind when looking at this study. ((SOT)) "What would happen if we eliminated a lot of vacation rental homes? And what would the economic impact be?" BUTTED TO "What impact does vacationers have on people who live here and consider it more of a residential type of island?" Those are the questions West says he's hoping this study will be able to answer. He says when looking at Tybee, there's really two sides to it. MAYOR BRIAN WEST "Tybee has always been a place where people come during the summer to go on vacation." BUTTED TO "And then there's also the group that see's Tybee as more of a residential place." Because of that split, he wants a study to be done before any ordinance is voted on. MAYOR BRIAN WEST "Hopefully the studies will help us better understand the impact the ordinance will have on Tybee's neighborhoods and on Tybee's economy." One thing he says he is interested in learning about is whether or not the island should make regions that cater to either locals or vacationers. ((SOT)) MAYOR BRIAN WEST "There are neighborhoods that are more vactioney and neighborhoods that are more residential." BUTTED TO "And, that separation might make it less controversial for people that live here." ((VO)) Council members are set discuss this economic impact study at their next workshop. Reporting on Tybee Island, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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LLINTRO: More than 2 million dollars is coming to Liberty to fund a project that's been talked about for nearly 20 years. It's the SR 38 Bypass project. SOT: "The bypass will enter Liberty County in the city of Walthourville and it will intersect with highway 119 South going around the city of Hinesville." VO: Giving the county another route for trucks and relieving the downtown area of some of its traffic. Now, he says the funding will make this process and project much smoother. SOT: "Receiving those funds will help with the utility relocation and allow that project to move much faster." VO: They say they've also been working toward their goal of getting this done... SOT: "We had been asking various sources to include our senators and representative Carter and they came through for us and we're appreciative that the funding is on the way." LLTAG: There isn't a set timeline just yet, but they say.. the funding is just the beginning. We'll continue to keep you updated on its progress. In Liberty County, Jasmine Butler, WTOC News.

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ON situation, it is an "and", but for it to be an "and" situation it requires careful, and throughout planning." This
MEETING was the council's first reading of the proposal which means it must go through a second reading and then a
(LONG) vote. 00:00:16

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ON A group called Keep Chelsea Rural is putting pressure on city council to vote against the annexation of
MEETING over half of the 5000-acre Chelsea Plantation. That land would then be developed into homes, commercial
(SHORT) space, and apartments. Residents say Ridgeland can not handle that type of growth. 00:00:17

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The first reading of a hot topic for the small town of Ridgeland South Carolina as a proposal to annex 3000-
acres of the Chelsea Plantation was on the table. ((Resident)) "It breaks my heart to see what is
happening in Ridgeland and Jasper.. It feels like my world is falling apart around me." Emotions running
high at Thursday night's council meeting as residents fear that town leaders may be biting off more than
they can chew. ((CARMEN PINCKNEY##KEEP CHELSEA RURAL)) "I can't turn left out of my house as it
is, and that is the road that all the schools are on." Concerns that the city is too focused on development
when they should be looking at conservation and fixing the issues residents say already exist. ((ASHLEY
RHODES##KEEP CHELSEA RURAL)) "Conservation and development was not an either-or situation, it is
an "and", but for it to be an "and" situation it requires careful, and throughout planning." A group called
Keep Chelsea Rural stood together, putting pressure on city council to vote against the annexation. The
land in question is nearly 3000 acres of the 5000-acre Chelsea Plantation. That land would then be
developed into homes, commercial space, and apartments. The residents are not opposed to growth, just
LINDSEY: feel as if a plan needs to be made first. ((ASHLEY RHODES##KEEP CHELSEA RURAL)) "We have
RIDGELAN neighbors to our north and to the south of us that this has happened and it has been successful and I think
D our biggest hope of it all is that that can be done here." This was the council's first reading of the proposal
ANNEXATI which means it must go through a second reading and then a vote. In Jasper County, Lindsey Stenger
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MEETING WTOC news. 00:01:28

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		RIDGELAN	A group called "Keep Chelsea Rural" is putting pressure on Ridgeland city council to vote against the	
		D	annexation of over half of the 5000-acre Chelsea Plantation. The land would be developed into	
3/22/2024	MORNING	ANNEXATI	commercial space. Residents say Ridgeland can not handle that type of growth. Council held its first	
9:00:00 AM	BREAK	ON	reading of the proposal *last night. It must now go through a second reading and then a vote.	00:00:23

			"I will now be able to focus on being a wife, a mother and grandmother to my two grand boys and will be	
		BECKY	spending time with the people who mean the most to me with the upcoming election. I wanted to ensure	
		HILL	that I provided ample time for other Republican candidates who may be interested in pursuing this position.	
		RESIGNS	I want to publicly thank all of the citizens of Carleton County who voted for me, who have supported me and	
		AS CLERK	who have stood by me." Hill is also the subject of an investigation from the South Carolina Law	
3/25/2024		OF	Enforcement Division who are investigating if Hill used her position for personal gain. Hill has served as the	
4:00:00 PM	4PM	COURT	Colleton County court clerk since her election in 2020.	00:00:40

			LL: This retreat at the city's Civic Center comes less than three months into the start of council member's	
			new term. City leaders say it's a good way to set the tone for the next four years. VO: These meetings are	
			also called "Visioning Sessions" that lay out city goals. Transportation...tourism...and recreation were	
			among some of the topics discussed. Despite it being early in the term...all current council members have	
			served for at least four years in the past. Mayor Van Johnson says that allows them to hit the ground	
			running in these sessions and talk about the big ideas that can be turned into city policies. SOT: "How do	
			we make that real in the policies, the practices, the game plan and the actions we do every single day?	
		SAV CITY	We're taking the very macro and making it very micro. This is what that process is all about." LL: This	
3/25/2024		COUNCIL	retreat was originally expected to happen in January...but personal matters for some council members	
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM	RETREAT	forced it to be pushed back. Sessions pick up tomorrow morning. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:01

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COMMISH LOPER Reginald Loper is due back in court for an arraignment April 10th. He's charged with one count of sexual battery against a child under 16 and one count of sexual battery. 00:00:10

3/26/2024
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DAYBREA K EFFINGHA M WATER FUNDING County Commissioners called the funding "vital", saying it will double the capacity and allow for a continued high-level quality of sewer service 00:00:09

To check in on the progress of their 2023-2025 Strategic Action Plan, the town of Hilton Head held a checkup workshop last Thursday to look at where they stand with their top 15 priorities. Vo Here are the town's top 15 strategies, including Island Resiliency slotted at number 6... something chief environmental officer TJ Jett calls vitally important. Sot: "We have shock from individual events like those storms or sea level rise over a long period of time... how can we plan for that in the future? So we need to plan for that now." Vo The town's stormwater program manager agrees, saying the changing environment dictates the need to be proactive instead of reactive. Sot: "Looking into the future we know that we need to be planning for anticipated changes associated with the climate." Vo Both Hilton Head employees agree on the importance of getting ahead, emphasizing that storms and sea level rise are big picture issues that will need big picture solutions. Sot "It might take bigger changes that we need to put in place whether that's ordinance changes to tree protection or beach renourishment projects." Vo We'll continue to track the progress that comes from meetings like these on the towns top priorities and update you on air and online. LLtag Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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12:00:00 PM NOON
JAMIE: The City of Savannah announced all glass recycling is stopping. The glass recycling vendor Savannah
GLASS was using went through some internal restructuring and logistics changes. They decided to halt collections
RECYCLIN in Savannah, Tybee, and Thunderbolt, and any other municipality in Chatham County that was part of the
G UPDATE program. The city is hopeful they'll find a new vendor. 00:00:22

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JAMIE:
GLASS "Unfortunately, our contractor halted operations, but that doesn't mean the spirit of glass recycling is dead.
RECYCLIN In fact, we're redoubling our efforts to seek out new partners to bring this service back as quickly as
G UPDATE possible." Savannah's Sanitation Department says participation in the glass recycling, is strong. 00:00:19

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JAMIE: Here at home -- the City of Savannah puts its glass recycling service, on hold. The city says the vendor it
GLASS was using has gone through some logistics changes, and decided to halt glass recycling collections in
RECYCLIN Savannah, Tybee, Thunderbolt, and any other Chatham County communities that were part of the program.
G UPDATE The city is hopeful they will find a new vendor to continue glass recycling. 00:00:23

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POOLER "...even if it's not perfect, even if it's not exactly what we wanted, it was important we have something in
STVR place...It may not happen, but could Pooler take that chance? I say no. "I feel like this has been rushed,
MEETING because we were 'threatened' by something that was going on in the House and the Senate and that is not
LATEST on the table. So for me, I'm not ready to make that decision." After some resident pushback, council
decided to delay a vote on the ordinance until after an April 15th workshop. It's unclear if that legislation
preempting city S-T-V-R regulation will pass the state House and Senate. 00:00:35

		POOLER		
		STVR	Mayor Karen Williams says she wanted to vote on the ordinance to protect Pooler from possible state	
3/27/2024		MEETING	legislation that would curb the city's ability to regulate S-T-V-R's. But some council members said they	
5:53:00 PM	6PM	LATEST	have not had enough time to review the proposed rules.	00:00:15

"Council has been briefed on the firm finding, they are not good." "There are several areas where the p card usage seems excessive" From 1 point 1 million dollars in 2019...to more than 2 million dollars by 2023 - the audit found spending on county cards went up 85 percent in 4 years...some of it on purchases the audit called "excessive" or "personal". Things like office decor, headphones, an Apple Watch, and office snacks were all purchased on county cards...something the auditing firm blamed on the "culture emanating from the top of the county's organization chart." ((HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A## AUDITING REPRESENTATIVE)) "The county's leadership failure to adhere to purchasing guidelines was a result of their willful disobedience of the law, or ignorance of it or some combination of thereof. This overall failure led to an overall laxity within Beaufort County government." ((JOSEPH F. PASSIMENT##Council chairman)) "To hold accountable for those who violate our procedures or who turn a blind eye to their violation." The county has already begun to implement new protocols for training for employees specifically for the use of the cards, reduce the number of cards in use, and create a new whistle-blowers policy. That includes creating a new purchasing policy that will crack down on feverously spending and help the county work more effectively in the future. ((John Robinson##Interim County Administrator)) " I accept full responsibility for the hardships that some of these actions have caused to the staff, the county council has trusted and empowered me to do what is necessary to mend the relationships of the past and pave a way forward."

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	6AM	PARKING	"We know parking continues to be a challenge in our community, particularly in the downtown core,	
3/28/2024	DAYBREA	PROPOSA	particularly in communities around downtown. Obviously, the more parking we can provide, the easier it is.	
5:59:00 AM	K	L	People could park there and walk, literally. So, we think that creates opportunities as well."	00:00:18

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		ION	Congressman Carter called the funding "vital", writing in a statement, "It's important that we make	
3/28/2024		CENTER	necessary safety repairs so that we can continue to stroll along our coast and enjoy its beauty. I'm excited	
3:00:00 PM	3PM	FUNDING	for the restoration project to be completed so that the City of Savannah can continue to thrive."	00:00:18

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FLYNN:
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GARAGE "Forsyth Park has become more and more popular and the parking challenges have become more robust.
NEAR This is a great way to partner with us, to get what we need to support the building, and also to give
FORSYTH additional parking to the city in conjunction with one project." 00:00:15

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FLYNN: The plan is to demolish some of the buildings behind me...across from Forsyth Park. In its place would be
PARKING a three level....underground...parking garage with more than 400 spaces...according to the development
GARAGE agreement. Two or more office buildings would be built above the garage. Under the agreement...Forsyth
NEAR Commons would also be responsible for building public restrooms at Forsyth Park. I talked with one of the
FORSYTH building's owners...who tells me he believes this project would help create new office space in Savannah
while also increasing the amount of parking. 00:00:34

**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
JANUARY 1, 2024– MARCH 31, 2024

M-F 9AM-10am

MORNING BREAK

A WEEKDAY TALK SHOW AIRING AT 9AM FEATURING GUEST INTERVIEWS,
PERFORMANCES, WEATHER AND NEWS..

1/15/24 10AM

MLK PARADE IN SAVANNAH

ANNUAL PARADE HOSTED BY WTOC'S DAWN BAKER AND E. LARRY MCDUFFIE

2/17/24 AND 2/24/24 7:30PM-8PM

BLACK ATHLETES WHO PAVED THE WAY

SHOW 1 REFLECTS THE 1968 OLYMPICS WITH ATHLETES TOMMIE SMITH AND JOHN
CARLOS. SHOW #2 FEATURES JIM BROW, THE HALL OF FAME RUNNING BACK.

3/08/24-7PM

THE NEWS AT 7-ST. PATRICK'S DAY EDITION-SALUTE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL -

ROUNDTABLE SETTING WITH MIKE CIHLA AS THE HOST. LOOKS BACK AT THE PAST
MARSHAL AND THE PRESENT GRAND MARSHAL DANIEL POWERS OF THE ST.
PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WITH STORIES AND EVENTS

3/16/24-8AM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS-

ANNUAL MASS HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

3/16/24-9:15AM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRE-PARADE-

WTOC TALENT INTERVIEW PEOPLE IN THE PARADE AND TELL VIEWERS WHAT'S IN THE
STORE FOR THEM IN THE PARADE

3/16/24-10:15AM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE-

THE 200THTH ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IN SAVANNAH, GA. HOSTED BY MIKE CIHLA, DAWN
BAKER AND JOHN FOGARTY.

3/30/24 7:30PM

PROUD TO BE A FARMER

A LOOK AT LOCAL PEANUT FARMERS IN THE AREA

DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2024

JANUARY-MARCH PSA'S on WTOC 11.1, and BOUNCE 11.2

AD COUNCIL/VARIOUS

A VARIETY OF PSA'S ALERTING VIEWERS ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION, FENTANYL DANGERS, WILDLIFE PREVENTION, USMC, TEACHERS AND HOW TO HELP THEM, STAND UP FOR CANCER, SANDY HOOK PROMISE, LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA, ADOPTING ANIMALS, PROSTATE CANCER, ORGAN DONATION, ETC.

BEDTIME MATH

PSA TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BE A BIG PART OF THEIR KID'S MATH TEAMS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

CANNADY'S COAT DRIVE

PSA ALERTING VIEWERS THAT THEY CAN DONATE COATS TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

FIRST TEE GOLF.

PSA'S ALERTING VIEWERS ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION AND HOW THEY ARE HELPING KIDS LEARN HOW TO PLAY GOLF.

GAB

A VARIETY OF PSA'S PRODUCED BY THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS ON INSURANCE COVERAGE, DIGITAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, DRIVE SOBER, TEXTING AND DRIVING, GEORGIA FARM BUREAU, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, HEROES, DRIVER SAFETY, PEANUT COMMISSION, BEFORE YOU DIG CAMPAIGN, HOSPITAL CAREERS, ETC.

GRAY TELEVISION

WHY GEORGIA PSA'S ON WHY FILMMAKERS SHOULD CHOOSE THE STATE FOR THEIR PRODUCTION, MEDIA SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP,

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR GREATER SAVANNAH

PSA'S PROMOTING WEEKLY SEGMENT ON MORNING BREAK THAT FEATURES AN ANIMAL THAT CAN BE ADOPTED.

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION

PSA TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THEIR PURPOSE OF GRANTING WISHES TO TERMINAL CHILDREN.

NAB

PSA'S PROMOTING THE PROJECT ROADBLOCK CAMPAIGN WHICH IS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING.

UNITED WAY OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

PSA'S TO DRIVE VIEWERS TO DONATE MONEY FOR BOOKS AND ALSO TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO READ TO CHILDREN

WTOC

PROMOS ALERTING VIEWERS ABOUT FIRST ALERT WEATHER DAYS AND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THEM,. ALSO, THE WTOC COMMUNITY CALENDAR. PLUS,

REMEMBERING BREONNA MOFFETT, LOCAL SOLDIER KILLED IN JORDAN, BLACK HISTORY VIGNETTE WITH SENATOR WARNOCK, ASKED AND ANSWERED SERIES,

WTOC 11.1
PSA REPORT
1st QTR 2024

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
WTOC	1/6/2024-3/9/24	:10,:15	1ST A WX VARIOUS	SAV302669-76	98
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	:15,:30	1st Alert WX Day 15	SAV302503-04	220
WTOC	2/3/2024-2/4/24	:10,:15	1st Alert WX Today 10	SAV302645-46,48	8
WTOC	1/17/2024-1/20/24	:10,:15	1stA WXTod-FREEZE WIND10	SAV302713-16	32
WTOC	2/9/2024-3/31/24	:30	Asked and Answered	SAV302497-98	121
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/27/24	:30	Attack The Day-GAB	SAV400519	20
WTOC	1/31/2024-3/28/24	1:00	Be The Light	SAV400556	20
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/25/24	1:00	Bedtime Math 60	SAV400418	17
WTOC	2/17/2024-2/29/24	:30	BHM-Sen Warnock	SAV302757	35
WTOC	1/1/2024-1/11/24	:30	Cannady Coat Drive 23	SAV400532,48-49	67
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/23/24	:30	Contact GA 811	SAV400516	38
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	:10	DAVE Ahead of Storm-F&F	SAV302632-34	211
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/1/24	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking-Sept-GAB	SAV400503	35
WTOC	2/1/2024-3/30/24	:30	DeptofDriver'sServices-DigDrivLic	SAV400558,71	39
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/28/24	1:00	Donors Choose-Support Teachers	SAV400547	44
WTOC	1/11/2024-3/29/24	:30	First Tee Teach Golf	SAV400511-12	90
WTOC	1/2/2024-3/24/24	:30	GA Hwy Safety	SAV400526	27
WTOC	3/1/2024-3/31/24	:30	GA PeanutsMarch	SAV400573	21
WTOC	2/1/2024-3/19/24	:30	GADeptofTransp-HumanTrafficking	SAV400559	27
WTOC	2/2/2024-3/23/24	:30	GovOfficeSafety-Drive Sober	SAV400557	9
WTOC	3/1/2024-3/30/24	:30	GovOfficeSafety-Drive SoberMarc	SAV400569	16
WTOC	2/7/2024-3/19/24	:30	Hospital Careers 24	SAV400565	9
WTOC	3/1/2024-3/27/24	:30	Human TraffickingMarch	SAV400572	12
WTOC	1/27/2024-3/29/24	1:00	It's Your Life	SAV400554	20
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	:10	JAMie Ahead of Storm F&F	SAV302635-37	214
WTOC	1/27/2024-3/15/24	1:00	Joy of Saving a Life	SAV400552	21
WTOC	1/3/2024-1/14/24	:30	Let's Get you Covered	SAV400520	2
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/24/24	1:00	Leukemia and Lymphoma Soc	SAV400528	20
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/29/24	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	13
WTOC	2/4/2024-3/25/24	1:00	Mark Wahlberg-BestFriendsAnimal	SAV400562	22
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/29/24	:30	Media Scholars-Gray Tel	SAV400542	83
WTOC	1/1/2024	:30	One Pill Killed-Fentanyl	SAV400494	9
WTOC	2/16/2024-3/27/24	:30	OPKPresident30REV	SAV400568	22
WTOC	1/1/2024-1/2/24	:30	ProRdBk-For the Stans 30	SAV400410	3
WTOC	3/1/2024-3/28/24	:30	Protect The MomentsMarch	SAV400570	15
WTOC	2/4/2024-2/11/24	:15	Read United POP 15	SAV400564	37
WTOC	2/2/2024-2/17/24	:15	Remembering Breonna Moffet	SAV302735	51
WTOC	2/6/2024-3/31/24	:15	Rescue Me Friday24-Horne	SAV302726	93
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	2:00,1:30,1:00	Sandy Hook Promise-Just Joking	SAV400513-15	143
WTOC	2/4/2024-3/31/24	:30,:100	Suicide Prev-TotalWorthIT	SAV400560-61	29
WTOC	1/2/2024-3/29/24	:15,:30,1:00	SUTC-Colonrectal Cancer15	SAV400487-89	55
WTOC	1/27/2024-3/30/24	1:00	Teachers Shaping Lives	SAV400553	36
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/25/24	1:00	USMC-Full Circle60	SAV400490	30
WTOC	1/1/2024-2/11/24	:30	UW Read United	SAV400545-46	130
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/29/24	1:00	Why GA 1	SAV400469-71	137
WTOC	1/27/2024-3/25/24	1:00	Wildlife Prevention	SAV400555	14
WTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	353
WTOC	1/5/2024-3/31/24	:20,:30	WX App	SAV302678,68	276
WTOC	1/7/2024-3/31/24	:15	WX APP DAVE & JAMIE 15	SAV302677	121

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DTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	:15,:30	1ST A WX -DAYS including specific 1stWDays	SAV302503-04 SAV302672,76, 302714	222
DTOC	2/10/2024-3/31/24	:15,:30	Asked and Answered	SAV302497-98	127
DTOC	1/17/2024-3/29/24	:30	Attack The Day-insurance GAB	SAV400519	25
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/10/24	1:00	Be The Light	SAV400556	8
DTOC	2/4/2024-2/24/24	1:00	Bedtime Math 60	SAV400418	2
DTOC	2/17/2024-2/29/24	:30	BHM-Sen Warnock	SAV302757	29
DTOC	1/1/2024-1/2/24	:30	Cannady Coat Drive 23	SAV400532	4
DTOC	1/5/2024-1/12/24	:30	Cannady Coat Drive POP	SAV400548	13
DTOC	1/5/2024-3/25/24	:30	Contact GA 811	SAV400516	35
DTOC	1/18/24-2/29/2024	:10	DAVE Ahead of Storm-F&F	SAV302632,34, 68-70	64
DTOC	1/3/2024-3/25/24	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking-Sept	SAV400503	30
DTOC	2/1/2024-3/31/24	:30	DeptofDriver'sServices-DigDrivLic	SAV400558,71	35
DTOC	2/3/2024-2/25/24	1:00	Donors Choose-Support Teachers	SAV400547	6
DTOC	1/11/2024-3/30/24	:30	First Tee Teach Golf	SAV400511-12	216
DTOC	1/9/2024-3/31/24	:30	GA Hwy Safety-GAB	SAV400526	20
DTOC	3/3/2024-3/24/24	:30	GA PeanutsMarch	SAV400573	6
DTOC	2/1/2024-3/25/24	:30	GADeptofTransp-HumanTrafficking	SAV400559	26
DTOC	1/20/2024-3/31/24	:30	GovOfficeHwy Safety-GAB-Drive Sober	SAV400244,557,69	38
DTOC	2/12/2024-3/24/24	:30	Hospital Careers 24	SAV400565	10
DTOC	3/3/2024-3/31/24	:30	Human TraffickingMarch	SAV400572	15
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/18/24	1:00	It's Your Life	SAV400554	8
DTOC	1/8/2024-3/18/24	:10	JAMie Notifications F&F	SAV302635-37	10
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/15/24	1:00	Joy of Saving a Life	SAV400552	12
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/18/24	1:00	Leukemia and Lymphoma Soc	SAV400528	6
DTOC	2/23/2024	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	1
DTOC	2/4/2024-3/25/24	:30	Mark Wahlberg-BestFriendsAnimal	SAV400563	24
DTOC	1/1/2024-3/31/24	:30	Media Scholars-Gray Tel	SAV400542	185
DTOC	2/17/2024-3/30/24	:30	OPKPresident30REV	SAV400568	52
DTOC	1/1/2024-1/2/24	:15	ProRdBk-Catch a Ride 15	SAV400409-11	5
DTOC	3/1/2024-3/31/24	:30	Protect The MomentsMarch	SAV400570	21
DTOC	2/7/2024-2/10/24	:15	Read United POP 15	SAV400564	4
DTOC	2/4/2024-2/17/24	:15	Remembering Breonna Moffet	SAV302735	12
DTOC	2/7/2024-3/30/24	:15	Rescue Me Friday24-Horne	SAV302726	28
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/30/24	1:00,1:30,2:00	Sandy Hook Promise-Just Joking	SAV400513-15	30
DTOC	2/4/2024-3/31/24	1:00,:30	Suicide Prev-TotalWorthIT	SAV400560-31	22
DTOC	1/1/2024-3/30/24	:15,:30,1:00	SUTC-Colorectal Cancer15	SAV400487-89	44
DTOC	2/4/2024-3/30/24	1:00	Teachers Shaping Lives	SAV400553	8
DTOC	2/24/2024	1:00	USMC-Full Circle60	SAV400490	1
DTOC	1/1/2024-1/25/24	:30,:15	UW Read United	SAV400545-46	47
DTOC	2/3/2024-3/23/24	1:00	Why GA 1	SAV400469-71	48
DTOC	2/4/2024	1:00	Wildlife Prevention	SAV400555	2
DTOC	1/27/2024-3/30/24	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	42
DTOC	1/7/2024-3/31/24	:20,:30	WX App	SAV302668,78	140
DTOC	1/10/2024-3/30/24	:15	WX APP DAVE & JAMIE 15	SAV302677	52
DTOC	1/19/2024	:15	Wx January POP	SAV302712	2