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**APRIL 1, 2023– JUNE 30, 2023**

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

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DAYBREAK	MONDAY-FRIDAY	4:30AM-7:00AM
MORNING BREAK	MONDAY-FRIDAY	9AM-10AM
THE NEWS AT NOON	MONDAY – FRIDAY	NOON – 12:30PM
AFTERNOON BREAK	MONDAY – FRIDAY	3PM-4PM
THE NEWS at 4	MONDAY-FRIDAY	4PM-4:30PM
THE NEWS at 4:30	MONDAY-FRIDAY	4:30PM-5PM
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 – 7:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	MONDAY – FRIDAY	11:00 – 11:35 PM
DAYBREAK SAT	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 – 11:35 PM
DAYBREAK SUNDAY	SUNDAY	7:00AM-9:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6:30pm	SUNDAY	6:30 – 7:00 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SUNDAY	11:00 – 11:35 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, REPORTS, AND POLITICAL ANALYSTS.

**GA FARM MONITOR SATURDAY 5:30AM-6AM**

SHOW FOCUSES ON FARMERS IN GEORGIA

**INVESTIGATIVE TV SATURDAYS AT 11:30PM,**

INVESTIGATETV IS GRAY TELEVISION'S NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND PROVIDES INNOVATIVE, ORIGINAL JOURNALISM FROM A DEDICATED INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND PARTNERS. INVESTIGATETV IS AVAILABLE ON APPLETV, ROKU, AMAZON FIRE, AT INVESTIGATETV.COM AND ACROSS GRAY BROADCAST AND DIGITAL MEDIA PROPERTIES.

**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.

**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.

**HOMETOWN HEROES**

THIS MONDAY 7PM SEGMENT RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY HEROES.

**WTOC INVESTIGATES**

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE STORIES CREATED BY WTOC'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

**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 AND SATUDAY 6:30 – 7:00 PM/SUNDAY AT 6:00PM**

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.

**2023 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ISSUES**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER**

1. **Public Safety & Crime including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety, and police conduct.**
2. **Education including education standards, school safety, budget and enhancement activities for students.**
3. **Minority Issues including affirmative action, NAACP activities, Women and Gay Rights, racial injustice.**
4. **Economic Development including business development, employment opportunities, community infrastructure, small business development, and visitor attractions plus the struggling economy and how the country is dealing with it.**
5. **Terrorism/National Security conflict in Foreign countries, and peacekeeping and National Security.**
6. **Government-including elections, the Coronavirus Pandemic and the state of the local, state and federal government.**
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**  
**APRIL 1, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 04/02/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former personal attorney (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS legal analyst (5); Preet Bharara, former U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York (6); John Bolton, former national security adviser, Trump administration (7); Emma Tucker, editor-in-chief, *The Wall Street Journal* (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)  
1) a report from Wynne, AR on the tornadoes that tore through the South, Midwest and mid-Atlantic on Saturday, leaving at least 26 dead
- 04/16/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Asa Hutchinson, former Arkansas governor, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (4); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Select Committee on Intelligence (6); Christine Lagarde, president, European Central Bank (7)  
2) Topics include: / fixing the connection between mental health and mass shootings /
- 04/23/23 **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (4) (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Quinton Lucas, mayor, Kansas City, MO (7); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4) (6)  
5) a report from Orlando, FL on the impact the latest string of deadly shootings has had on an anxious nation  
7) Topics include: shooting of an unarmed 16-year old Ralph Yarl, after he went to the wrong house in Kansas City / working with a Republican controlled board to tackle gun violence / culture of fear and paranoia
- 05/07/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Nicole Sganga, CBS News homeland security and justice reporter (2); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (3); Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (4) (6); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (7); Governor Roy Cooper (D-NC) (8); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (9)  
1) a report from Allen, TX on Saturday's mass shooting at a shopping mall near Dallas; police later killed the suspect, but investigators have not yet released a possible motive
- 05/21/23 **Guests:** Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Representative Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Eric Adams, mayor (D-New York, NY) (2); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL) (3); Robert Gates, chancellor, College of William & Mary, former Secretary of Defense, former director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, board member, Pfizer, former commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (5)  
2) Topics include:; choking death of Jordan Neely, a homeless man who struggled with mental health, by fellow subway rider Daniel Penny  
5) Topics include:; end of the COVID federal health emergency on May 11<sup>th</sup>

## 60 MINUTES

04/02/23

**“Land of Fire and Ice”** – a report on the 2021 eruption of the Geldingadalir volcano in Iceland. Through studying the event and the landscape it created, Icelandic scientists have discovered new methods of forecasting potential eruptions. Includes interviews with Kristin Jonsdottir, seismologist and head of earth sciences at Iceland’s Meteorological Office; Freysteinn Sigmundsson, geophysicist at the University of Iceland; Ed Marshall, a Texas trained geophysicist; and Matthew Pritchard, Cornell geophysicist. (See also: “Geldingadalir”, OAD: 05/23/21; Rebroadcast: 08/22/21) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

04/30/23

**“The Domino Effect”** – a report on the maternal healthcare crisis in the United States. After last summer’s abortion ban, the country continues to have one of the highest rates of maternal death in the developed world. Includes interviews with Dr. Rebekah Gee, OB-GYN, founder of Nest; Theresa Dubois and Brittany Cavalier, both mothers; Latona Giwa, co-founder of New Orleans’ Birthmark Doula Collective; Christy Turlington, model, founder of a maternal advocacy group; Kaitlyn Joshua, a community organizer and mother; and Dr. Jennifer Avegno, an ER doctor and current Director of the New Orleans Health Department. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

**“Out of Thin Air”** – a report on the effects of carbon dioxide on climate change. With oil and gas emissions at record highs, the first potential commercial solution is being tested by scientists in Iceland. Includes interviews with Carlos Haertel, Chief Technology Officer for Climeworks; Sandra Osk, a geologist with Carbfix; Kari Helgason, an astrophysicist with Carbfix; and Vicki Hollub, CEO of Occidental Petroleum. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott)

05/14/23

**“The Church’s Firm”** – a report on the \$100 billion fortune amassed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. With allegations of misused funds, whistleblower David Nielsen discusses his role as a former senior portfolio manager at the church’s secretive investment firm. Includes interviews with Christopher Waddell, one of three church bishops who oversees finances; and Phil Hackney, who worked in the Office of Chief Counsel of the IRS and teaches tax law. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

05/21/23

**“Targeting Seniors”** – a report on online scammers who target the elderly. Cyber scammers are utilizing AI and apps to target older users, as victims and tech consultants attempt to protect seniors. Includes interviews with Susan Monahan and her daughter Tamara Thomas, Judy Attig and her husband Ron, Ester Maestre, Steve Savage, who were all victims of scamming; Scott Pirrello, a deputy district attorney who runs San Diego’s Elder Justice Task Force; Rachel Tobac, an “ethical hacker”; and Hari Ravichandran, CEO of Aura. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Oriana Zill de Granados, Emily Gordon)

06/04/23

**“Suing Social Media”** – a report on the effect of lawsuits against social media companies. Many parents say the platforms have had a negative impact their children. Includes interviews with Kathleen, Jeff, and Alexis Spence, who are suing Meta; Matt Bergman, the attorney representing the Spence family; and Toney and Brandy Roberts, who lost their daughter. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 12/11/22)

06/04/23

**“Land of Fire and Ice”** – a report on the 2021 eruption of the Geldingadalir volcano in Iceland. Through studying the event and the landscape it created, Icelandic scientists have discovered new methods of forecasting potential eruptions. Includes interviews with Kristin Jonsdottir, seismologist and head of earth sciences at Iceland’s Meteorological Office; Freysteinn Sigmundsson, geophysicist at the University of Iceland; Ed Marshall, a Texas trained geophysicist; and Matthew Pritchard, Cornell geophysicist. (See also: “Geldingadalir”, OAD: 05/23/21; Rebroadcast: 08/22/21) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott) The 06/04/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 04/02/23)

## 48 HOURS

04/08/23

**48 HOURS: “Katrina Brownlee: The Good Cop”** (9:00 – 10:00p) – an interview/profile of Katrina Cooke Brownlee, who retired in 2021 as one of the New York City Police Department’s top-ranked detectives. In her first primetime television interview, Brownlee details the abuse she suffered, how she met the so-

called blue wall of silence, how she fought to live and how she vowed to be a good police officer. When she was 22-years-old, Brownlee, a mother to two daughters, lived with her then-fiancé, Alex Irvin, a New York City correction officer at Rikers Island. She says that every time she called the police after Irvin abused her, they would leave without taking action. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1993, a pregnant Brownlee met Irvin at the Medford, Long Island home they formally shared. Irvin, she says, had a weird look on his face. He shot Brownlee five times, reloaded his gun and shot five more times. A family friend of Irvin's who happened to stop by saw Brownlee bleeding and insisted on taking her to the hospital. Investigators initially thought Brownlee would die, but she survived. Irvin eventually pled guilty to all charges and was sentenced to only 5 to 15 years in prison; he was released after serving 10 years. It would take months, but Brownlee learned how to walk again. During that time Brownlee decided to change the system that let her down and became a police officer in 2001. Brownlee became a top-ranked detective and one of the few Black women in the NYPD chosen to protect a New York City mayor; she even kept her history of being abused from then-Mayor Bill de Blasio until their last meeting together. Brownlee continues to work on her organization, "Young Ladies of Our Future". Original on-screen text graphic: Katrina has just finished a book about her life that she's calling, "And Then Came the Blues." **On-screen text graphic for the 04/08/23 rebroadcast:** Katrina wrote a book about her life called, "And Then Came the Blues." Interviewed: Katrina Brownlee; Keri Herzog, former assistant district attorney; and Raymond Blasko, lead detective. (This hour was part of CBS News and Stations' ongoing reporting for Black History Month/February 2022.) (Anchor: Michelle Miller, co-anchor, CBS SATURDAY MORNING – Producers: Liza Finley, Lauren A. White) (OAD: 02/26/22)

04/08/23

**48 HOURS: "Kassandra's Secret"** (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 hadn't 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. **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. Interviewed: Alexandra McNary, Kassandra's friend; Marie Smith, Kassandra's mother; Detective 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)

04/15/23

**48 HOURS: "Christy and Hilda's Last Dance"** – On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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)

04/22/23

**48 HOURS: "Crosley Green's Hard Time"** (9:00 – 10:00p) - an updated rebroadcast, containing the most recent reporting on the case of Crosley Green. In 2021, Crosley Green's release from prison was featured in "Crosley Green Comes Home", OAD: 04/17/21, an update to the original 2020 broadcast of "Crosley Green's Hard Time", which was an update to "Last Chance for Freedom" (OAD: 05/30/15; updated 08/19/17), a follow-up to both "Reasonable Doubt" (OAD: 11/01/99); and its retitled rebroadcast, which included an update: "Impossible Mission" (OAD: 07/10/00). Recently, the Florida man who was free from prison for two years, was sent back for a murder he swears he didn't commit. 48 HOURS has been covering this questionable conviction for 24 years. Despite his claims of innocence, Green was convicted and sentenced to death in 1990 for the April 1989 murder of Charles "Chip" Flynn in a Titusville, FL orange grove. Green has spent decades trying to prove his innocence. At the time of the murder, he was a small-time drug dealer who said he was two miles away when Flynn was killed. Green was arrested after Flynn's former girlfriend, Kim Hallock, told police that she and Flynn had been carjacked by a Black man with a gun and driven to a remote orange grove. Flynn was killed, but Hallock escaped. She identified Green from a photo lineup. Green's nine state appeals are exhausted, but his current attorneys Keith Harrison, Bob Rhoad and Jeane Thomas, along with an original private investigator Joe Moura (now a 48 HOURS consultant) have one last hope, federal court. They believe they have enough evidence to prove that the conviction is part of a distinct pattern and practice of government misconduct in Brevard County. Three other men, - Bill Dillion, Juan Ramos and Wilton Dedge - have had their convictions overturned; two of them were also prosecuted by Christopher White. Green's attorneys believe what makes this case different is the great deal of evidence. At the heart of their case are notes from White's meeting with officers Mark Rixey and Diane Clarke (who spoke to 48 HOURS for the first time for the 05/30/15 broadcast). Green's lawyer says that their notes say they think the girl (former girlfriend Kim Hallock) killed Flynn. In June 2017, the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Court of Appeals said it would allow Green's attorneys to argue in person why his case should not have been dismissed. The Florida Attorney General's Office continues to fight to uphold Crosley Green's conviction, claiming Green failed to meet a filing deadline for his appeal. Original 04/18/20 UPDATE: In July 2018, a federal judge ruled that withholding prosecutor notes from Green's defense violated his right to a fair trial. His conviction was overturned and a new trial was ordered. The state of Florida appealed. On March 12, 2020, the Federal Appeals Court in Jacksonville heard from Green's defense team and state attorneys. Original on screen text graphic: 48 Hours will continue to follow Crosley Green's case. 04/17/21 UPDATE, featured in "Crosley Green Come Home": In March 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic and Green's diagnosis of latent tuberculosis, his attorneys filed a motion for his immediate release, which the court granted. A decision from the Federal Appeals Court is still pending. *(No on screen text graphic for the 04/17/21 broadcast.)* **04/22/23 UPDATE:** In March 2022, the U.S. Court of Appeals came back with a decision; the court ruled that those notes Christopher White failed to turn over to Crosley's defense would not have changed the outcome of his trial and his conviction was reinstated. Crosley's last hope to was to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to take this case. In February 2023, the attorneys gathered the Green family together to break the bad news - the Supreme Court will not hear his case and Crosley has run out of legal options. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, two years after Crosley's conditional release, he was returned to prison. **On screen text graphic for the 04/22/23 updated rebroadcast:** Crosley Green's only remaining options for freedom are to seek parole or clemency. New interviews for the 04/22/23 updated rebroadcast: Crosley Green; Keith Harrison and Jeane Thomas, Green's attorneys; and Katharine Spikes, Crosley's fiancé. Also contains interviews from prior broadcasts: Crosley Green; Keith Harrison and Jeane Thomas,



Green's attorneys; Diane Clarke and Mark Rixey, Brevard County officers; David Stroup, Chip's friend (1999); Christopher White, prosecutor (2015); Charles and Peggy Flynn, Chip's parents (1999); Tim Curtis, who sold the car to Chip; Lisa DiMeo, criminalist; Sheila Green, Crosley's sister (1999); Kenneth Nunn, University of Florida law professor; O'Connor Green, Crosley's brother; Degrah Green, Crosley's sister; Shuma Green, Crosley's son; Shirley Green, Crosley's sister. (See also: "Reasonable Doubt", OAD: 11/01/99; its retitled rebroadcast, which included an update: "Impossible Mission", OAD: 07/10/00; 48 HOURS: "Last Chance for Freedom", a follow-up to both prior broadcasts, OAD: 05/30/15 - an updated rebroadcast aired on 08/19/17; and 48 HOURS: "Crosley Green Comes Home", OAD: 04/17/21 - an update to "Crosley Green's Hard Time".) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Asena Basak) (OAD: 04/18/20)

04/22/23

**48 HOURS: "Alisa Mathewson's Night Terrors"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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)

04/29/23

**48 HOURS: "Lamar Johnson: Standing in Truth"** – 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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)

05/06/23

**48 HOURS: "Eric Smith: Gambling On A Killer"** (9:00 – 10:00p) – an update on the case of Eric Smith who, in August 1993, when he was 13-years-old, murdered 4-year-old Derrick Robie in Savona, NY. Smith was tried and convicted as an adult; he was sentenced nine years to life and ultimately served 28 years in prison. He was eligible for parole starting in 2002, but it wasn't until his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance in October 2021 that parole was granted. Smith was released in February 2022 to live in Queens, NY. **On-screen text graphic:** Eric Smith will remain on parole for the rest of his life. *This broadcast contains extensive excerpts/interviews from Dan Rather's 1994 and 2004 reports on the case for 48 HOURS.* Archival interviews: Dale and Doreen Robie, Derrick's parents; John Tunney, prosecutor; Charles Wood, lead investigator; Red and Edie Wilson, Eric Smith's grandparents; and John Hibsich, investigator. Interviewed for the 03/26/22 broadcast: Dale and Doreen Robie; John Tunney; and Joni Johnston, clinical forensic psychologist, asked by 48 HOURS to look at Eric Smith's case. (See also: Why Did Eric Kill?, OAD: 08/17/94, Rebroadcasts: 08/31/95 and on 04/21/98, as part of a compilation of repeat broadcasts with updates focusing on kids who kill and whether it's too late to reform them; and 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Why Did Eric Kill?", OAD: 12/11/04, Rebroadcast: 07/02/05 - a followup to "Why Did Eric Kill?", OAD: 08/17/94) (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Judy Tygard, Lisa Freed, Chris Young Ritzen) (OAD: 03/26/22)

05/06/23

**48 HOURS: "Where Is Diana Duve?"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the 2014 death of Diana Duve, a 26-year-old nurse, who vanished one night in Vero Beach, FL. Diana was last seen leaving a bar on June 20<sup>th</sup> with her on-again, off-again boyfriend, 32-year-old Michael (Mike) Jones, who worked in wealth management at PNC Bank. Witnesses reported that the couple seemed to be having a good time, but also told police at one point it looked like Diana was upset. She never returned home; her mother knew something was wrong when her daughter didn't call her, something she did every day. Investigators looked into Mike Jones and learned he was well educated, had gone to law school and thrived at his job as a wealth manager at PNC Bank; they also learned he told outlandish lies and was a convicted felon on probation for threatening to kill an ex-girlfriend near Fort Lauderdale in 2012. Initially unable to locate Mike, investigators found his car in a Hampton Inn parking lot in the Fort Pierce area; he claimed to not know of Diana's location. Three days after she had gone missing, further investigation led to the discovery of Diana's car in a Publix parking lot in Melbourne; her body was in the trunk. Two days after Diana's body was found, Mike Jones was charged with her murder; he pleaded not guilty. In October 2019, his trial began in Vero Beach; prosecutors sought the death penalty. After seven days of testimony, the case went to the jury, who found Mike guilty in less than an hour. Nearly a month after the verdict, the penalty phase began; Mike ultimately received a life sentence. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Interviewed: Lena and Bill Andrews, Diana's mother and stepfather; Lieutenant Matt Harrelson, Vero Beach Police Department; Sergeant Brad Kmetz, Vero Beach Police Department; Ellie Sexton, Mike's former girlfriend; Stewart Pierce, Mike's former friend; Thomas Bakkedahl, state attorney; Brian Workman, assistant state attorney; Chelsea DiMaio, Diana's best friend and former roommate, testified about the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 domestic dispute between Diana and Mike; and the former cab driver who drove Mike from Melbourne to Vero Beach (appeared on camera, asked not to be identified by name). (Contributor: Michelle Miller – Producer: Chris Young Ritzen)

05/13/23

**48 HOURS: "Lori Vallow Daybell: Guilty"** – an update on the case against Lori Vallow Daybell, who was found guilty on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by a Boise, ID jury for murdering her two children, JJ Vallow and Tylee Ryan, and conspiring in the murder of her husband's ex-wife, Tammy Daybell. Lori's husband, Chad Daybell, a former gravedigger-turned-doomsday novelist and podcaster, will be tried later. Chad and Lori were charged in May 2021 with murdering her children, 7-year-old JJ Vallow and 16-year-old Tylee Ryan, who disappeared in September 2019, shortly after the family moved to Idaho, from Arizona. Tylee was last seen in Yellowstone National Park with her family on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019; JJ vanished on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. In June 2020, their bodies were found in shallow graves on Chad Daybell's property, just outside of Rexburg, ID. The Daybells pleaded not guilty to the murder charges. During the trial, prosecutors argued that Lori's true motive was money; the defense claimed she did not commit the murders and suggested that Lori was manipulated by Chad. After 60 witnesses and four weeks of testimony, the prosecution rested its case; the defense declined to call any witnesses. The jury deliberated for seven hours over the course of two days; Lori appeared emotionless as the guilty verdicts were read. She will be sentenced at a later date. **On-screen text graphic:** Chad Daybell may stand trial

as early as June 2024. He has pled not guilty. Lori Vallow Daybell may also face trial in Arizona in connection with the death of her former husband, Charles Vallow. Interviewed: Morgan Loew, investigative reporter, CBS News consultant. Interview excerpts from prior broadcasts: April Raymond, Lori's former friend; Summer Shiflet, Lori's sister; Vaisia Itaaehau, Tylee's best friend; and Garth Daybell, Chad and Tammy Daybell's son. Also includes audio excerpts / testimony from the proceedings – featured: Lindsey Blake, prosecutor; Jim Archibald, Lori's defense attorney; Melanie Gibb, Lori's friend; Zulema Pastenes, Lori's friend, who later married Alex Cox, Lori's brother; Rachel Smith, prosecutor; Doug Hart, FBI agent; Nathan Duncan, detective; Nicole Heideman, FBI specialist; Alice Gilbert, Chad's neighbor; Ray Hermsillo, detective; Garth Warren, forensic pathologist; Summer Shiflet, Lori's sister; Spencer Rammell, prosecutor; Audrey Barattiero, Lori's former friend; Tawnya Rawlings, prosecutor; Colby Ryan, Lori's son; and Rob Wood, prosecutor. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell", OAD: 05/16/20; 48 HOURS: "The Final Days of JJ and Tylee", OAD: 10/03/20, 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 05/29/21 – a follow-up to "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell"; and 48 HOURS: "The Secrets of Chad Daybell's Backyard", OAD: 09/01/21; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 07/23/22) (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Liza Finley, Stephanie Slifer)

05/20/23

**48 HOURS: "The Plot to Kill Jamie Faith"** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the murder of American Airlines manager Jamie Faith. Jamie and his wife, Jennifer, set out from their Oak Cliff neighborhood in Dallas, TX for an early morning dog walk on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Moments after they left home, Jamie was shot dead; Jennifer was unharmed. The murder stunned their friends and neighbors and the community rallied around Jennifer, raising more than \$60,000 in a GoFundMe account to help her and her daughter make up for Jamie's lost income; they also provided meals for the grieving family. Investigators learned that starting in April 2020, Jennifer had been in constant contact with a man she dated in high school, Darrin Lopez. Darrin drove the same make and model as the gunman's getaway truck in Jamie's murder; text messages between Darrin and Jennifer, cell phone data and GPS coordinates further linked him to the crime. Darrin was arrested on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Dickson, TN and charged with a federal gun crime and, at the state level, charged with murder; he pleaded not guilty to both charges. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer was arrested on obstruction of justice charges. Along with other evidence, prosecutors discovered an email account in Jamie's name, in which Jennifer pretended to be Jamie, in order to taunt Darrin. In September 2021, Jennifer was charged with murder-for-hire. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Jennifer appeared in a Dallas courtroom and pleaded guilty to one count of use of interstate commerce in the commission of murder-for-hire. In exchange for the guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to take the death penalty off the table and recommended a life sentence. Original on-screen text graphic: Jennifer Faith is scheduled to be sentenced on May 26. Darrin Lopez's trial date has not been set. GoFundMe offered full refunds to anyone who donated to the Faiths' account. Who do you think is more responsible for Jamie Faith's death? **On-screen text graphic for the 05/20/23 rebroadcast:** Jennifer Faith was sentenced to life in prison. Darrin Lopez's trial is scheduled for June 26, 2023. GoFundMe offered full refunds to anyone who donated to the Faiths' account. Who do you think is more responsible for Jamie Faith's death? Interviewed: Steve Pickett, reporter, CBS 11 in Dallas-Fort Worth (KTVT-TV); Shamona Jackson and her wife Melisa Gonzales, former neighbors; Theresa and Ross Jensen, Jamie's friends; Jennifer Svelan, resides in the Oak Cliff neighborhood; Jenna Wilson, resides in the Oak Cliff neighborhood; Jim Holland, retired Texas Ranger, CBS News consultant; Christy Jack, Texas defense attorney, asked by 48 HOURS to review the case; Sgt. Joseph Calhoun, Dickson County Sheriff's Office, Dickson, TN; and Rick Urlaub, Jennifer's former husband, married to her in the early 2000s. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Paul LaRosa, Dena Goldstein, Josh Yager) (OAD: 04/09/22)

05/20/23

**48 HOURS: "A Stabbing in Colts Neck"** (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on Donna Ongsiako's story of survival and her ongoing efforts to help other victims of random violence. In early July 2013, Donna was alone in her Colts Neck, NJ home after midnight, when she heard a noise downstairs near the door. Donna thought that she forgot to let the cat in; when she opened the door, a young man with a knife pushed his way in and repeatedly stabbed her. He asked for her car keys and a lighter, stabbed her one last time in the chest and left her for dead. Although it was later determined she lost three quarters of the blood in her body, Donna made her way upstairs to where her phone was charging and dialed 911; she was able to give a description of her attacker. A tip from one of the assailant's relatives led investigators to 16-year-old Brennan Doyle, a local teen with no criminal record. In September 2013, investigators obtained a warrant for Brennan's DNA, fingerprints and photos. The results indicated a fingerprint match and his DNA was found in Donna's recovered car; the knife used in the attack was found in early October 2013 and was matched to another knife police had taken from the Doyle home a few months prior to Donna's attack, when police responded to an altercation between Brennan and his brother. A new search of the Doyle residence turned up the rest of the knife set and Brennan was arrested in late October 2013. He pleaded not guilty and claimed he was under the influence of hallucinogenic mushrooms the night of

July 6<sup>th</sup>, early morning July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. In August 2015, Brennan Doyle agreed to a plea deal; in October 2015, he was sentenced to 15 years in state prison. Donna continued to struggle with PTSD and unable to find support groups for victims of random attacks, she created her own in 2015 - Survivors of Violent Crimes, a peer support group. **On-screen text graphic:** Donna filed a civil suit against Brennan Doyle and his father. She was awarded \$5 million. Donna has yet to receive payment. Brennan Doyle will be eligible for parole in 2027. He will be 30 years old. Interviewed: Donna Ongsiako, victim; Kiersten Ongsiako, Donna's daughter; Sharon Sharpe, Donna's friend; Andrea Tozzi, detective, Monmouth County, NJ; Laurie Gerhardt, former assistant prosecutor, Monmouth County, NJ; Matt Troiano, defense attorney, CBS News consultant; Tiffany Ott, Survivors of Violent Crimes; and Dana Richards, Survivors of Violent Crimes. (Contributor: Jim Axelrod – Producers: Susan Mallie, Kat Teurfs)

05/27/23

**48 HOURS: "Gabby Petito: The Untold Story"** - a reedited and updated rebroadcast of "What Happened to Gabby Petito?" (OAD: 09/25/21), which takes a deeper look at the murder of 22-year-old "van life" vlogger Gabby Petito, as well as raising awareness about the warning signs of domestic violence. Petito went missing in August 2021 during a cross-country trip with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie. Laundrie returned home to North Port, FL on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021; he and his parents did not speak to police. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, his parents reported that he left for a hike at the Carlton Reserve on the 14<sup>th</sup> and that they didn't know where he was. Petito's remains were found inside Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 09/17/22 UPDATE: After a massive manhunt, Laundrie's remains were found on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021; an autopsy revealed he had died from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. A notebook was found belonging to Laundrie; his writings claimed that Petito's death was a mercy killing by him of her because she was suffering after an accident. Petito's parents are suing Laundrie's estate for wrongful death, and his parents for intentional infliction of emotional distress; they are in the process of filing a lawsuit against the Moab Police Department in Utah, related to how they handled the domestic violence stop in 2021. An independent review of the officers' actions that day found fault and recommended more training. Original on-screen text graphic: Gabby's parents have formed the Gabby Petito Foundation, which has partnered with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. If you or a loved one are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. **On-screen text graphic for the 05/27/23 rebroadcast:** Gabby Petito's family was awarded \$3 million in their wrongful death lawsuit against Brian Laundrie's estate. Gabby's parents have formed the Gabby Petito Foundation, which has partnered with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. If you or a loved one are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. New interviews for the 2022 broadcast: Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor and defense attorney, CBS consultant; Dr. Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist; Brian Stewart, attorney; and Patrick Riley, attorney. Also includes interviews from the 2021 broadcast: Rose Davis, Gabby's friend; Nichole & Jim Schmidt, Gabby's mother and step-father; and Jenn & Kyle Bethune, reported seeing the van in the Tetons to the FBI. (See also: 48 HOURS: "What Happened to Gabby Petito?", OAD: 09/25/21) (C: Jericka Duncan – P: Liza Finley, Lauren Clark, Paul La Rosa, Chuck Stevenson, Chris Young Ritzen, Ruth Chenetz, Mary Ann Rotondi) (OAD: 09/17/22)

06/03/23

**48 HOURS: "Death Hits Home: The Hargan Killings"** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the July 2017 murders of millionaire mother Pamela Hargan and her adult daughter Helen who were discovered by police in their Fairfax County, VA home, after Helen's boyfriend in Dallas, TX, Carlos Gutierrez, alerted authorities. Hours after the bodies were found in separate locations with a rifle near Helen, police informed the family and then went public with their murder-suicide theory. Pamela's other daughters, Ashley and Megan - who along with her 8-year-old daughter Molly was living with Pamela and Helen while her husband was in the military - both described Helen as struggling emotionally. Soon, Helen's autopsy report revealed that someone else pulled the trigger, casting doubt on the murder-suicide theory; further investigation revealed that Megan attempted to steal money from Pamela's account to purchase a home by impersonating her over the phone. In November 2018, Megan was arrested in West Virginia. At her trial, the defense argued that the prosecution's forensics were inconclusive and that Helen shot their mother and then took her own life by pulling the trigger with her toe. In March 2022, Megan Harman was found guilty of two counts of first degree murder; the jury recommended a sentence of life in prison on each murder count. Original on-screen text graphic: Megan Hargan and her husband divorced. Their daughter Molly is living with her father in another state. Megan Hargan is scheduled to be sentenced on October 28<sup>th</sup>. **On-screen text graphic for the 06/03/23 rebroadcast:** In November 2022, the judge overturned Megan Hargan's double murder conviction because of juror misconduct. A juror disobeyed the judge's instruction not to do outside research and shared her findings with other jurors. Hargan's re-trial is scheduled for September 5, 2023. Interviewed: Brian Byerson, lead detective; Julia Elliott, crime scene detective; Michelle Sigona, CBS News; Tami Mallios, former neighbor; Erin Roughneen, Helen's friend; Rebecca Wolfe, Megan's friend; Whitney Gregory, prosecutor; Tyler Bezilla, prosecutor; Iris Graff, crime

scene reconstructionist, hired by the prosecution; and Matt Troiano, attorney, hired by 48 HOURS to review the file. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Josh Yager, Lauren A. White) (OAD: 10/01/22)

06/03/23

**48 HOURS: “The Case of the Poison Cheesecake”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update to 48 HOURS: “Red Notice For Murder” (OAD: 10/21/17; Rebroadcast: 07/07/18), focusing on the 2016 attempted murder of beauty stylist Olga Tsvyk by her client, Viktoria Nasyrova, who went to Olga’s Queens, NY home for eyelash extensions. Viktoria poisoned Olga by giving her a piece of cheesecake laced with Phenazepam, a sedative primarily used in Russia. Investigators realized both women bear an uncanny physical resemblance and determined identity theft as the motive. Viktoria was arrested on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Due to delays caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, Viktoria remained in custody for nearly six years; her trial began in January 2023. Found guilty of attempted murder in the second degree; the judge sentenced Viktoria to a 21-year sentence with credit for time served. Nadia and Olga, who met because of Viktoria’s crimes, have become friends. (This broadcast includes extensive footage and interviews from 48 HOURS: “Red Notice For Murder”, which detailed the international search conducted by Nadia Ford and private detective Herman Weisberg for Viktoria, suspected of the 2014 murder of Ford’s mother, Alla Aleksenko, in her Russian hometown and of stealing her money and other valuables, as well as the victims from the crimes she committed in America -- from a man who met her on a dating site, to a woman with similar looks who believes she was out to kill her and steal her identity.) **On-screen text graphic:** In 2018, Viktoria Nasyrova sued New York City for negligence in the Rikers Island jail attack. The city settled the case, paying Nasyrova \$325,000. Interviewed: Olga Tsvyk, victim (2017 & 2023); Nadia Ford (2017 & 2023); Viktoria Nasyrova, interviewed at Rikers Island, NY (2017); Kevin Rodgers, New York police detective (2023); Herman Weisberg, private investigator, former New York City detective (2017 & 2023); Dino Litourgis, assistant district attorney (2023); Ruben Borukohov, dry cleaner / victim (2017); and Melinda Katz, district attorney, Queens, NY (2023). (See also: 48 HOURS: “Red Notice For Murder”, OAD: 10/21/17; Rebroadcast: 07/07/18) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Josh Yager)

06/10/23

**48 HOURS: “The Dexter Killer”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a reedited and updated rebroadcast of 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Screenplay for Murder” (OAD: 02/11/12; Rebroadcast: 07/10/12), a report on Canadian filmmaker Mark Twitchell, whose obsession with the *Showtime* television series “Dexter” turned to reality and led to murder. His film, “House of Cards”, was about a male serial killer who created a fake online profile as a woman, lured men from a dating website to his garage -- and then killed them. Police became interested in Twitchell when they were investigating a missing persons case, 38-year-old computer enthusiast John Altinger, and were led to the garage where he had just wrapped shooting his movie. A Facebook page where he compared himself to the serial killer “Dexter” and the discovery of a secret journal, which was essentially a blueprint for murder, allowed Edmonton police to eventually link Twitchell to the 2008 murder of Altinger and to the attempted murder of 33-year old Gilles Tetreault -- both of whom had answered an online dating ad. In March 2011, Twitchell went on trial for the murder of Johnny Altinger; he was sentenced to 25 years to life. **UPDATE:** Twitchell began correspondence with journalist Steve Lillebuen before he was convicted in 2011. Lillebuen wrote a book on the case; he sold the rights to a film company. In 2023, Twitchell will be eligible to apply for early parole. Tetreault, who escaped from him nearly 14 years ago, is worried that Twitchell could come after him. Includes interviews from the 2012 original broadcasts with: Gilles Tetreault, victim; Bill Clark, Edmonton Police homicide detective; Gary Altinger, John’s older brother; and Renee Waring, Twitchell’s Facebook friend. Includes new interviews with: Julia Crowley, retired FBI criminal profiler, spoke with Detective Clark and reviewed Twitchell’s writings and letters for 48 HOURS; Gilles Tetreault, victim; and Steve Lillebuen, college professor, investigative journalist, author, *The Devil’s Cinema: The Untold Story Behind Mark Twitchell’s Kill Room*. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “Screenplay for Murder”, OAD: 02/11/12; Rebroadcast: 07/10/12) (C: Troy Roberts – P: Asena Basak, Lourdes Aguiar, Anthony Venditti) (OAD: 04/23/22)

06/10/23

**48 HOURS: “The Shooting of Lauren Kanarek”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the case against Michael Barisone, a former Olympic equestrian and trainer, for the attempted murder of former student Lauren Kanarek and her boyfriend, Robert Goodwin. Barisone and Kanarek’s paths first crossed in March 2018, when Barisone hosted a clinic at his Florida horse farm. Soon, Kanarek was being trained and housed by Barisone and his staff at Hawthorne Hill, his Long Valley, NJ training center and farm. Their relationship eventually soured over the level of training Barisone provided personally to Kanarek, who retaliated by posting messages on Facebook branding him a bully, racist and antisemitic – allegations Barisone denies. The posts rattled and unnerved Barisone to the point where he called 911 four times and told police he “feared” for his life. Kanarek also filed a complaint with SafeSport, a watchdog group authorized by Congress. On August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, he confronted Kanarek and shot her in the chest; she managed to call 911 and after emergency surgery, survived. Charged with attempted murder and

weapons charges, Barisone went on trial in March 2022; his attorney argued Barisone was driven temporarily insane by Kanarek's attacks and then snapped. Kanarek testified during the trial that Barisone bullied her. The jury found Barisone not guilty by reason of insanity. Barisone claims to recall Kanarek's social media posts about him but has no memory of the shooting; Kanarek and her family do not believe his story. Original on-screen text graphic: Michael Barisone was evaluated at the psychiatric hospital. Just last week, a judge ruled he should be transferred to a less restrictive facility. In six months, another hearing will be held to check his progress. *No on-screen text graphic for the 06/10/23 rebroadcast.* Interviewed: Michael Barisone (his first television interview since the end of his trial); Lauren Kanarek; Jonathan Kanarek, Lauren's father, retired Wall Street attorney; Christopher Schellhorn, prosecutor; Ed Bilinkas, defense attorney; Chris Deininger, defense attorney; Michael Poulin, rider, Olympic medalist; Phillip Dutton, rider, Olympic medalist; Boyd Martin, rider, Olympian; Jordan Osborne, former student; Lara Osborne, Jordan's mother, former student, Barisone's girlfriend; Chelsea Westra, former student; Corporal Derek Heymer, police officer; Dr. Steven Simring, forensic psychiatrist for the defense; and Dr. Charles Hasson, forensic psychiatrist for the defense. (Contributor: Nikki Battiste – Producer: James Stolz) (35<sup>th</sup> SEASON PREMIERE) (OAD: 09/17/22)

06/17/23

**48 HOURS: "Please Don't Tell"** (9:00 - 10:00p) – a report on the case against Vincent Simmons, who was released from a Louisiana prison earlier this year after serving 44 years. In 1977, Simmons was convicted of two counts of attempted aggravated rape of identical 14-year-old twins, Karen and Sharon Sanders, who lived with their grandparents in Marksville, LA. Simmons was sentenced to 100 years in prison. The Sanders sisters say their cousin, Keith Laborde, was driving them when he gave Simmons a ride. They claim Simmons directed Laborde to a desolate area of Little California Road and then forced him into the trunk; he then raped them. The Sanders sisters also say Simmons warned them not to tell anyone about what had happened and they initially intended to keep it a secret, but Karen Sanders decided to confide in a family member. The police soon found out and Simmons was arrested, convicted and sentenced to prison. The sisters don't doubt that they picked the right man out of the lineup. Simmons' attorney, Justin Bonus, believes the twins are lying to protect Keith Laborde. Laborde's cousin, Dana Brouillette, told a private investigator and swore in an affidavit in 2020 that Laborde admitted to her that Simmons was never with them that night. Instead, she said in the affidavit that Laborde told her "he had consensual sex with one of the girls and locked the other in the trunk." Laborde denied ever having sex with them. This year, Simmons was released after a judge vacated his conviction after finding he didn't get a fair trial. The court did not rule on his innocence or guilt, and the district attorney declined to retry him. Original on-screen text graphic: Vincent Simmons intends to go back to court to seek compensation for wrongful imprisonment. Under Louisiana State law, if he is unable to present clear and convincing evidence of his innocence, he is entitled to nothing. **On-screen text graphic for the 06/17/23 rebroadcast:** Vincent Simmons filed a federal civil rights lawsuit accusing officials of fabricating evidence against him and suppressing other evidence that could have prevented his conviction. Interviewed: Karen Sanders; Sharon Sanders; Charles Riddle, district attorney; Vincent Simmons; Justin Bonus, Vincent Simmons' defense attorney; Jason Flom, recording industry executive, criminal justice advocate, and host, "Wrongful Conviction" podcast; Brian Andrews, private investigator in Louisiana; Diane Prater, lone surviving juror and the only African American on the jury; Keith Laborde (via telephone); and Judge William Bennett. Also includes excerpts from: (1) "The Farm", a documentary which profiled inmates at Angola; (2) documentary footage from the late 1990s, when Simmons and the Sanders sisters agreed to a reconciliation meeting; and (3) Brian Andrews' videotaped interview with Dana Brouillette, Keith Laborde's cousin. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Sarah Prior, Murray Weiss) (OAD: 05/21/22)

06/17/23

**48 HOURS: "The Strange Death of Professor Shockley"** (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the death of Marianne Shockley, a popular University of Georgia professor. After a day of barhopping, Marianne and her boyfriend Marcus Lillard ended up at the Milledgeville, GA home of former psychologist Clark Heindel, to use his hot tub; all three of them took ecstasy (MDMA). Marcus exited the hot tub and when he returned, Marianne wasn't breathing. Marcus and Clark delayed in calling the police and attempted to perform CPR on Marianne. Sheriff's deputies arrived at Clark's home in the early morning hours of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019; Marianne was pronounced dead at the scene. While deputies investigated, Clark slipped into the house and took his own life. Autopsy results indicated Marianne "died as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation". Within a day, Marcus was charged with his girlfriend's murder. Marcus was formally indicted in March 2021 and charged with four counts; he was ordered held without bond. Largely due to the COVID pandemic, the trial was delayed until April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Prosecutors maintained that Marcus strangled Marianne during sex and they included the testimony of six former girlfriends; the case went to the jury on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Marcus was found not guilty on all counts, but the judge found that he violated his probation for his 2015 drug conviction and he was remanded to prison. **On-screen text graphic:**

Marcus could remain in prison until October 2030. But it's likely he'll be released sooner. Marianne's children settled a wrongful death lawsuit against Clark Heindel's estate for \$500,000. There was no admission of liability or fault. This story discusses suicide. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. Interviewed: Marcus Lillard; Ayla Crippen, Marianne's younger sister; Penny Dearmin, creator of "Blood Town", a podcast about the Marianne Shockley case; Carson Lillard, Marcus' son; Shakara Maggitt, Marianne's student; Bill Masee, sheriff, Baldwin County, GA; Matt Tucker, defense attorney; Tammy Coffey, assistant district attorney; and Tyisha Davis, juror #11. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Paul LaRosa) (OAD: 10/15/22)

06/24/23

**48 HOURS: "A Man With A Past"** – a report on the disappearance of Lori Slesinski and the case against her killer, Derrill Richard Ennis, aka Rick Ennis. Slesinski, a recent college graduate, disappeared on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, from Auburn, AL. Four days after Slesinski vanished, her car was found engulfed in flames on a deserted street; she was nowhere to be found. Her friend, Rick Ennis, claimed Slesinski had gone to make a big drug deal. Investigators found no evidence of a drug deal and suspected Ennis, who police believed was the last person to be with her before she disappeared. Ennis moved away from Auburn after his third police interview and the case went cold. Investigators learned Ennis murdered his mother Dolly Flowers and stepfather Eddie Joe Flowers in 1993, when he was 12-years-old; he later claimed his mother molested him. It took 12 years before authorities made a case against him. In 2018, Ennis was charged with Slesinski's murder, even though her body was never found. Delayed by the pandemic, Ennis went on trial for the offense of capital murder and was found guilty almost 16 years after Lori Slesinski's disappearance. He was sentenced for a term of life without the possibility of parole. **On-screen text graphic:** Arlene Slesinski gained a new companion in 2021. Her dog, Daisey. Interviewed: Arlene Slesinski, Lori's mother; Jessica Ventiere, prosecutor; Lindsay Braun, Lori's friend; Mark Whitaker, special agent, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; John Clark, former Alabama state trooper; Eddie Joe Flowers' daughters and Ennis' stepsisters: Angela Flowers, Tina Sexton and Donna Furr; JW Barnes, agent, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation, Mark Whitaker's partner; Sharon Morley, Rick Ennis' former employer; Alana Atkinson, Rick Ennis' fiancée; Terry Booth, Rick Ennis' former friend; and Rick Ennis (by phone). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Murray Weiss) (OAD: 09/24/22)

## WTOC WEATHER AND SPECIAL REPORTS

4/13/23-3:42PM-4PM-WX CUT-IN FOR TORNADO WARNING  
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## 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. ESTILL GUNMAN ON THE LOOSE, STEPHEN SMITH EXHUMED, NOW CONSIDERED HOMICIDE, WTOC INVESTIGATION ON FAMILY WAITING FOR AMBULANCE IN WAYNE CO., MCINTOSH CO. WRECK IJURES 14, BRYAN CO. TORNADO 1 YR ANNIVERSARY, SHOOTINGS NEAR SAVANNAH HIGH NEED COMMUNITY'S HELP, STATESBORO SEX ASSAULT AWARENESS, HURRICANE CONFERENCE, STATESBORO SHOOTING LEADS TO DISCUSSION ON MORE CAMERAS AND SECURITY AS AS INVESTMENT THAN EXPENSE, SPRING BREAK TIPS FOR PARENTS, SHOOTING AFTER STATESBORO PROM, ORANGE CRUSH SAFETY CONCERNS, WTOC INVESTIGATES HERNANDEZ COLLISION CENTER AFTER MULTIPLE REPORTS OF BEING SCAMMED AND LIED TO, HURRICANE PREPS, 100 DAYSOF SUMMER CAMPAIGN HELPING KIDS STAY SAFE, NEW TYBEE ISLAND HURRICANE CENTER, BEAUFORT CO. WEEKEND SHOOTINGS, TODDLER KILLED IN TYBEE PARKING LOT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SAVANNAH, EFFINGHAM CO. MOLESTATION CASE, TYBEE SUMMER PREPS, SAVANNAH GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS, EFFINGHAM TORNADO, HURRICANE EXPO, ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AT RINCON PARADE, CHICKEN FIGHTING ARRESTS, SAVANNAH VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC RELATED DEATHS OR INJURIES BY 2027, 4TH OF JULY SAFETY PREPS INVESTIGATION ON VACATION SCAMS  
SOURCE: SPD, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS,

6AM ESTILL  
DAYBREAK GUNMAN  
4/1/2023 SATURDAY ON THE  
6:00:00 AM OD LOOSE

Sheriff Anthony Russell says CSX called 911 to report a man standing on the train tracks holding a rifle yesterday afternoon. Deputies arrived and found 3 men jumping off the train after cutting catalytic converters off the cars. SLED was called in to assist, as well as several neighboring police agencies. Sheriff Russell said this is a bizarre incident, the likes of which he has never seen before.

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STEPHEN SMITH EXHUMATION CONFIRMED  
11PM WEEKEND  
4/2/2023 11:03:00 PM OD  
Smith was found dead in the middle of a Hampton County road in 2015 -- law enforcement had originally declared his death the result of a hit-and-run. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division re-opened the case in June 2021... shortly after the murders of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh, based on information found in that investigation. Just two weeks ago, Smith family attorney Eric Bland announced Stephen's death is now considered a homicide by SLED. In a tweet, Bland says his team is doing -- quote -- everything possible to find out just how he died. 00:00:33

EFFINGHAM  
M: HOMICIDE CASE REVISTED  
4/3/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD  
Deputies responded to a shooting in the 1000 block of Green Morgan Road on Halloween night back in 2020. That's where they discovered Nickolas Arnsdoff (ARNS-DOFF) in his home unresponsive. Anyone that has any information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office or you can also submit tips to Crimestoppers anonymously online. 00:00:19

(sot) You can see the damage to the guardrail after this crash stretched across both sides of the road. Troopers say this was the definition of a chain reaction crash. (vo) It was midday before traffic got back to normal from a crash around 3am. Georgia State Patrol says a car was traveling south in the northbound lanes. Around mile marker 64, it struck a transit van carrying a dozen passengers. Most were children. But the collision didn't stop there. (sot) "...and after hittin the vehicle head on, he got spun around and was hit by a semi in the rear. After that, the semi crossed over into the Southbound lanes and overturned, blocking all lanes of traffic." (vo) He says the crash left 14 people hurt and hospitalized and traffic stopped for hours. Many drivers detoured to state roads, but even those were gridlocked. Some of them eventually made it back onto the interstate midday. Troopers say they have charges pending against the wrong-way driver. (sot) He says even after they cleared things here and opened the highway, it still took hours to get things flowing again. In McIntosh County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:01:05

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD ANN ST.  
SHOOTING They say it happened in the area of Ann and Zubley Streets just before midnight. One man was injured.  
INVESTIGA Police say he is expected to survive. If you have any information on either case, you are asked to call  
TION police or crimestoppers right away. 00:00:14

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5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CURTIS  
SMITH Smith faces charges stemming from his alleged involvement in murdaugh's failed suicide-for-hire plot on  
BOND labor day weekend of 2021, along with several money laundering charges in connection with some of  
HEARING murdaugh's alleged financial crimes. Judge clifton newman set his previous bond at \$250 thousand dollars  
LATEST in june of 2022, but revoked it a few months later. That came after the judge ruled Smith lied about how  
much money he had and violated the terms of his house arrest. s the next hearing for an update on the  
status of smith's case will be april 21 in hampton county... 00:00:34

4/3/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD EFFINGHA  
M CASE Happening now - The Effingham's County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help figuring out what led  
CALL FOR up to a 13-year-old's death almost 3 years ago. Nickolas Arnsdoff (ARNS-DOFF) was found unresponsive  
TIPS in his home Halloween night in 2020. Today - deputies announced they're revisiting the case. Anyone that  
has any information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office or you can also submit tips to Crimestoppers  
anonymously online. 00:00:25

<p>4/3/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>TYLER 6AM SPRING BREAK PARENTS</p>	<p>"Without adult supervision, they can do a little bit more daring things than they normally would before, probably showing off a little bit. Just keep track of where they're at, be aware of where your child is at. Keep it safe. Know where they're at, if they're out and about, at the ocean, or downtown, kind of just keep track of them." If you are in an emergency situation, dial 911 to get assistance from Chatham Emergency Services.. Herndon says to make the best decisions possible to avoid needing assistance, at all.</p>	<p>00:00:30</p>
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Imagine calling for help... and never getting a clear answer on when it will arrive. That was the reality for Madelene Smith – whose husband was beginning to struggle to breathe. At around 8:30 p.m. on April 14th, 2021– Madelene's husband, Max, was discharged from the hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia. They were told to monitor his oxygen levels, and if it dipped below a certain level, to return to the hospital. That's exactly what happened at around 10 p.m. that night . Madelene called 911 for the first time at 10:19... then again, 18 minutes later, at 10:37 ... after help still hadn't arrived. TAKE PKG DISPATCH: "Wayne County 911" SMITH: "Yes ma'am, there's supposed to be an ambulance coming to. ... can you tell me when they're going to be getting here? " DISPATCH: "I don't have an ETA on them or anything like that, but they are on the way." You're listening to the second 911 call Madelene made that night... as Max's oxygen levels dropped to critical lows. SMITH: "His oxygen is in the 70s. Would we be quicker driving?" DISPATCH: "Well they're on the way, so they should be there any time." However – according to the 911 log from that day... an ambulance still wasn't in route to Smith's home after being dispatched two minutes after her initial call. After 25 minutes, at 10:44—the Jesup Fire Department arrived -- and informed her that an ambulance wasn't on the way. That's when Madelene loaded Max into her personal car and drove the 10 minutes to the hospital herself. Max went into cardiac arrest... was placed into a coma... and never woke up. He was taken off of life support five days later... the lawsuit states one of the 49-year-old's main causes of death as not having enough oxygen to the brain.... Something Max's family says.. is still hard to come to terms with. "It is a huge adjustment that the center piece of our family just got uprooted and left out of nowhere. It was unexpected. There was no prior notice of any of this happening." WTOC Investigates calculated the average EMS response time for April 2021-- the month of Max's death. For 331 EMS calls during that time, the average was around 19 minutes. We also looked at more recent numbers to get a current idea of response times. January 2023 showed a response time of around 13 minutes over 267 calls. For reference, the National Fire Protection Association, a non-profit that oversees fire and EMS response times, recommends that EMS be on scene in eight minutes. Now... Max's daughter, Arrin, spends time near this mini-memorial – a marker and tree on her McIntosh County property... and reflects on the almost two years... without the man she called dad – and others, knew as Rusty. "There's so much he's missed out on since he's been gone. I'm sorry. I got married, he wasn't there. I had a baby, and he wasn't there." Turner says... her family is just looking for answers – and hopes the lawsuit will offer that. "I think if some of the problems that we brought to the attention of the county were fixed, I think we would have a lot more closure. To know that he wasn't just, that none of this happened in vain, that there was a good change in the community because of our loss, I think that would help us a lot – if this happened again, it would be treated a lot differently." Several Wayne County officials and the county's lawyer for the lawsuit declined an interview for this story. The county's former administrator, Ed Jeffords, is listed as a defendant in the lawsuit. He filed a resignation with the county on January 10th – the county commission terminated his contract immediately at their meeting on the 11th. This lawsuit was initially filed in Wayne County court on January 12th. On a phone call with WTOC, Jeffords says his resignation is unrelated to the lawsuit.

<p>4/3/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>WTOCI: WAITING FOR HELP</p>	<p>his contract immediately at their meeting on the 11th. This lawsuit was initially filed in Wayne County court on January 12th. On a phone call with WTOC, Jeffords says his resignation is unrelated to the lawsuit.</p>	<p>00:03:37</p>
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LL: Stephen's body has been returned here to Gooding cemetery. This...after Smith family lawyers say his body was exhumed and underwent a second autopsy over the weekend. These new developments are renewing conversation among many in Hampton County...who say they too want to know what happened to Stephen. PKG: Flowers are placed on top of Stephen Smith's burial site following his exhumation and autopsy over the weekend. Attorneys for Stephen's mother...Sandy say the reexamination comes with a push for answers in Stephen's death. "The investigation will unfold. We're confident that SLED has made a commitment to use its full force and authority to try to find justice for Stephen and find out who killed him." Last month...Sandy Smith started a GoFundMe to pay for the private investigation...with the goal of finding "an accurate determination of his cause of death." That GoFundMe has raised more than 100-thousand dollars. "This is a trying time for the Smith family." SLED reopened Smith's case in 20-21...citing information obtained during their investigation into the shooting deaths of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. Investigators have not said what that new information is...only that they've made progress on the case. The flood of donations to Sandy Smith's GoFundMe doesn't surprise some Hampton County residents. "They're feeling what she's feeling. You know, maybe a lot of them who donate have kids and think about their kids. Then there's some, you know, whose heart goes out to the family." Just like the family...many say they hope these latest efforts help find answers in this case. "Hopefully, the family can get some peace with this." LL: The law firm representing the Smith family says they will use 35-thousand dollars of the money raised on GoFundMe as a reward for information that leads to the arrest of any responsible party in Stephen's death. They're asking anyone with information to contact SLED. Reporting in Hampton County...FS...WTOCN.

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(sot) You can see damage to the median behind me. This crash blocked all lanes of traffic. Troopers say even though it happened so earlier in the morning, it backed up thousands of cars for miles in both directions. (vo) Around 3am, a driver was going south in the northbound lanes when he hit a shuttle van head on. The van was carrying eight children and four adults. The crash spun the wrong way car into a tractor trailer. It crossed the median and overturned. That blocked all lanes for hours. In total, 14 people taken to the hospital. Troopers say alcohol was a factor in the initial crash. (sot) "The investigation is still ongoing with possible charges against the wrong-way driver. When I say "possible", we just have to finish our investigation with him." (vo) Traffic from the crash got worse through the morning commute. Some drivers took to the state roads as a detour. But that traffic slowed to a crawl too. By midday, traffic was back to normal. (sot) And we'll continue to follow this and bring you updates. In McIntosh County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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4/4/2023 12:13:00 AM 11PM OD SHEA: Here's a photo of Arnsdorff... Since that night in 2020, the Sheriff's Office hasn't named any suspects and hasn't made any arrests.. but they still have hope that someone out there has information that can help lead them to do those things. A big thing to remember- any detail could be what leads them to a suspect. EFFINGHAM HOMICIDE CASE They're pleading that anyone who knows anything- no matter how insignificant it might seem- to come forward. 00:00:25

4/4/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD SHEA: Since that night in 2020, the Sheriff's Office hasn't named any suspects and hasn't made any arrests... But they still have hope that someone has information that can help. Investigators say any detail could lead them to a suspect. They're asking anyone who knows anything - no matter how insignificant it might seem - to come forward. 00:00:20

4/4/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CCPD IDS REMAINS FOUND IN RIVER Our sister station in Wilmington reports William Hicks was arrested in the case the same day Johnson's remains were found. He's now charged with first-degree murder, robbery, kidnapping and theft in the case. 00:00:12

"As Savannah Police on the Eastside have responded to four separate shootings in Savannah Gardens apartments, city leaders are concerned about the increase in violence in that area especially among teens." "It really is often times person to person or domestic foolishness." The first shooting in Savannah Gardens on Pennsylvania Avenue happened on March 1st when a teen was shot just blocks away from his school, Savannah High. There was a shooting three days later, then another a little more than a week after that on March 10th. Fast forward to now...another teen being taken to the hospital after being shot. Alderwoman for the district Linda Wilder-Bryan was at the scene and says as far as the victims... "None of them were residents here and it can happen anywhere. I'm just disappointed that it continues to happen here." Police Chief Lenny Gunther believes two people were responsible for the latest shooting. Mayor Van Johnson believes there are more pieces to this puzzle. "There are obviously connections there. These are not random shootings. These are people who know each other, who have involvement with each other." He says there were police patrolling the area when the shooting happened. That said, he feels they need the community's help. "We need families in our communities to help step up because the fact is, these are relational issues. These are not necessarily police issues." And they're looking at ways to control a rash of stolen guns that end up being a bigger problem. "We have to be able to find ways to stop not only the stealing of guns from lawful owners, but then also the commission of crimes using guns that are often illegal."

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BRYAN CO. "Our staff has done a tremendous job. We can't thank them enough for the efforts. The night of the storm, they were here, they were clearing out the roads so we could get our emergency vehicles in here. We went into every home to make sure people were safe, they had what they needed. They started that within 20 minutes after that storm left, we were in these communities as much as we could be."

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CHATHAM:  
SUSPECT Kasey Dyak (D-YAK) is charged with first-degree burglary, false imprisonment, rape and aggravated sodomy. He was arrested in Florida yesterday after he was served warrants by Chatham County officials.  
ARRESTED IN 2019 Police say the attack happened in June of 20-19 at the Colonial Grand apartment complex on Whitemarsh Island- where they say Dyak broke into the victim's apartment and began to sexually assault her. He will be  
RAPE  
CASE extradited to Georgia and taken to the Chatham County Detention Center.

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DRIVER CHARGED IN MCINTOSH WRECK The warrants are for 27-year-old Gavin Berkeley. G-S-P says Berkeley is currently hospitalized and will be for some time. Once he's out, he'll be charged with D-U-I, reckless driving, driving on the wrong side of the road and 5 counts of seriously injuring the others involved. Troopers say Berkley was going south in the northbound lanes early Monday morning when he hit a shuttle van head on. The crash spun the wrong way car into a tractor trailer. It crossed the median and overturned. 14 people were taken to the hospital. 00:00:31

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(sot) Counselors here at The Teal House say they're glad there is a Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but they hope victims know they're available 12 months a year. (vo) They primarily serve victims in Bulloch, Jenkins, Screven and Effingham counties, but frequently see them from adjoining counties too. They help victims through forensic medical exams, interviews, and counseling. They deal with victims from small children to the elderly. (sot) "We can interview people who've been physically abused, mentally abused, who may have witnessed a crime, as well as those who've been sexually abused." (vo) While they typically see victims who've gone to a hospital for medical treatment or gone to law enforcement to report a crime, Gray says they can help victims get their abuse documented in a time-sensitive manner whether they're ready to file charges or not. (sot) "..you can come here if you're not in a place that you're ready to report it. Then, you can change your mind in six days, six months, 364 days." (vo) She says they also want victims to know they offer these services at no charge. (sot) In addition to raising awareness this month, they're also raising funds. Their biggest event of the year is their annual 5k race April 29 at Georgia Southern. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:14

Monique told me that she did not feel safe when her ex-husband was released from jail. What makes the situation even worse, she said, is that she feels like the people that were supposed to advocate for her, let her down. Monique Williams says that she suffered domestic violence at the hands of her now ex-husband Michael Williams for years. But on December 11th.. things nearly turned deadly. Monique said it started that morning when she asked Michael to help jump start her car. "As I'm cranking my car, out of nowhere, a gun, a 9 mm chopper, is digging in my head. And he pulls me out the car, and continues to beat me. I don't remember what hit it was, maybe the third and fourth hit, but I remember the crack and the blood just pouring down my face." The next thing Monique remembers, is waking up in the hospital... 17 days later. nat- pointing at photos- I have extreme swelling, the trachea is right there." Monique said she was in a coma with a feeding tube, a breathing tube, and had her jaw wired shut. She didn't leave the hospital for several more weeks. Williams: "I had to learn how to walk again, talk again, read again, write again, all of that." When Monique got out- her three children were placed back in her care. She said she had some peace of mind knowing that her abuser was behind bars- charged with several crimes, including aggravated assault. But that all changed, Monique said, with a phone call from her victim's advocate on March 24th. Williams: "She's like, you know, Monique, I'm sorry to tell you, Michael Williams' lawyer petitioned for a bond hearing and he will be given one Monday." Under Georgia law, a person sitting in jail has to get indicted within 90 days of being arrested or else they get bail. Michael Williams' was not indicted before that clock ran out. On March 27th, he was released. Williams: "The day that he got out, I was being taunted by people." Williams said she was too scared for her safety to name anyone who harassed her. She said she's taken other safety measures that she can't specify... but still lives in fear, every day. Williams: "I have to go to trauma therapy, every single Monday. It's a lot I have to do. Like I said, I'm still going through physical trauma. Mental, emotional, physical. I don't deserve this." The most frustrating part, Williams says, is feeling like the people who were supposed to be advocating for her- simply, didn't. Williams: "It's infuriating. And I demand justice. I'm going to get justice one way, or the other." Again, Michael Williams was released on March 27th. We asked the district attorney's office for a statement on Monday but did not receive a response before Michael was indicted Wednesday on 11 charges in this case, including aggravated assault. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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CHATHAM: Kasey Dyak (D-YAK) is charged with 1st-degree burglary and rape. He was arrested in Clay County, Florida yesterday. Police say the attack happened in June of 20-19 at the Colonial Grand apartment complex on Whitemarsh Island. They say Dyak broke-into the victim's apartment and sexually assaulted her. He will be extradited back to Georgia, and taken to the Chatham County Detention Center. But the story doesn't end there. Dyak is also a person-of-interest in another rape... that just happened last month in Florida.

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PASTOR The Chatham County District Attorney says Alfonza McClendon Senior was convicted on 3 charges  
CONVICTE including rape. Those charges are connected to what the office called "numerous" violations of two victims  
D over the course of 4 years. McClendon was sentenced to 25 years in prison and life probation. 00:00:18

(sot) Police in Metter say this crime streak is like nothing they've ever had. (vo) For the second straight weekend, a man has broken into homes around town with his face covered..and nothing else. Security cameras at several homes captured video of the man approaching or leaving a house. Chief Robert Shore says the break-in's involved very little breaking. (sot) He's found things that allowed him access to the house. He's looking for windows, looking for keys, looking for open doors. (vo) The chief says this burglar steals little or nothing from the homes he enters. He's urging people to lock their doors at night, even if they're home, and hide any spare keys kept outside. He says this case is no laughing matter. (sot) ..it's hard to know if you're dealing with mental illness. Are you dealing with some kind of substance abuse. (vo) He says the burglar has walked in on homeowners twice and taken off running when confronted. He worries what could happen the next time. (sot) He says if you find some indication around your house that somebody's been inside, contact Metter police as soon as possible. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:01:05

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"People from all over the country are here at this Chatham County conference to make sure our area is best prepared in all aspects in case of a hurricane." "They are happening more and more frequent and we have to prepare for them more and more frequent." People with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, the Health Department and many other organizations sat in on several workshops. The topics ranged from what local officials need to do when a hurricane is on the way to how to go about re entering our area when hurricanes are over. "We look at the whole community. It's not just police, fire and EMS. It's businesses, it's hospitals, it's functional access and medical needs. It's public works. The list goes on and on so we want to make sure that everybody is ready to support each other." Evacuation in case of a hurricane is always a concern. Georgia Emergency Management Agency Director Chris Stallings says his colleagues were also there to brush everyone up on how evacuations should be planned. "Our home bound patients, our senior living places, our nursing homes, our hospitals that need to be evacuated. So we take a lot into account when we're deciding who needs to leave." One session led by Naomi Williams with Exceptional Living 101 is informing community partners on how to make evacuation as smooth as possible for people with disabilities. She encourages people with special needs and their families to prepare now with a list. "Not everybody is going to be able to have extra medicines to be able to take with them. Being able to start with a list of the medications you take, your specialist." The Coastal Health District also has a hurricane registry for people who need assistance evacuating. "A link to that hurricane registry is on our website WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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Simon's attorneys say the charges are unconstitutional...because she has the right \*not\* to incriminate herself. Their motion asks the judge to dismiss those specific charges. Simon is expected back in court later this week.

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(sot) Police say this latest apartment complex shooting makes the argument again that cameras and other forms of security are as more of an investment than an expense. (vo) It happened around 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon along this driveway of Stadium Walk apartments right next to Cambridge The Palms. (sot) ..the victim, after being shot, went to Cambridge where he had relatives, associates..people that he knew. (vo) While he recovers in the hospital, police hope to find witnesses who might have seen anything during the shooting or prior. But Akins also says a network of cameras in a complex can often help them find a suspect or identify what they're driving. (sot) Every investigation, not just violent crimes, but in every investigation the video evidence becomes critical because video evidence isn't going to lie to us..like witnesses will on occassion. (vo) He also urges apartment companies and business with cameras to work with police and tie into their system so they can access footage in real time and often solve cases quicker. (sot) He says cameras can also help deter crime, especially when people know they're there and don't want to be seen doing something wrong. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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9:00:00 AM	BREAK OD	SQUAD	investigation. Savannah Police and Fire departments responded to Colleen Drive after receiving a call	
	4 13	INVESTIGA	about a backpack under someone's car last night. The neighborhood was closed off for at least an hour -	
		TING 645	- but was cleared just after 9:30.	00:00:20

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		NUTS AND	conclusion by law enforcement. Police say Simon assaulted her son with something, causing his death.	
		BOLTS	The indictment goes on to accuse her of putting little Quinton's body in a dumpster. Simon faces 19	
		SETUP	charges total in the case, including making false statements.	00:00:22

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		FENT.	convicted felon, reckless driving, and more. On March 31st - officers tried to pull him over... but he sped-	
		TRAFFICKI	off. They later found his car on Hudson street. They say Rivers tried to run away, and dropped multiple	
		NG	items... including 11 grams of fentanyl. Police eventually caught-up to him... and found everything you see	
		ARREST	on your screen.	00:00:26

4/17/2023			"Upon review of all of the evidence in this case, it has been determined that Trenton Lehrkamp is a 19-year-	
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		K NEWS	challenged." District Attorney Higgins also says Lehrkamp voluntarily drank nearly four times the legal	
		CONFEREN	limit, and sat in the chair that has been shared on social media. Higgins also says the people who dropped	
		CE	him off outside of the hospital most-likely saved his life. WTOC's Flynn Snyder is in Glynn County and is	
			working on a full report coming up on The News at 6.	00:00:34

LL "No arrests have been made in a shooting leaving a teen shot in the leg at an after-prom event. Statesboro Police Chief tells me so many social media rumors are hindering them from finding who's responsible." VO The shooting happened Saturday night at 19 East Vine Street. Chief Mike Broadhead said there was a rumor going through Statesboro High the day before on Friday that there would be a fight and a shooting at the party. He says they talked to the organizers of the party about that rumor so they would be aware. When the shooting did happen, he says police were patrolling about a half a block away. He says it's been hard to nail down information about this incident because of social media chatter. SOT "This has gone crazy on social media and we're trying to piece through all of that because people think they have evidence, and it turns out to be all third hand through Facebook so we have to sort through that stuff. We're trying to find eyewitnesses who can tell us I saw this happened, not well I heard somebody say that they thought this happened." He said after hearing several rumors and the recent shooting, they want to do everything they can to make sure all students are safe. "They will have extra patrols at Statesboro High until the end of the school year. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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LL: Rodriguez's attorneys say their client is transgender and identifies as female. That played a big role in their questions to potential jurors. VO: Defense attorney Lloyd Murray asked jurors if they know anyone who is transgender and whether personal opinions would allow them to be impartial during a trial. Attorneys also questioned jurors about their use of Facebook and if they've seen any information about this case on social media. Murray also asked if anyone was at the parade when the incident took place or if they knew someone who was there. Prosecutors kept their questions short, asking jurors if they knew Rodriguez, attorneys involved in the case, and whether they had heard about the parade. This is also the first time we've captured Rodriguez on camera in the courtroom. Rodriguez remained silent and took notes during questioning. According to an indictment, Rodriguez is accused of driving through parade barricades and refused to stop driving down Rincon's "Let Freedom Ring" parade route when a police vehicle chased her last June. No one was seriously injured. LL: Ultimately 3 men and 9 women were selected to be on the jury...with two alternates. The trial is set to continue on April 27 and is only expected to last until the next day on the 28th. In Springfield...FS...WTOCN.

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"We're just ready to have some fun, make some money and dance our tails off." It's a tradition living on since 1988, Orange Crush is an event bringing many college students and young tourists to Tybee Island. Owner of The Sandbar Jennifer Knox says they're looking forward to the influx in people. "We've hosted Orange Crush for nine years now and we haven't had any major issues. The traffic is definitely a pain, so you got to prepare for that. I just want everyone to behave and have a good time." She says their biggest concerns are the island is only but so big to handle the many people that may come. She says traffic is always frustrating and encourages people to be patient. She says they will try new things to get hungry folks in and out as quickly as possible. "Our kitchen is just really small, and we have air fryers so it just takes a little longer than. We're trying to come up with ways where we can throw food to people and they can be happy because there's just a lot of places that are going to be slammed with food orders." There has been violence during Orange Crush like a shooting in 2015. The large crowd also brings many police and Georgia State Trooper patrols. Longtime resident and business owner on Tybee Karen Kelly wants to remind people to have an open mind because most of the people attending the event this weekend are not coming to cause harm. (JENNIFER KNOX, ON THE PHONE) "Savannah State University kids are not the people coming to Tybee causing problems and people need to know that. They're just some good kids. I've been there for a long time, and I've been to all the Orange Crushes for the last 20 years and I've helped a whole bunch of those kids out. They need to remember that yes it's going to be big crowds, but you know there's big crowds every weekend."

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GSP will be on the lookout for any traffic violations, DUI's and reckless driving. Chatham County Police says they have not been asked to help out but will monitor Highway 80 in case of any accidents. City of Tybee assistant manager Michelle Owens says they are aware of an unpermitted event that may occur from April 21st to 23rd. She says they are preparing this weekend with the same level of traffic controls and staff resources that they have available for all large events and busy weekends. She says they will have an all hands on deck approach on Saturday and Sunday from public works officials, police, code enforcement police and fire rescue. Left turns will not be allowed on 15 th Street on Butler Avenue or Tybrisa from Butler Avenue. Owner of the Sandbar Jennifer Knox has welcomed Orange Crush visitors for nine years. While she's looking forward to the boost in business, she's not looking forward to the traffic and encourages everyone to take their time.

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(sot) Four days after a shooting at this rental venue, police say they're still looking for witnesses and credible evidence to know what happened. (vo) The young man shot during a fight Saturday night is recovering after being treated at the hospital. Meanwhile police say they need witnesses to come forward. A flyer listed this as a post-prom party for high school students with a charge at the door. The fight happened after midnight. Police tell WTOC they'd heard rumors before the party of a possible fight and spoke to the venue owner. But now they're trying to find anyone who saw or heard something first hand to help them investigate. (sot) Police say you can contact them with information anonymously in needed. Meanwhile, I've spoken by phone with the owner of the venue. She's out of town but returning to Statesboro. We'll update when we hear back from her. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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4/19/2023		RETURNIN	"My biggest issue is the traffic. It's just a lot of people trying to get on the small island so but last weekend	
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Both of those former customers are now taking legal action \*against Hernandez Collision Center. One is \*counter-suing for more than 15-thousand-dollars... calling the shop's actions "outrageous" and saying Hernandez has, quote, "unclean hands." Here's a look at \*that lawsuit. Former Hernandez customer Elizabeth Andarge is asking the court to force Hernandez to pay her back for the more than 5-thousand-dollars she paid under, quote, "duress and intimidation" to get her car back. She's also suing for another 10-thousand-dollars... for Hernandez's, quote, "intentional infliction of emotional distress." "I had no idea a business could take your vehicle and never give it back." Heather Hurst \*also paid 5-thousand-dollars to get her car back from Hernandez... and is \*also now taking legal action against them. \*Her attorney has asked for Hernandez's suit to be dismissed... but says they will counter-sue the shop, if not. In these court documents... they argue Hernandez's lawsuit shows a, quote, "total lack of any case." Hernandez has two locations... this shop behind us, off Ogeechee Road... and another in Hinesville. A woman who says she worked for Hernandez in 2021 says, she quit after they \*repeatedly asked her to lie. Mandy Griffis sent me her resignation email. In it, she says, quote... "The reason for my sudden separation is the moral situation I feel I was put in." She goes on to say that a supervisor asked her to, quote... "make it (a car) look broken"... and that she's resigning because, quote, "I did not want my name attached to anything that wasn't true." Griffis echoed something we've heard time and time again from customers. That cars sit on Hernandez's lots for months, unfixed. AND that the shop charges people for storage... before any work has been done. "I thought that was quite unusual." BBB Southeast Atlantic office President Tom Stephens says... most shops don't do that. "Most ethical body shops would say, "we don't have the parts, don't bring the car to us until we have the parts." Stephens says, when you do drop your car off, you should have it back within 30 days... not several months. And he says, before you hand-over your keys... look-over the fine print. "Read the blasted thing! I know it's boring, and it's hard to do, but look for things like arbitration policies, or that they don't take credit cards. Look for things that might be a red flag. And if you get that bad feeling, leave!" I reached out to Hernandez's attorney, Benjamin Oneal, for comment on these lawsuits - and on their former employee's resignation letter. Just to recap, here's the advice the BBB has for drivers who need to get their car repaired after a wreck... and want to avoid any issues. 1) Ask the insurance company who their preferred repair centers are. 2) Do some research on the shop you plan to use. 3) Don't sign any documents without reading them over first.

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LL: By this time tomorrow...the beach here on Tybee is expected to be packed with partiers. That's causing officials to implement safety protocols and they're warning visitors to expect heavy traffic coming on and off the island. PKG: It's an event expected to draw thousands to Tybee's beaches. Orange crush set to make its return this weekend. "We're here for Orange Crush. We came to turn the whole city up." It's known for drawing college students and young tourists...like this group that made the 12-hour drive to Tybee from Philadelphia. Pop: "We trying to have a good time. I hear it's going to be jumping for three days." To prepare...Tybee officials say the island will be fully staffed with emergency personnel. They're implementing traffic protocols in place to help crews move across the city. Starting tomorrow...cones will block the center lane of traffic on US 80 from the Lazaretto Bridge to Tybrisa Street for emergency vehicles only. No left turns will be allowed on to 15th or Tybrisa Streets from Butler Ave. Tybee officials say they're treating this weekend like a busy holiday such as the Fourth of July. So just how many people could be on Tybee this weekend? City data shows during last July 4th weekend...as many as 12-thousand cars drove onto the island in one day. That's up from the nine-thousand daily average that drive along US 80 near Tybee...according to G-DOT. Now...as the island prepares for Orange Crush's return...a call from organizers for partiers to be safe. There was a shooting at Orange Crush back in 20-15. Social media posts say festivities this weekend include a party on Tybee's beach...cash drops...and a car show. "I put them on a flyer and I passed it out to everybody, what the rules on the beach, making sure safety was the number one priority." "We're worried about safety, but we came out here to turn up. We're just gonna keep our head open -- eyes open." LL: Tybee Island says Orange Crush will be an unpermitted event this year. Still...Georgia State Patrol says they will be assisting Tybee PD this weekend. The bulk of the events are expected Saturday here on Tybee with parties scheduled across Savannah throughout the weekend. Reporting on Tybee Island...FS...WTOCN.

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4/22/2023 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	BO: TYBEE ISLAND STATEMEN T ON SAFETY	Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions says it's all hands on deck for first responders dealing with large crowds tonight. She's confirmed to WTOC that Governor Brian Kemp has instructed Georgia State Patrol to assist with traffic on the Highway 80 causeway. She also says most restaurants on Tybrisia Street closed by 3 p.m. due to the overwhelming crowds. Sessions also says the city of Tybee has had to obtain extra doses of Narcan, an emergency treatment for opioid overdoses. WTOC has been unable to gain access to the Island due to ongoing traffic jams. We'll continue to update you as we know more.	00:00:36
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4/22/2023 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	SHEA: ORANGE CRUSH WEEKEND	((PKG)) - NO SUPER, PHONER "Since I've been in this area, the only thing that this equates to that I've seen time and time again in my career, is evacuations from Florida when hurricanes are approaching." Between noon and 6PM, Kearns says that Chatham EMS responded to eight wrecks along the routes to get to Tybee- including one that sent seven people to the hospital- and one caused by someone losing control of their car after doing donuts in the road. The traffic- trapping people for hours. It was a frustrating situation for people that just wanted to get to Tybee and enjoy Orange Crush. "It's very frustrating. Everywhere we go, it's still traffic. And we got rerouted three different times, and there's still traffic." While waiting in standstill traffic- some folks, still trying to make the best of the situation. "We're listening to music, talking in the group chat. We have a group chat, we're in a big group coming." Shea: "What's the big topic in the group chat? Alexander and Harris: "The traffic." (laughs) Some people, however, occupying themselves outside of the car.. or making risky moves trying to get out of the traffic. Two factors that Kearns says, exacerbated the traffic situation. Kearns: "I've heard our ambulances and fire crews calling for police because in the traffic jams, people are driving on the wrong side of the road, they're making abrupt U-turns. There have been a couple of radio calls for assistance for people in the traffic jam who are on the roofs of their cars dancing, who are out in the streets, dancing in the traffic. It's really stressing our resources, and it's also slowing everything down because we can't get to the calls because of the traffic."	00:01:38
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4/22/2023 WEEKEND HWY 80 Chatham County police say the victim is in stable condition. Chuck Kearns with Chatham Emergency Services says the woman was injured in an apparent road rage incident. 38-year-old Adam Bauer was arrested and charged with six counts of aggravated assault. He is being held at the Chatham County Detention Center. CCPD says this is an ongoing investigation. 00:00:21  
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7AM BO: TYBEE Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions has confirmed to WTOC that Governor Brian Kemp has instructed Georgia State Patrol to assist with traffic on the Highway 80 causeway. She also says most restaurants on Tybrisia Street closed by \*three yesterday afternoon... due to the overwhelming crowds. Sessions also says the city of Tybee has had to obtain extra doses of Narcan... an emergency treatment for opioid overdoses. Stay with WTOC for updates later today. 00:00:27  
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"11,500 vehicles on to a two lane road." "It wasn't a traffic jam. It was a parking lot." People reported being stuck for hours. (Sot) "It was all the way backed up, streets, highways, everywhere." But visitors say what appears to be a record-breaking turnout for Orange Crush was worth the wait. (Sot) "I definitely had a good time out here." Boardwalk Ice Cream was one of the few restaurants that remained open the entire time, welcoming the large crowds. "The reason we're open is to serve spring break college kids wanting to go to the beach and have a good time. So, for 99 percent of them it was college kids having a good time." Some business owners I talk to said they had to close early because their night crews couldn't make it. They tell me they were stuck in traffic for more than 3 hours. "Tybee did awesome but I think they could have used a little more help with the traffic." There were 18 crashes on Saturday alone. One of those happened after a road rage shooting left someone with non-life threatening injuries. Traffic was backed up all the way into Whitemarsh and Wilmington Island neighborhoods like you see here. People could also seen going the other way and driving in people's yards which residents tell me was frustrating. Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley says his officers worked 16-hour shifts doing what they could to control traffic, but crowds this size were unexpected. "We could have had more visual presence and I think that certainly is something we have to look at going forward but we can't anticipate accidents. We can't anticipate multiple delays for hours." As far as Tybee officials, there were 40 police officers, eight code enforcement officers and 13 fire personnel working the weekend. That's compared to the 40 to 50 thousand people on the Island. Georgia State Patrol assisted with 10 troopers originally and a sergeant tells me they called for about five more after Governor Brian Kemp requested more help. Hadley says CCPD was not asked to assist but he and the Tybee Police Chief did communicate throughout the week. He says they will be making adjustments in the future. (Hadley) "Whether it be coordination or communication or what not, this is an unprecedented event with unprecedented numbers. We just have to learn from what we experienced this weekend and do the best going forward."

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((PKG)) "It looks like we're in the middle of Call of Duty, because everyone's walking around with a massive rifle on, with no warning." Savannah Police, members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, a K-9 unit and even a SWAT team- assisting in the search. Alderman Detric Leggett says though they weren't immediately able to find the suspect- the right decisions were made. "Our police officers recognized that they couldn't do a large pursuit in this community. And they slowed down, they backed off." "I'm happy how quick the police got here. That did make us feel safe." In the area, there are multiple townhomes and even a senior living facility. Leggett says that though this situation didn't originate in Savannah- he was sorry to see it end up in this neighborhood. "The way we're trying to move the direction of this neighborhood, we don't need this. And I just want people to know that this incident isn't homegrown. This is someone coming from somewhere else, they brought their issues from somewhere else, and it's just our officers being diligent. They recognized who this person was, and they got behind them."

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"I just feel that it's unsafe." Police in this neighborhood, looking for the two suspected kidnappers about two blocks away from where the chase ended. (nats) "We're just looking around the area making sure nothing was missed last night." It's not clear where the woman was kidnapped, only that police spotted a vehicle that might be linked to the crime during a traffic stop. After firing several shots at an officer's police car, the suspects got away. Police did find the same car the suspected kidnappers were in on East 35th Street, but it was empty. Loretta Gamble lives in a senior living facility in the midst of the chaos. While she wasn't home during the chase, she says as a woman, this situation is unnerving. "That makes me feel like I got to be more on a look out and see do I see anything suspicious or whatever, not only for myself but for SAVANNAH anybody else." Austin Francis lives on 41st Street near where the chase began. "I've been here since 2015 KIDNAPPIN and its generally been a low crime area, nothing so significant as a car chase or a kidnapping." He says G & POLICE he'll be keeping his head on a swivel from now on. "For me it means I have to be more cautious about CHASE what I do. I won't be out at night at certain times, in certain places. Up until now I felt perfectly safe so I FOLO guess I'll be a little more cautious about what's around me." 00:01:16

4/25/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MURDAUG H NEW CHARGES All this comes more than a month after Murdaugh was convicted of killing his wife and son. He was sentenced to two life sentences in prison. His attorneys have already filed an appeal in that case. 00:00:12

4/26/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD TYBEE ROBBERY & ASSAULT INVESTIGATION It happened this weekend on the beach during Orange Crush. Police received videos showing a woman and her adult daughter being beaten and then robbed. They say they have secured warrants for one of the people involved. But, they need your help identifying the other accused attackers. Due to the graphic nature, we will not be showing the video on tv. We do have a link to it on our website WTOC dot com. If you have any information about what happened, please call Tybee Island Police right away. 00:00:29

4/26/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TYBEE SAFETY MEASURE S THIS WKND The city says more police and first responders will be on the island - with extra units from the Georgia State Patrol, Chatham County Police, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Natural Resources and Chatham EMS. Traffic controls will be back in place - with cones blocking off the center lane. That will be reserved for emergency vehicles only. The city is also putting additional lighting out in parking lots at the south end of the island. They're also bringing in porta-potties to the south end as well. 00:00:31

4/26/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TYBEE ROBBERY & ASSAULT INVESTIGATION Right now-- Tybee Island Police need your help finding the people responsible in an assault and robbery investigation. It happened this weekend on the beach during Orange Crush. Police received videos showing a woman and her adult daughter being beaten and then robbed. Police say they have secured warrants for one of the people involved. But, they need your help identifying the other accused attackers. They have posted the video to their facebook page. You can find a link to that on our website WTOC dot com. If you have any information about what happened, please call Tybee Island Police right away. 00:00:36

			The lead defendant in the case is Gregory Smiley of Savannah. His wife, Lena is also charged. The two of them, along with another defendant, Tywana Lewis face additional charges in this case. They're accused of gambling at casinos in Nevada and Maryland to illegally launder and hide the money they earned from the trafficking scheme. Thirteen of the 15 defendants are in custody. All 15 could face life in prison if convicted.	
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7AM		WEEKEND	Today--- Tybee Police are prepared for potentially heavy traffic ahead of an event called "Peach Fest" on the island. Already... Tybee PD has met with law enforcement agencies helping out this weekend -- including Georgia State Patrol... the Department of Natural Resources... and Chatham County Police. The left lane of Highway 80 near Butler Avenue has been blocked off for emergency vehicle use only. It all comes after nearly 50 thousand people were on Tybee last weekend....	
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((PKG)) The City of Tybee Island's all hands on deck approach to law enforcement for PeachFest this weekend seems to have paid off. In talking to both residents and city officials, it seems that this weekend was a lot calmer than last weekend's Orange Crush. According to Mayor Shirley Sessions- there were significantly fewer people on the island this weekend, and fewer run-ins with law enforcement to report. The only major law enforcement intervention happened when rain pushed the PeachFest crowds off the beach, and to the pier Saturday evening. "There were a couple of moments where things were potentially getting unruly, and our partner agencies helped calm things down." The pier was shut down and the crowd was eventually dispersed. Kaitlin Furlong, who works at Huckapoos- describes seeing far more police officers this weekend than last weekend- and thinks it's needed for any busy weekend on the island. "We've got so many busy holidays. You know, Memorial Weekend, 4th of July, Beach Bum, that's coming up in two weeks, a week from now, something like that. Just having that police presence out here just really helps keep things calm." The Chatham County Detention Center's website shows that on Saturday- Tybee Island Police made at least seven arrests. Some of the charges included providing alcohol to minors, driving under the influence, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, and drug possession. Tybee Police made 18 arrests over Orange Crush weekend. All in all- Sessions says increased law enforcement presence- and fewer people attending PeachFest- made the difference between this weekend, and Orange Crush. Sessions: "I know that our own police force were very appreciative of the backing, and we did have that last week, but not in the great numbers. It just- it truly made a difference." Shea: The City of Tybee Island will be holding a town hall meeting this Thursday for people who live here to voice their concerns about unpermitted events on the island. We'll have more information on that on WTOC.com. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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Sot: (Sam Woodward - Chief, Hardeeville Police Department) "A car shot at another car, that's the reason officers responded to this location. They got into a little short chase from highway 278 over here to Brooks Willis Drive. Apparently there were shots fired from inside the car, our officers returned fire, we have one deceased person at this time." You can see video of this area from earlier today with SLED's crime scene unit investigating. I'm told both the Jasper county sheriff's office and Hardeeville police department will do their own investigations to make sure their officers acted according to protocol... none of those officers- that's 3 Hardeeville officers and one sheriff's deputy - were injured.

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The Three Rivers Police Department in Michigan says Swartz's case went unsolved for decades...due to a lack in technology. They say officers were able to collect fingerprints, blood and a footprint from her apartment. They interviewed thousands of people, but were not able to find a match. The next break in the case came in the 2000s. The departments says D-N-A technology helped them create a profile in a data base...but they still went without a match. Solving the case was made a priority last year. They say Forensic Genetic Genealogy was used to narrow the suspect pool down to a family. Detectives then interview, fingerprinted, and D-N-A tested family members before identifying Waters as a suspect. Police say they hope the arrest brings long-awaited closure to Swartz's family.

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(sot) Sheriff's investigators say they aren't disclosing much information in this case until they get results of an autopsy to know more about the death of these two people. (vo) Someone called 911 around 8:15 Sunday night and asked for authorities to check on Lillie June Sowell at her home on Bowen Road. Police and fire crews found her and Marian Wade Parker of Portal dead. A neighbor of Sowell is sad to hear about it. (sot) The neighborhood is very quiet. We've never had anything like this for as long as I've been here. A neighbor like that...it's just a shame. (vo) Investigators will take both bodies to the GBI crime lab for autopsy to determine a cause and manner of death. (sot) We'll keep you updated when we get more information. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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The Savannah Harbor Interstate 16 Corridor Development Authority along with Hyundai Motor Group are sending condolences to the family of that construction worker today. The J-D-A writes in a statement, "Hyundai Motor Group's, Hyundai Engineering America's, and the subcontractor's primary concern has been and will continue to be the safety and security of everyone on the construction site. They are fully cooperating with the investigation."

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H The response to the lawsuit was filed yesterday. In it Murdaugh says he encouraged Satterfield's family to seek a settlement and set up the people to represent them. He also says he lied about his dog's causing Satterfield's fall to force his insurers to make the settlement and the money from the settlement went to his own account. Murdaugh denies conspiring with anyone else to get the money. We have more details about the exact response filed posted right now on WTOC dot com.

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5/2/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. MEGASITE DEATH Bryan County's Deputy Coroner says a 35-year-old man died after falling from a structure of what will be the paint shop here at the electric vehicle plant. The paint shop was one of the first buildings to go vertical at the site. That happened in the last few weeks following the site's groundbreaking back in October. Hyundai says that the man fell from a three-story structure The coroner's office says this looks more like a fall from about 60-feet up. The company says the worker's safety harness lanyard failed resulting in the fall. 00:00:32

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5/4/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD STATESBO RO DEATH INVESTIGA TION UPDATE A WTOC update on a death investigation in Statesboro. The Bulloch County Sheriff's Office says autopsies have been performed on 72-year-old Lillie Sowell and 67-year-old Marion Parker. Both were found dead at a home on Bowen Road Sunday. Deputies say the medical examiner's office has not issued an official cause of death yet. They say based on initial findings and investigation, there is no threat to the public. At this time, they are not looking for any suspects. 00:00:28



This story does end with a happy twist for this customer. More on that later. But first. We recently told you about TitleMax... the giant title-lender, founded right here in Savannah. They've once again been fined millions of dollars for deceptive sales practices, and high interest rates. I talked to a man who says... his agreement with TitleMax... turned his life upside-down. Drive across the Southeast... and you'll notice many lenders offering fast-cash, for your car's title. But one in particular - founded right here in Savannah - seems to stand out. From their familiar jingle... to the multi-million-dollar fines they've faced. TitleMax has made a name for itself. "I don't want them to take my car, because that's how I get to work." Rodney Paylor signed \*this agreement at the TitleMax off Highway 80 in Pooler back in October... handing-over the title to his Lexus LS, for a 36-hundred-dollar loan. TitleMax gave him a \*month to pay it back... \*with interest. Meaning, he owed that, \*plus an extra 450 bucks. But Paylor says... the TitleMax agent did NOT explain that to him. He says, she told him he could pay it off \*over time\*... in 450-dollar \*installments. All these months later... Paylor now sees, he's \*only been paying off the \*interest... NOT the roughly 4-thousand-dollars, he borrowed. "She didn't even have the screen towards me!" "...She said, it's a whole lot of written words, don't worry about it. I'll take care of it for you. I didn't see anything until she told me where to sign." Paylor's agreement has him paying a more than 150-percent annual percentage rate, or APR. He estimates by the time he pays-off his car title... he will have given TitleMax nearly 10-thousand-dollars... for a 36-hundred-dollar loan. Paylor says he went to TitleMax, because he needed cash to help pay for childcare for his son... .. and feels the agent took advantage of his desperation. "That's entrapment at its finest! Because they find, they find people that are in a hurry for cash." The Federal Trade Commission calls car title loans "expensive"... and warns that you could lose your vehicle... adding that some lenders insist on installing a \*GPS system and starter interrupt devices... so that they can \*locate your car, disable it \*remotely, and \*repossess it. They can then sell your car and keep \*all of the money. Paylor's advice for you? If an agreement sounds too good to be true... "Nine times out of ten, it is. Especially if you're dealing with TitleMax." We do have good news to share. After I interviewed Rodney... I reached out to TitleMax, and asked about his situation. Rodney says the next day, they contacted him... and agreed to give him his title back. Rodney tells us there is some paperwork involved. We will be sure to let you know - how \*that plays out. TitleMax also gave me a statement. They said, quote... "We always work with our customers on any alleged issues... and have taken the opportunity to do so with this customer." In March, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fined TitleMax 15-million-dollars for violating the Military Lending Act and making prohibited loans to service members and their families. They also call TitleMax a repeat offender. In 2016, the Bureau also fined the company 9-million-dollars - for violating the Consumer Financial Protection Act. TitleMax has more than 900 locations nationwide... and posted more than 900-million-dollars in revenue in 2019 alone.

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PKG: \*nats of cars\* A big change for drivers along US 2-80 at I-16 in Bryan County. On Wednesday...G-DOT is set to activate new traffic lights along the eastbound and westbound interchange ramps at exit 143. "We know there's going to be an increase in traffic in that area, and this is kind of our interim step to help the mobility in that area." It all comes ahead of expected traffic increases from the nearby Hyundai's Metaplant site. "We have a lot of truck traffic in the area. And when they're trying to get off the interstate and go to the industrial park, we're having some backups." The department says the new lights are an "interim operational improvement." "That means we're doing something now for a project that is coming." It's all part of a larger 2-80 improvement project that will include roundabouts at the interchange and other parts of the roadway. The lights will stay activated until those roundabouts are built. G-DOT traffic data shows the average number of daily drivers using the ramp to get off I-16 west to US 2-80 was just over 37-00. In 2021...that number increased to nearly six thousand. "We're seeing the traffic volume increase now with the growth at that interchange." GDOT says that growth is why these changes are needed. Other improvements near the Megasite include a new I-16 interchange...and 2-80 widening. But the first will be a new I-16 frontage road...which is expected to start construction by the end of this year. "We're looking ahead. They're looking years beyond to see how we can improve mobility throughout the state." LL: G-DOT says law enforcement will help with traffic flow when the signals are activated. They're asking all drivers in the area as drivers get used to the new signals. In Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

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		TYBEE ISLAND TOWN HALL		
5/4/2023		MEETING	"We're going to walk through some of the timeline of some of the events as they occurred, some of the data that we now have access to after the fact to show the difference in size of this event and how we're going to be able to handle that in the future."	
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The Atlantic hurricane season may only take up part of the year...but it's a time that Chatham's Emergency Management Agency prepares for around the clock. "We prep for hurricane season year round." Agency director Dennis Jones says deciding how crews respond during a storm threat is always changing. "We try to do that decision making based on what the best methodologies are for ensuring an evacuation or ensuring a shelter-in-place event." The agency works hard during hurricane season...using their emergency operations center to monitor storm response. They urge those who live in the county to not panic...but be prepared. "Understand what your flooding potential could be because with a hurricane that is the biggest threat is the flooding." Jones says the best way to get ready...is to have a disaster preparedness kit so it's ready to go if a storm does hit. Once the season is over...Jones says the agency reviews their response...to be better prepared in the future. "Making sure that we get feedback from them on what worked well, what can be improved upon, and how we can go about ensuring that response is just a little bit better next time." That feedback comes from the agency's annual hurricane conference...where they learn from the experiences of partner agencies from Florida and Texas. "We're taking a look at that and seeing what they experienced and what we could potentially experience -- how they reacted to that, how they resolved that, and how we can implement that here for Chatham County." But Jones cautions that no two hurricanes are the same...the best way to stay ahead of the storms is to pay attention to forecasts and alerts. "Every storm is different. It doesn't matter if you have the perfect plan on the table. The perfect plan's not necessarily perfect for every single event." The agency working to make sure crews and people at home are weather ready. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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According to court documents, Detective Ashley Wood got 34 search warrants related to the murder of Charles Vinson- a key element of many of those warrants is Wood claimed Marquis Parrish was with the three other people accused in the murder, buying cleaning supplies at Walmart, and that this was all proven by surveillance video. However, when Parrish's attorneys reviewed that same security footage- they said Parrish was nowhere to be seen.. the documents also stating that state prosecutors agreed Parrish wasn't in the footage, as Wood had said. On April 24th, Chatham County District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones asked the judge to push the case back, stating that there is an issue that "calls into question the credibility of the lead detective assigned to the case." Jones goes on to say that the Savannah Police Department is investigating the case internally, and they told her office most recently o that it would be complete within "the coming weeks." Jones says "the results of this investigation are critical for the State to be able to properly assess its stance regarding this prosecution or any potential plea offer(s). The results of the investigation would, presumably, be important to the defense in crafting their cross examination of the detective should this matter proceed to trial."

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WCSC:  
NEW  
DETAILS IN  
MURDAUG  
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"You know what isn't in Alex Murdaugh's pleading? A confession of judgment to say you're right, Nautilus insurance company, I stole \$3.8 million dollars from you. Here's where it is. Here's where you can find it. What he says is, I get to keep the 3.8 million and you can look to the Satterfields. This is completely not found in in law. It's not founded in facts." Since his conviction, his accounts are now in the hands of officials in charge of paying back victims of financial crimes. Just last week, Murdaugh's lawyers asked for more money from that pool to pay them for working on his murder appeal. We'll have more details on this case tonight coming up on THE News at 11.

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WCSC: Now, Murdaugh and his defense attorneys say, not just him, but the Satterfield family should be added to  
NEW the lawsuit as perpetrators and beneficiaries of the insurance fraud crime. Satterfield family lawyers say her  
DETAILS IN sons never saw a penny of the 3.8 million dollars. They say the money was given to Murdaugh, who stole  
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FBALL 18-year-old DJ Fields Jr. was shot and killed while driving on Bluffton Parkway more than two years ago.  
MURDER Two other passengers were injured. Three other suspects are facing charges in connection to the case--  
GUILTY Tyleic Chaneyfield, Shanitah Void and her brother Jayden Void. You can find more information on this  
PLEA investigation by heading to our website WTOC dot com.

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A WTOC update on a murder case in the lowcountry. One of the people charged in the death of Bluffton High School Football star DJ fields has pleaded guilty. According to the 14th Circuit Solicitor's office, Jimmy Green changed his plea without any consideration of leniency from the state. His trial was set to begin this morning with 29 witnesses scheduled to testify. A judge sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

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WCSC:  
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Murdaugh is accused of defrauding his insurance company since he lied to them about the nature of Satterfield's death. So the company wants the 3.8 million dollars back that they paid out as a settlement to the family.

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5/9/2023 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	SANDY SMITH AT VICTIMS RIGHTS RALLY	"For 8 years, we've been fighting for Stephen to get the answers in his case. I don't know how to fix the problem that led to my son's murder, for being mishandled from the beginning, but I do know that I am thankful to have so many wonderful people helping me to get justice for Stephen." Stephen's body was exhumed and re-examined last month for a private second autopsy. Sandy Smith is offering a \$35-thousand dollar reward for information that could lead to an arrest and conviction in her son's death.	00:00:29
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5/10/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	WTOCI: VICE LOUNGE VIOLATION S	<p>The City of Savannah has suspended Vice Lounge's liquor license... until they can hold a "show cause" hearing in front of city council— where the liquor license holder... must explain why the license should not be revoked. In the notice for the hearing.... The city states they consider Vice Lounge a "threat to public safety, welfare or health, and a public nuisance." The notice also breaks down 53 calls of service they say are of interest, including two rapes, two calls for sexual battery, 21 fights, and one terroristic threat – listed as shots fired. Of these incidents -- On April 1st, 24-year-old Taylor Tallent, an employee of Vice Lounge, was charged with rape and aggravated sodomy after Savannah Police received a report of sexual assault at the bar. The notice also lists three separate meetings with the Alcohol and Beverage Compliance Unit – one in October of 2020 ... referencing the establishment as a nuisance business... Another in February of this year.. regarding ongoing fights and underage customers... and a third just last month, about underage drinking leading to a violent crime.</p>	00:01:05
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5/10/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BULLOCH CO. ARREST MORE DETAILS	Adan Keelin is charged with involuntary manslaughter and reckless conduct in the death of 17-year-old Kelsey McDuffie. McDuffie died nearly a month ago after she was shot at a home off Arthur Nurburn Junior Road. Deputies said at time Keelin was showing McDuffie how to take apart and put back together a 9 millimeter handgun. Keelin was shot through the hand. McDuffie was shot in the back of the head. Keelin was arrested and booked yesterday. The Sheriff's Office tells WTOCI he was not a student.	00:00:30
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5/11/2023	4:30AM	DAYBREAK	V	It happened just before 1 yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Robin Hood Drive. Police say the man is expected to survive. Officers didn't shut down the road... but you may have noticed a heavy police presence in the area. We will update you as we learn more.	00:00:17
4:30:00 AM	OD	PEDESTRIAN			

				Alderman Nick Palumbo says that some of the programs that City Council will be looking at includes arts and culture, sports and recreation, parks, and leisure. Palumbo says a big part of that will be really utilizing the new Cultural Arts Center, as well as adding in ten new splash pads across the city. These activities provide a way to keep kids focused on something during summer break- and, in some instances, get indoors during the hottest months of the year. He says the most important part, however, is that the initiative will provide consistent, safe activities for the kids to take part in.	
5/11/2023			100 DAYS OF SUMMER INITIATIVE		
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				"We know it's really challenging, too, for parents that are working 9 to 5 jobs, that are working, to have summertime activities, to provide school care for kids that are out there as well. So this is a positive way to keep the community engaged throughout the summertime. We know that crime spikes in the hotter months of the year, and we want to make sure that we keep out kids and families safe." Flynn Snyder is sitting in on that meeting and will have the latest coming up on the news at 5.	
5/11/2023			100 DAYS OF SUMMER INITIATIVE		
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Savannah city leaders are preparing for a program they hope will engage more than six thousand young people in the city this summer. The 100 Days of Summer initiative...making its return in an effort to reduce violent crime among teens. "What we want to see everybody get out of this is a safe, fun summer. We want to make sure our youth have something to do that is constructive, that is positive." It's an initiative offering more than 138 programs for young people across multiple city departments. Including Savannah Police...who are focusing on teenagers...a group the department says...historically sees an uptick in crime during the summer. "to kind of move them away from that, making better decisions, not being on the same status quo that is expected for them to be engaged in violence, that we want to see something different." From June to August 20-22...S-P-D data shows there were 17 incidents where the suspect was between the ages of 14 to 23 years old. 65 percent of those incidents happened between the hours five p-m and two a-m. This summer...the department is introducing Summer Night Lights...with teen activities from six p-m to midnight on certain days in June and July. "I believe as far as when the kids see that the basketballs, the gyms are open, the pools are open, they have more options in order to do something different." "This program has tremendously expanded to include our teens. This was a missing element we've had before. We've reexamined what we did last year. Last year was great, this year is going to be even better." S-P-D says they will also be more police visibility and community involvement this summer. The city...using these summer programs to help build trust with young people. "It's not the number of arrests for us. It's building those relationships, building that communication so that they know we're here for them, we're listening, and we want to effect change."

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Construction worker Jose Castillo's life will never be the same. It was a normal day on the job site near the Chatham County courthouse when Savannah police say a driver quickly accelerated...striking Castillo. "This wreck sounded worse than any that I have ever heard." Sarah Burris was working across the street when she heard the crash. "Just the sound of the impact, I heard breaking glass, and I just knew from those two sounds that it was definitely going to be a horrible wreck." An eight-year Navy veteran...Burriss and others rushed over...to help Castillo. According to police... a 71-year-old Tybee Island woman was attempting to put a parked truck into drive when the car rapidly accelerated. The truck traveled through an open construction fence...striking Castillo before continuing to drive forward hitting a parked semi-truck...leaving the 27-year-old pinned between the two vehicles. "I pretty much hit autopilot. I just hollered for someone to give me a belt and I got the belt around his leg and made it like a tourniquet and waited for somebody that could help." Castillo was rushed to the hospital. "He's lost a leg. He has multiple internal injuries as well as several broken bones." The construction worker's family...flying from California to be by his side...in shock that a random day at work turned so catastrophic. "I'm very, very damaged. We are all damaged. All of us. My family, my nephew, mom, my brother, his brothers." In the days after the incident...Burriss and others starting a GoFundMe for Castillo who helped support his mother and brother. "it's just the right thing to do. Knowing that there's family members that were dependent on him, I worry they are going to risk losing their home or not being able to eat or so many other things that we here take for granted so often."

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This all happened in the 4900 block of Savannah Highway in the Ravenel area not far from the Caw Caw Interpretive Center. It started as a traffic stop at about 3:45 Sunday afternoon -- a woman was driving the car and had a man in the passenger seat -- now identified as 28-year-old James Pierce from Walterboro. In the video -- you can see Deputy Evan Cubbage at the car and a few moments later Deputy Alexander Hodge walks up as backup. A few seconds later -- you can hear one yell "he has a gun." Again, we want to warn you - the video you're about to see is very graphic. That's when Pierce starts firing at both deputies. And the deputies return fire. Deputy Cubbage on the left side of the car was shot three times - but stands up and fires back at the suspect. While the suspect fires at Deputy Hodge- Deputy Cubbage walks around the front of the vehicle and fires at the suspect from behind. After the suspect is down, you can hear the officers assessing their injuries and calling for ems- One officer says he is hit in the leg and asks for help with a tourniquet. The woman who was in the vehicle with Price asks if he is dead- deputies ask her to get on the ground. Ems arrives on scene within minutes. From the sound of the video, Deputy Cubbage is put in a truck and sent to MUSC. EMS then checks the suspect's pulse and appears to nod to confirm he's dead. You can hear officers over their radio asking for the intersection to be blocked. ...And less than 15 minutes of the suspect opening fire- caution tape surrounds the vehicle. Deputy Cubbage was released from the hospital on Sunday night -- about five hours after the shooting. Deputy Hodge was not hurt. Reporting in Charleston, MM L5N.

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((PKG)) "There's always that 'Why?' Now it's here, Mother's Day. It makes it even worse. He's my only child. I raised him, I lived for him." Just days ago- Cheryl Roth believed she would be spending Mother's Day with her son- James Nichols. Instead, she spent it at a cemetery, planning for his burial. Roth: "Even though I had two plots- one for him and one for me- never did I ever dream I'd have to bury him first." Nichols was killed in a hit and run accident this past Thursday- and the driver who hit him, still has not been found, according to GSP. The Georgia State Patrol also says that there was no surveillance video in the area- and no witnesses. It's a reality that Roth, is struggling to cope with. Roth: "That's what I want to know- the real truth, so I can have some closure. Because Jimmy didn't deserve this whatsoever. Really he didn't." Roth remembers her son for his love for motorcycles and bikes- as a snazzy dresser- but most importantly, as a kindhearted person. Roth: "A wonderful human being, who would do anything for anybody." And now- Roth says there's only one thing she can do, for James. Roth: "Mostly I want him to have a proper burial, so I can have some kind of closure, some kind. This has been a horrible thing.. to know how he died." Anyone with information about this is asked to contact the Georgia State Patrol.. we'll have information about how you can do that on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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TODDLER  
KILLED IN  
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The toddler was hit in the 15th street parking lot around 5:45 last night. Georgia State Patrol says Rae'Lynn Michelle Milton of Waycross Georgia was with her family in the parking lot when she ran in front of a vehicle and was hit. Troopers say the girl was taken to the hospital where she later died.

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CAMILLE: And that post has nearly 200 comments sending prayers to Rae'Lynn's family. Tybee Police and Tybee  
TYBEE 2 Fire responded to the scene. Georgia State Patrol is investigating the accident. They say the toddler and  
YR OLD her family were standing in the parking lot by parked cars when a car was driving north through the parking  
DEATH lot. As the car got closer to the toddler, GSP says she ran into the roadway and was hit around 5:45 p.m.  
FOLO on Sunday.

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"Right now, we know this as the Tybee Island Fire Department but soon it will have an addition on the backend, a safe shelter in case of hurricanes or tornadoes to protect residents and city personnel in weather events." The 4,600 square foot safe shelter will stand tall back here behind the fire station where firefighters currently train. "It'll be about 17 feet off the ground, about as high as the current fire station. Everything is very grade hurricane, wind proof." As Tybee experienced damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Tybee leaders have been working on a resiliency project to prepare for weather events led by project manager Alan Robertson. He says it's a 2.2 million dollar grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and about 700 thousand dollars from the City of Tybee making this safe shelter possible. "It's designed to accommodate city staff and city council during storms so they can stay in place and manage things. It also will accommodate vulnerable communities. Since we have the Tybee Island Marine Academy, they can be here. The YMCA, they can be here, elderly folks. Tybee Fire Chief Jeremy Kendrick says he's happy to finally see this shelter that can hold up to 700 people come to fruition after four years. He wants to remind the community that it's still important to evacuate during hurricanes when alerted if you can. But, he says this safe shelter will also come in handy during tornadoes that aren't as predictable. "For hurricanes we've got plenty of planning time. We're watching that storm for two or three weeks. We're seeing what it will do and we start making decisions. We have time with that. With a tornado, we don't. That's where that shelter will also come in handy." They hope to break ground on the shelter this fall and expect it will be ready for use in mid 2025.

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Vo The first shooting... around 11 Friday night at Delaney Circle in Seabrook. Sot: (Maj. Angela Viens - Public Information Officer, Beaufort Country Sheriff's Office) "We learned that there was a large party taking place at the home. At that point there was a disagreement or altercation of some sort that led to gunfire." Vo A 19-year-old taken to the hospital after being shot multiple times... now the sheriff's office says they're tracking down leads. Sot "The case has direction. We're still interviewing witnesses that were at the party." Vo No arrests have been made yet, but that isn't the only shooting BCSO is investigating from that night. Standup About a half hour later, just 15 or so minutes away, I'm told this area here of Glaze Rd, also turned violent but this time the people shot were even younger. Sot "A passenger car drove by the home, gunfire erupted from the vehicle." Vo The sheriff's office says a group of kids were hanging out in the carport when the drive-by happened... an 11-year-old, shot... and a 13-year-old, injured. As law enforcement looks for a suspect, they are now trying to put the pieces together. Sot "We do have a very loose description of a vehicle that was used, small sedan, but tying up some loose ends on witness statements will hopefully further our investigation." On cam tag We will of course continue to monitor both of these investigations closely and let you know if any arrests are made on air and online at wtoc.com. For now though reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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According to Georgia State Patrol the toddler was hit in a parking lot on 15th street around 5:45 \*Sunday night. Troopers say Milton of Waycross Georgia was with her family when she ran in front of a vehicle and was hit. She was taken to the hospital where she later died.

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5/17/2023  
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The 5 people charged in the case all have a family connection to the kids. Elwyn Crocker Senior, Kim Wright and Mark Wright all face murder charges. Two others - Roy Prater and Candice Crocker - entered guilty pleas. This latest hearing is one of at least a half dozen in the last two years. No trial date has been set. WTOC will have more on the motions at the center of today's hearing - coming up on THE news at 6.

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(nats) (Judge F. Gates Peed) "Any other matters to address today Mr. Crocker?" (Elwyn Crocker Sr.) "No sir." A growing number of pre-trial motions filed by Elwyn Crocker's defense in the death of Crocker's children Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr. There are about 120 motions filed and majority are from Elwyn Crocker's defense. In August there were around 60 pre-trial motions filed. Attorneys have met more than half a dozen times to discuss motions like DNA evidence the defense says they need from the F-B-I and are expecting the state to request. Prosecuting Attorney Matt Breedon accused Crocker's defense of filing many motions at later dates to push the trial back. "I object to a continuance. I think these are boiler plate motions. They could have been filed anytime in the past six years. If the court were to continue any of these motions, I would ask that we schedule enough time to hear them all." One of Crocker's defense attorneys, Jerilyn Bell, says they are doing everything they need to do to make sure every claim made matches the circumstances of Crocker's case before it goes to trial. "Council is meeting their obligations that are required. We've been on this case since Fall of 2019 so we haven't been on the case for six years. We haven't been trying to stall this procedure. I just wanted to address that because that claim is often inserted." Elwyn Crocker Sr., Kim Wright, and Mark Wright all face murder charges in Mary and Elwyn Jr's deaths. Crocker will be tried first but it's not clear when Crocker's case will go to trial. The next motion hearing is set for the end of June. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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((PKG)) "Out of 159 counties, we rank fourth for highest rates of minor victims of human trafficking." That could be a for a number of reasons, Templeton says- one of them being Savannah's tourism industry. Templeton says for teenagers, however, online grooming is a particular risk. Templeton: "Online recruitment actually increased 22 percent during COVID, and it continues to go up just because everyone's online. Every student has some type of Instagram, Tik Tok, or something like that." Sometimes- the risk of trafficking doesn't come from strangers online, but people potential victims know and trust. Templeton: "Parents, uncles, you know, aunts, other types of family members trafficking children in their lives for house payments, car payments, drug money, things like that. So it's kind of a variety of things we're seeing in Chatham County." Templeton adds that sometimes, teenagers are trafficked without their parents even knowing something is wrong. That's why it's important, she says, for adults to pay close attention to the kids in their lives. ((GFX)) YOUNG Some signs to look out for include kids suddenly having expensive phones or clothes with no explanation for where they came from- showing signs of malnourishment or having unexplained injuries. Another sign could also be an adult speaking on behalf of a child in seemingly inconsequential situations. If you suspect someone you know it being trafficked- Templeton says it's important to know what resources are available- including a Georgia-specific hotline by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, and, of course, 911. And if you're in doubt: Templeton: "If you have any concern at all, even if you think it's a small concern, it's always best to report.

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5/18/2023	DAYBREAK	LEARN		
6:00:00 AM	OD	TODAY	Each week is targeted towards a different group of people. There have already been lunches for people in the tourism industry and healthcare workers. Today- the lunch and learn is for parents. Kate Templeton, the outreach coordinator for Tharros Place, says that parents are a very important group that need to be educated about the dangers of human trafficking. She says Tharros Place has seen cases of teenagers being trafficked, right under their parents' noses. But knowing what to look out for- could make all the difference.	00:00:32

			Juanita Washington's backyard is taken up by a portable toilet. sot pop?: It's just stressing for me. She's forced to use this after she says a person crashed a car into the side of her house and fled the scene...damaging a pipe...and leaving the home without running water. "My bathroom is located right there. And I saw all the water flowing all over everywhere." Washington wasn't home at the time...but a Savannah Police report says officers responded to Washington's Love Street home around midday on May 3rd. When they got there...they noticed a damaged corner of the house with a ruptured water line. Orange debris from a vehicle hood was near the damaged corner. Police later determined the fleeing car was an orange 2005 Pontiac. "It's been real rough." Ever since the crash...the 75-year-old says she's had to spend nearly \$160 for the portable toilet and buy gallon jugs of water. "I just felt so bad on Mother's Day. You don't have the use of anything." After the hit and run...neighbors have stepped up to help Washington buy water from the store. "It's due to no fault of her own. Whomever did it, rather than them staying at the scene and acknowledging what they did, and holding themselves accountable, they fled and left her home in disarray." Even though police haven't officially determined the cause of the crash...Washington hopes this serves as a reminder for drivers in the neighborhood to slow down. "All this speeding up and down the street of Eagle Street. They're just flying up and down the street." Now as the 75-year-old stands among the tire marks in her yard...she's hoping police find the driver responsible and that the water line will soon be fixed. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	
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Records show the victim and her mother reported the abuse to the Effingham County Sheriff's Office on January 5th. Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie recused himself from the investigation and the GBI was asked to take over. The order says the GBI was scheduled to interview the victim on January 9th. A statement sent to WTOC from the GBI matches that date, saying on January 9th, they were asked to investigate sexual assault allegations leading to Loper's May 17th arrest. A petition for a temporary protective order was filed on January 5th of this year obtained by WTOC Investigates shows a teenage victim disclosed multiple sexual assaults committed by 84-year-old Loper over the last five years. The assaults starting when the victim was 12, continuing until roughly August 20-22.

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37-year-old Jamie Bradley Brun is being held here at the Beaufort County Detention Center...charged with murder and attempted murder. This...after the sheriff's office says she drowned a six-year-old and tried to drown an eight-year-old. VO: Records show that Brun was booked into the detention center around 8:30 this morning. Investigators say they responded to a home earlier on Sam Doyle Drive after a 9-1-1 caller said that a woman was trying to drown her child. Deputies say when they arrived...they found the body of six-year-old Mackaya Bradley-Brun. The sheriff's office says the investigation so far points to Jamie Bradley-Brun drowning the six-year-old. They say that Brun then attempted to drown an eight-year-old too. According to investigators... the eight-year-old's cries for help woke others in the home who stepped in and called 9-1-1. LL: The Beaufort County Coroner's Office is conducting an autopsy on six-year-old Mackaya's body to confirm the cause of death. We're scheduled to speak with investigators this afternoon and we'll bring you the latest on THE news at five and six. Reporting in Beaufort...FS...WTOCN.

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"She knew something horrific was happening, but what she wasn't prepared for what that was until she got into the bathroom." Beaufort County's sheriff describing a gruesome scene around 1:30 am at a St. Helena Island home. Investigators say a 16-year-old was awakened by her eight-year-old sister's cries for help. When she walked into the bathroom...that's when investigators say the teen told them her mother...37-year-old Jamie Bradley-Brun was trying to drown the eight-year-old. Deputies says they detained Brun before finding the body of Brun's other daughter...six-year-old Mackaya. The sheriff's office says information during the investigation lead detectives to believe Brun drowned the six-year-old. Deputies administered CPR before they say Mackaya was transferred to a Beaufort hospital where she was pronounced dead. Sherrif Tanner...crediting the 16-year-old with saving her eight-year-old sister's life by intervening and taking her to a nearby family residence. "She defended her family when no one else was available to do so until we go there. Her courage is amazing."

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		PARKERS STATEMEN T ON BEACH CASE	The attorney for Parker's says they believe the judge should have granted the request, but they "remain confident a jury will use their common sense and fine that Tajeeha Cohen and Parker's are not responsible for the death of Mallory Beach." Cohen was an employee at Parker's, working the night of the crash.	
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		MURDAUG H DEPOSED & PARKER STATEMEN T	WTOC also reached out the Beach Family attorney for a statement on the ruling. They says they're "looking forward to concluding this matter in August and beginning to give the Beach family some semblance of closure."	
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		TIMELINE: THE CASE AGAINST MURDAUG H	In a third scheme... Murdaugh is accused of stealing millions of dollars from the family of his former Housekeeper, Gloria Satterfield. Satterfield died on the family's Colleton County property back in 2018. Prosecutors say Murdaugh created a fake corporation... and used it to funnel money, that was *supposed to go to his clients, into his own personal accounts. The indictment says attorney Cory Fleming helped him cheat Satterfield's family out of *their settlement. Fleming is expected to plead guilty tomorrow.	
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H These charges follow similar ones at the state level, stemming from a multi-agency investigation into  
FEDERAL Murdaugh's money troubles. He currently faces more than a hundred charges of financial crimes at the  
INDICTMEN state level separate from this indictment. The newest charges came last month - when a grand jury  
T indicted him on two counts of tax evasion.

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"Behind me you see Jonathan Torres taking pictures like a healthy a 15-year-old but just months ago he was in a serious ATV accident and has had a remarkable recovery." (doctor nat) "We rarely get to see people do so well so it is amazing." After Torres walked the halls of Memorial Health Children's Hospital thanking staff for their role in his recovery, he was awarded the Trauma Survivor of the Year Award. (nats) Friends, family, teachers and doctors celebrated his recovery. Torres's ATV hit and run accident left him in the hospital for more than a month. He had to have a skull replacement and several other procedures. His recovery bringing his mother to tears. "I was praying to God that he could recover from his accident and now we know the doctors were working on my son. They did an amazing job." Doctors say many people in ATV accidents don't survive, but Torres was the exception. "I'm happy but I feel bad for the people that didn't come out like I did. I'm also happy about the fact that I can go to school and do everything I used to do but it will take time." But Torres is happy he has that time to spend with people who love him. "I feel good. I don't have any pain. I don't have anything really." Camille Syed WTOG News.

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"The state and federal government are wrapping Alex in barbed wire. They're not giving him any breathing room." Satterfield family attorney Eric Bland says these new \*federal charges will keep Murdaugh in prison until the day he dies... even if his double-murder conviction, is overturned. "With these financial crimes on the state and federal court level, Alex will never see the light of day of the free world. Ever again." But Wednesday's indictment is bigger than just Murdaugh. Court documents show banker Russell Laffitte and suspended Beaufort lawyer Cory Fleming helped Murdaugh steal millions of dollars in settlement money from his clients... and pocket it for their own gain. Laffitte was convicted back in November on six federal charges for his role in the scheme. Fleming is expected to plead guilty Thursday. "There were a lot of people in the (South Carolina) Bar sticking up for Cory Fleming, and saying Alex no doubt is a criminal, but Cory is not. He's a fine man and a great lawyer and that he got duped. And we knew he did not get duped. You would have to be wilfully blind not to see what Alex was doing." Murdaugh's attorney's released a statement Wednesday... saying Alex is cooperating with authorities. Bland thinks the feds purposely waited to bring these charges against Murdaugh until after his state murder conviction. "Dick and Jim since the beginning have been trying to game this to get Alex into federal court. In Federal prison, for financial crimes, you serve them usually in a minimum security prison. But Alex is convicted of a violent crime. And he's serving it in the big house, where there's rapists and other murderers and pretty serious criminals."

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"This project was funded through the U-S Coast Guard to bring access to life jackets and water safety resources in the community and be able to place them in a location where people always have the reminder to wear their life jacket before they go on a boat." Now these aren't out here for keeps. The group asks that you put the life jackets back after you're done for the day. Again - these are all out there in the hopes that people stay safe this weekend and all through the summer.

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In a separate update - a lawyer accused of conspiring with Alex Murdaugh to take settlement funds from housekeeper Gloria Satterfield has pled guilty. Cory Fleming is out tonight on a 25-thousand dollar bond. U-S Attorneys say Fleming and Murdaugh siphoned money from the wrongful death settlement supposed to be paid to the Satterfield estate into their own accounts. That came down in a 22-count indictment against Murdaugh released yesterday. Fleming faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and fine of up to 250-thousand dollars. He will be sentenced at a later date.

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Tonight...crowds are starting to arrive on Tybee Island ahead of the holiday weekend. "It was not like this the other day. You can see people funneling in." The city is preparing for a busy stretch...with officials saying last Memorial Day weekend...150-thousand people visited Tybee beaches. "Today is half more than when we first got here. There's probably 50% more people." To prepare...the island will have extra officers on duty....and lifeguards patrolling the beach. From Friday to Monday...traffic controls will be in effect. Southbound Traffic on Butler Avenue will not be able to turn left onto 15th Street or Tybrisa Street. Inlet Avenue will be closed to traffic as needed. And now as the city prepares for a crowded weekend...another large unpermitted event could be in store for the island later this summer. Social media posts are advertising an event called "Turnt Island" in conjunction with Orange Crush organizers scheduled on Tybee the weekend before July 4th. Flyers promoting the event claim it will be the south's biggest July 4th beach bash...with over 10-thousand people expected. During last month's Orange Crush party...the island's leaders came under scrutiny after the roads went into gridlock with nearly 20 arrests and more than 300 emergency calls made in one weekend. In response to the possible July 4th party...Tybee's mayor said in a statement that the island is aware of the flyers advertising a non-permitted event...saying in part...."We have been in touch with our county and state officials (including GDOT, CEMA, GEMA) who have ensured their assistance if needed. Multiple actions are being taken to stop these public safety activities from disrupting our residents, businesses and visitors."

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MURDER Nicholas James Kassotis arrived back in the county today after his arrest in Pennsylvania. He faces  
SUSPECT murder charges and more for the death and dismemberment of his wife, Mindi. Her body was found on the  
RETURNS grounds of a hunting club in Liberty and McIntosh Counties at the beginning of December. The Georgia  
TO LIB. CO. Bureau of Investigation identified her remains earlier this month.

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5/26/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MARINE PATROL BOATING SAFETY A few boating safety reminders from Chatham County Marine Patrol... Never drink and drive... that includes boats! They say that's one of the top causes of their most serious incidents. They're also reminding - you can avoid running aground by using navigation software to help guide you to main channels. They also recommend that you avoid sand bars to keep you from getting stuck. 00:00:22

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MULTIPLE SHOT IN GLYNN COUNTY Police say they responded to Wasp Drive in the Fairway Oaks neighborhood in reference to shots being fired. When they arrived, they found one man shot. Later while investigating, officers discovered that 4 other victims associated went to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All victims are between 18 and 21 years old and are expected to be okay. Anyone with any information is asked to called police or the Silent Witness hotline. 00:00:27

5/28/2023 11PM WEEKEND HALZEHURST MULTIPLE ARRESTS IN  
11:01:00 PM OD ST According to the Jeff Davis County Sheriff's office, the 14 individuals that you see on your screen have been arrested and they're facing multiple charges ranging from probation violation to possession of methamphetamine. Police began their investigations on the 14th and made their final arrest on the 26th- just 2 days ago. Jeff Davis deputies say they became involved after they assisted Hazlehurst police in their investigation to find a man wanted for supplying drugs. It's unclear if all of the cases are connected. 00:00:31

5/28/2023 11PM WEEKEND SAV. POLICE INVESTIGATION SHOOTING  
11:01:00 PM OD TING Officials say it happened in the 1100 block of E. Bolton Street. The man has a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the arm and is expected to be okay. The shooting remains under investigation. 00:00:12

			Tonight- multiple people were taken to the hospital after a deck collapsed in Midway. According to Liberty County Fire Services Chief Brian Darby, they were called to the scene around 6:30 earlier tonight at the 300 block of Cattle Hammock road. He says that multiple people were standing on the deck when it collapsed. Nine people were taken to the hospital with injuries- no word on their conditions at this time.	
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	WEEKEND	COLLAPSE		
11:01:00 PM	OD	INJURES	EMMS units from Liberty, Mcintosh, and Bryan County along with Fort Stewart all responded to the scene.	00:00:31
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			WHAT STARTED AS A CELEBRATION AFTER MAY'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATED THREE DAYS AGO, ENDED IN TRAGEDY. Mayor Andre Dickens/ Atlanta: "Those are phone calls and conversations we don't like to have. And but this morning, my heart goes out to both families and definitely to the family of the decedent, this young lady was full of life and was actually expected to be working for the city of Atlanta starting on Tuesday in our summer youth employment program. So we asked for your prayers." THAT YOUNG LADY IS 16 YEAR OLD BRIAJA POWELL. ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOL SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE WERE THROWING AN UNAUTHORIZED PARTY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL'S DRIVEWAY WHEN SOMEONE SHOT POWELL AND ANOTHER RISING JUNIOR, HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL RECOVERING BUT POWELL DIDN'T MAKE IT. THIS IS MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS ALMA MATER. HE SENDS THIS MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH. Mayor Andre Dickens/ Atlanta: "We want you to be safe. We want you to make quality decisions about where you spend your time and who you spend your time with late in the evening after midnight being able to figure out a way to go back home versus to find another destination to hang out and party." ATLANTA POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING WHAT LED UP TO THE SHOOTING. HOWEVER, HOMICIDE DETECTIVE ANDREW SMITH SAYS THEY BELIEVE MULTIPLE HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED. MAYOR DICKENS SAYS THERE WEREN'T JUST MAY'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT THIS PARTY BUT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS AS WELL. Nats "We have always provided a safe and secure environment for our students and we're going to continue to do that. We're going to continue to collaborate with the Atlanta Police Department to bring these subjects into justice."	
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MURDAUG H FED. CHARGES APPEARANCE  
You may remember - the Department of Justice announced the 22-count indictment against the disgraced former attorney last week. He's accused of wire fraud, bank fraud and money laundering in several cases spanning nearly two decades. He faces similar charges at the state level. All this - as he serves two life sentences for the shootings of his wife and son, Maggie and Paul. WTOC has more on background...and the full breakdown of the most recent charges...right now on WTOC dot com.

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BO: MARCH BRIDGE RAMP OPENING  
Again - this is all part of a massive improvement project happening right now on the I-95 and I-16 interchange. You're looking at video from when we took the WTOC Storm Chaser to try out the ramp that opened in March. This style of interchange is the first of it's kind in the state. G-DOT says it's all putting us one step closer to better-flowing traffic. In addition to the new ramps - the agency says new lane mile projects are expected to alleviate about 30 percent of delays when they're done.

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5/30/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CRASH INVOLVING CHILD BICYCLIST Savannah Police say an 11-year-old boy was taken to the hospital after he drove a motorized bicycle through a stop sign and was hit by a car. It happened around 6 p-m yesterday at DeLesseps Avenue and Guatemala Street. The 11-year-old boy was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. S-P-D say he was hit by a oncoming Telsa. The incident remains under investigation tonight. 00:00:23

5/30/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD YOUTH DETENTIO N CTR SITUATION FOLO The Georgia State Patrol says they responded to a call that a young person held at the facility got some keys and let others out. In an update from the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice - they say two young people were injured. They were evaluated and treated by local E-M-S. Neither needed to be hospitalized. The Department of Juvenile Justice says this incident is under review by their office of Investigation. 00:00:25



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4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK H FED. week. He's accused of wire fraud, bank fraud and money laundering in several cases spanning nearly  
OD CHARGES two decades. He faces similar charges at the state level. Murdaugh is currently serving two life  
APPEARAN sentences for murdering his wife and son. You can find more on the charges Murdaugh faces at  
CE WTOC-dot-com. Look for the Murdaugh case page under the News tab. 00:00:28

6/1/2023 GA POWER "We invest in our grid year round and we've been putting a lot of time and money into our grid improvement  
5:29:00 PM HURRICAN program to make sure that when the power does go out, we can go, send our crews and make sure we  
5:30pm OD E SZN have your restoration time as soon as possible. Georgia Power stays in constant contact with emergency  
PREPS management officials in this area to make sure that when a storm does hit, we can get you back on as  
quickly and efficiently and as safely as possible." 00:00:26

"Rincon Police officials say the victim is no longer in the hospital and is recovering. I spoke to residents living in the neighborhood where the shooting took place. They say they applaud the police response." Police say the victim was near the intersection of Highway 21 and Fourth Street when he called 911 to report the shooting. Police later realized the shooting happened a few blocks away on Fox Trace in the Ridgewood subdivision. One neighbor tells me there were at least 30 law enforcement units in this area for hours. "It was a bit intense. They had a lot of units. The neighborhood was flooded and definitely covered very well. They did an awesome job coming in here and securing everybody. Chief Murrell and Jimmie's guys came in here and saturated the neighborhood. It was real safe. It was concerning for everybody but they did a good job of securing everything." Police say they served a search warrant which led to DaMarion Mapp's arrest. Mapp faces criminal attempt to commit a murder, aggravated assault, carrying an unlawful firearm and sale of marijuana. "While police have a suspect in custody, they say this is an ongoing investigation. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CAMILLE:  
RINCON  
SHOOTING

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"People are getting shot in Walmart, at school, in churches. We want people to know that we honor the dead and it's a privilege to be able to call their names and let people know that they're basically martyrs and until we have better gun laws, the carnage is going to continue." Here's video of a wear orange day event from 2020. Every year on the first Friday in June they wear orange to remember Hidaya who was a teenager when she was shot and killed on a Chicago playground. Orange was chosen because it represents the colors hunters wear for their safety.

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GUN  
VIOLENCE  
AWARENE  
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6/2/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD KENNETH WRIGHT CONVICTIO N Some more breaking news - a jury has convicted a man charged in a 2021 murder case. Kenneth Wright was found guilty of felony murder, vehicular homicide and more in the death of Stephen Milton. Court documents say Milton was hit by Wright after he led troopers on a high-speed chase through Downtown Savannah. He'll be sentenced next week. WTOC has more details about the case posted right now on WTOC dot com 00:00:24

6/3/2023 6:00:00 PM WKEND 6PM OD SC: VIGIL HELD FOR 14 YEAR OLD KILLED The community held a prayer vigil across the street from the Shell gas station in Columbia... where they called for change. According to officials- Station Owner 58-year-old Rick Chow along with his son chased down Carmack-Belton around 8 Sunday night. That's when he was fatally shot in the back. His son told him that the teen was armed but according to Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, there is no evidence that the gun found near his body was ever directed at them. They also reviewed surveillance footage where it was determined that he was not shoplifting. Chow is charged with murder. 00:00:35

The Chatham County Hurricane Expo... Nat Dave Vo It's always... Sot: (Chelsea Sawyer - Emergency Preparedness Manager, CEMA) "A fun environment to learn and engage with a lot of different vendors." Vo Or as the state insurance commissioner will tell you... Nat "It's like Christmas" Vo CEMA and our First Alert Weather team joining forces to give away hurricane emergency kits as prizes Nat numbers Vo While all kinds of organizations give away key things to know for the summer Sot: (John King - Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner) "It's a great way to come and have an informal conversation with some really smart folks who can talk to you and explain the complexities of insurance." Vo The county's emergency management crew set clear goals for the hundreds that showed out. Sot "We want people to come away with an idea of how to create a family emergency plan and the importance of preparing for evacuations ahead of time." Vo As far as what the first alert weather team is hoping you know during this season... Sot: (Dave Turley - Chief Meteorologist) "We want to make sure that you know that we are here for you. We are going to be giving the information as we know it. We live in this community, we want to make sure that our family and your family is safe and prepared so by doing that we're going to give you the most accurate and up to date information."

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SAVANNAH Savannah also joined in on the movement. Moms Demand Action and the Young Democrats of Chatham County teamed up to raise awareness Friday in Forsyth Park. They wrote nearly 270 names on the pavement in Forsyth. All victims of mass shootings this year. Several of the volunteers told WTOC they lost children or family of their own in Chatham County. Their names were written down as well.

6/5/2023 4:30AM  
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK  
OD

GUN  
VIOLENCE  
AWARE

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		FORMER	We're still working to find more information this morning after	
		BULLOCH	and Girls Club of Bulloch County were arrested on Friday. Statesboro Police say 53-year-old Michael Edgar	
	4:30AM	B&G CLUB	Jones and 42-year-old Leslie Jones surrendered at the jail. Both are charged with one count of Theft by	
6/5/2023	DAYBREAK	CEO	Taking-Felony. Officers say they started looking into allegations of financial improprieties involving the	
4:30:00 AM	OD	ARREST	former CEO and bookkeeper on May 17th.	00:00:28

			Stephen Milton's family places flowers at 38th and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Savannah. That's	
			where Milton was crossing the street when a car involved in a high-speed police chase struck and killed	
			him. "To kill somebody and to run away from it as if you had no responsibility for it. That was	
			overwhelming for all of us." It's the first time the family has visited the area since Kenneth Wright was	
			convicted of murdering Milton. Court testimony laid out how Wright led a Georgia State Patrol trooper on a	
			high speed chase after being pulled over for speeding. The chase...reaching speeds as high as 75 miles	
			per hour...according to investigators. They say Wright struck Milton before leaving the scene. "To chase a	
			man until somebody dies, that's just crazy. It makes no sense. We're never going to have Stephen again."	
			Milton's family still has questions about why the chase continued through residential and city streets.	
			"They look like they were making some ninja-type movements. This doesn't make any sense. If you've	
			already got everything you need to bring that person in, why were you chasing him?" A G-S-P internal	
			review of the chase says the state trooper did follow state policy when he decided to pursue. The family	
		FLYNN:	says being in court each day for the trial and seeing Wright's conviction is a step towards healing. "I	
		KENNETH	was kind of numb to him. I felt really-- I felt bad for his mother." Now...Milton's sisters want more to be done to	
	4:30AM	WRIGHT	keep pedestrians safe during police chases as they remember the man who they say everyone called on	
6/6/2023	DAYBREAK	CONVICTIO	for help. "We can start to try to put our lives back together. We need to be able to put our lives back	
4:30:00 AM	OD	N	together."	00:01:37

For Carla and Kelly Mathis...their son's visit to summer camp turned tragic. "This has been the hardest week of my life. It's a tragedy that we would never want anyone, any mother, any father, any parent to ever experience." Their son...16-year-old Connor...was attending camp last week on Jekyll Island. His mother says he'd only been there one day when he was reported missing on Monday. Connor's disappearance caused a search effort spanning multiple agencies. The Camden County Sheriff's Office eventually finding Connor's body on Tuesday in the island's surf. His mother saying investigators told her his death was an accidental drowning. "They told us that they found him. He had drowned. Everything just went kind of foggy for me after that. He's my first-born child so mothers by nature are protective and I just felt in that moment there was nothing I could do for him. It hurts." The Mathis family says Connor had a high-functioning form of autism. "If there was anything he felt that he could not do or that would be too much for him, he was always very transparent and honest with me and his father. He would say, 'I don't think I want to do this' or 'I don't think I can do this.' That's why we were very excited about him wanting to go and sign up for a summer camp." In the wake of their son's death...an outpouring of support for the Mathis family. It's help like that...Connor's father says they've relied on to cope. "The hurt is just unexplainable. I think that the support we've been receiving from the community, from friends, from family has pretty much sustained us. Absolutely we are devastated at the cause of it but the attention we've received and things of that nature as far as the support, you couldn't ask for anything better." Still...the pain of Connor's death is palpable on his parent's faces...but they say they wanted to come forward to talk about their son and remember him as a sports-loving teen whose smile lit up a room. "If you knew Connor, you loved Connor. Every picture I've taken of him, you see that beautiful smile. And when I think about how hard it will be going forward, when I see a picture of his face, and I see that smile, it does something here and I feel that smile of his lets me know that things will be okay." In the midst of their grief...the family now wears shirts with a green heart...symbolizing Connor's favorite color. They're now relying on support from friends...family and their faith to carry on. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

PARENTS  
OF JEKYLL  
TEEN WHO  
DIED  
SPEAKS

6/6/2023  
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HINESVILL  
E CHILD  
DEATH  
FOLO

The DFCS report states that Aniyah's body —quote—appeared malnourished with her face sunken in... and that this situation resulted in the child's death. The report also goes on to say that there was little to no food in the home... only mac and cheese... and bugs coming out of the microwave. Still – no one has been charged with murder in her death... but both Shelly Perry and Brandon Robinson remain in custody at the Liberty County Jail.

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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(sot) Long County's sheriff says this all started from just a usual license and safety check but it turned highly unusual. (vo) Early Tuesday morning, deputies were conducting a safety check when they say this car pulled up and only opened the window slightly but drove off without showing a license. Deputies say they smelled marijuana and began chasing the car. They were able to bring the car to a stop. The sheriff says they found Cortez Douglas inside and quickly learned Douglas was wanted on murder charges in Americus, Georgia. (sot) You never know who's on the roads. We catch folks wanted on murder charges in Long County from other states and all over the country. This is another one we were able to apprehend and get off the streets. (vo) They're holding Douglas on drug, gun, and traffic charges here but will turn him over to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office on the murder warrants. (sot) The sheriff says he's glad nobody got hurt, including the suspect, the female passenger, and the young child sitting in her lap. In Ludowici, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

LONG CO.  
CHASE &  
MURDER  
SUSPECT  
ARREST

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According to DFCS... Aniyah Perry was hospitalized in July of 2020 for a fracture to her left leg, and abrasions and bruising on her right side. Aniyah suffers from a medical condition... that keeps her confined to a wheelchair. Her mother, Shelly, initially told doctors that her injuries were the result of falling off of a bed... but doctors determined that story didn't match her injuries. Then – the case file says Shelly admitted to getting into a physical fight with her boyfriend at the time... and this is when Aniyah was injured.... This boyfriend remains unnamed in the documents. The GBI has confirmed to WTOC that there's an open investigation into this incident. However, after finding out about that physical fight, DFCS took Perry's children from her home and placed them with a relative. After several months, Perry completed all requirements set forth by the state, such as parenting classes and counseling ... a judge ordered the DFCS case to close in December 2021... While the GBI investigation remained open. Fast forward to May of this year... when Hinesville Police were called to Shelly's home... where they found Aniyah's body. DFCS records state that she appeared malnourished... with her face sunken in... and this situation resulted in the child's death. The document also states that the home had little to no food inside... with only mac and cheese in the cabinet... and bugs coming out of the microwave.

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HINESVILL  
E CHILD  
DEATH

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6/10/2023 7:30:00 PM	WKEND 7PM OD	CHATHAM & SAVANNAH HOMICIDE S	Savannah Police Department was called to Newell Street where an adult male was found dead from a gunshot wound. Savannah Police say 36-year-old Lashonda Williams has been arrested and charged with murder. Not even 2 hours later across town at the Westlake Apartment complex, the Chatham County Police Department responded to a call where they found 25-year-old Jamie Bernard Burton, Jr. shot and killed. Police have asked the public if they know anything about the shooting at Westlake apartments to contact law enforcement at 912-651-4747. Anonymous tips can also be made on the Chatham County Police Department App.	00:00:37
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6/10/2023 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	WESTLAKE APARTMEN TS HOMICIDE	((noble sot)) "I dont feel safe anymore" Neighbors of the Westlake Apartment, near Liberty Parkway are stunned after yet another shooting at the complex. The Chatham County Police Department responded to a call at Westlake Apartments around 6 a.m. where they found 25-year-old Jamie Bernard Burton, Jr. shot and killed. This follows a shooting on May 21st... that left one person with non-life threatening injuries. Tearira Noble lives in the apartment complex directly beside the Westlake apartments. Noble says that she never thought of the Westlake apartments as anything but a quiet neighborhood. ((NOBLE SOT)) "It's quiet, I dont hear too much, I may hear some radios here and there, people getting out of their cars, but I dont hear too much of anything." The apartment complex is only steps away from the Westlake neighborhood park where Noble says she sees kids pretty frequently "I mean I see kids walking through in packs and everything and loading up on the school bus, so it's very worrisome. To hear gunshots and everything." A violent start to the weekend... that's leaving neighbors on high alert.	00:01:04
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((TAKE PKG)) ((SOT) "Beaufort is a good hometown-friendly place." "Not here, not in this area, no way." Locals and visitors alike... still dealing with the shock... of stumbling upon the scene of a homicide last night. ((Jason Tuten)) "On my way home from Hilton Head, where I was doing door dash and I looked to my left and saw all the police cars, and EMS." One man... who asked not to be on camera... was staying at the hotel where the shooting happened... (Hotel Guest)) "I pulled up around 11, maybe a little after 11 and there was a body laying there, and the officers had a dog and was walking around the body and then the dog took off." That body... belonged to the victim police say was a 24-year-old man. Officers say he got in his car and drove away from a party at the hotel after getting in an argument with the suspect... This caused him to hit a bystander. The victim then got out of the car... as the suspect continued chasing and shooting at him. Police say the victim died at the scene... and the suspect ran away. Sunday afternoon... showing a much quieter scene... than what had gone on less than 24 hours ago. ((guest SOT)) "There are people in the Starbucks that probably have no idea what happened last night, it's just business as usual." Business as usual... after something long-term lowcountry resident Jason Tuten says was an unusual sight. ((Tuten Sot)) "That's just not how people from Beaufort do things.. I mean people come down here and have their vacations but that's about it." Police say that this was an isolated incident but they are looking for the person of interest, Justin Rakeem Parker of Port Royal. In Beaufort, Lindsey Stenger, WTOG News. 00:01:09

6/12/2023 5AM  
 5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK  
 OD

BEAUFORT  
 DEADLY  
 SHOOTING

HILTON The next day - an 18-year-old was shot at a graduation party in a separate incident. Deputies responded to Green Shell Park on Squire Pope Road just before 6:30. Witnesses say there was a graduation party at the park that was nearing its end when the shooting happened. There were around 30 people at the party at the time. An 18 year old was shot in the leg. He was taken to the hospital and has since been released. Both shootings remain under investigation.

6/12/2023  
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FRIDAY

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Two separate shootings left two people dead in a span of about two hours in Chatham County Saturday morning. The first happening around four A-M along Newell Street in Savannah. Police arrested 36-year-old Lashonda Williams and charged her with murder after they found an adult man with gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The suspect was later booked into the Chatham County jail under the name Lashawnda Hall. S-P-D says the shooting was domestic in nature and isolated. Neighbors nearby...shocked to hear about the deadly incident. "It's very surprising. I didn't even hear about it. It's mostly older people that live here so that's why I think it's so quiet." Then...about two hours later in a separate incident...a man was shot and killed at the Westlake Apartments. Chatham County Police say officers responded to the complex around six A-M and found 25-year-old Jamie Burton Junior dead. Investigators say they found Burton shot in the breezeway of a building. This is the second shooting at the complex in less than a month. Neighbors there...on edge. "I see kids walking through in packs and everything and loading up on the school bus, so it's very worrisome. To hear gunshots and everything." Despite the deadly Savannah shooting...homicides are down in the city. According to Savannah Police crime data...the Newell Street shooting is the second homicide in the Hostess City this year...compared to 16 in early June last year. CCPD data shows that unincorporated Chatham County has seen three homicides this year, about the same as this time last year.

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CO.  
SHOOTING  
FOLO

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6/12/2023  
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LATEST

People who live and work in the area will see more activity this week leading up to the crane work. G-S-A says they're starting to remove steel beams this week, bring in at least one new one and cleaning up debris from the floor collapse.

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6/13/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD MURDAUG H MONEY MOTION DENIED Murdaugh reportedly needs an additional 160-thousand dollars for his appeal. The defense says the money in the retirement account is \*not\* associated with the financial crimes Murdaugh is charged with. You may remember - the disbarred attorney faces state and federal fraud charges...punishable by more time in prison and millions in fines. 00:00:21

6/13/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TYLER: SUMMER STORM TIPS Sot: (Chelsea Sawyer - Emergency Preparedness Manager, CEMA) "Any yard work that you can have done. If there are trees that are hazardous to your home you can look at cutting them down, definitely look at trimming those branches, if you have a lot of debris that's sitting on top of your roof going ahead and clearing that debris off and clearing those gutters is going to help in the long run." Sawyer also had tips for when the rain and thunder rolls through. She advises to stay away from windows and doors... instead find an interior room on the lowest level of your home. 00:00:30

6/14/2023  
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SEVERE WX REMINDER S "An isolated tornado cannot be ruled out. We also have information that possibly hail can be involved with these storms. As for the public, the best thing you can do is just continue to monitor things as the storms come through. With several rounds coming through, one can be worse than the other and we just don't know. Really, it's important to just monitor it as it evolves."

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6/15/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

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EFFINGHA M TORNADO We start this afternoon with some breaking news-- The national weather service has confirmed that a tornado did touch down last night in Effingham county. You can see some of the extreme damage it caused around that area. It has a preliminary rating of E-F-1. Camille Syed will be live out in the community in just a few minutes to tell us more.

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(sot) You can see the utility crews coming through here. It was definitely a darker scene last night. With the news here, they say they're making progress in getting power back to everyone. (vo) Trucks arrived on Little McCall Road to get the power back online after a tornado swept through Effingham County as part of a storm system that hit much of South Georgia. (sot) It seemed to stretch from Bainbridge over to Savannah and Brunswick and we've had our share here. (vo) He says teams came in last night as soon as the storm had passed, trying to locate the problems. These crews will clear away the trees and fix whatever they find. (sot) It ranges from broken poles to wires down to fallen trees...to places being impassable and not being able to get to things sometimes. (vo) At one spot in Springfield, a fallen tree pulled this line to the ground and pulled the pole sideways. Hanner says they're working their way through the damage as quickly but safely as they can. (sot) And we'll continue to follow this and keep you updated. In Effingham County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

6/15/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

EFFINGHAM  
POWER  
OUTAGES

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HINESVILLE Continuing coverage on a death investigation underway in Hinesville. According to Hinesville Police - a man was found dead in a car in the driveway of a home in the 400 block of Rogers Road. the man was found around 6:30 this morning. Police say The home was under renovation and the man was staying there. The man has been tanked to the GBI Crime Lab in Pooler for an autopsy.

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HINESVILLE  
DEATH  
INVESTIGATION

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LEILANI  
SIMON  
CASE NEW  
MOTION  
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The new motion argues that prosecutors' request to get Simon's writings violates her right to privacy and is the same thing as an unlawful search and seizure. According to the motion, prosecutors asked Simon's mom to hand over "all journals, diaries or other writing" from Leilani. Leilani's lawyers are arguing that her mom cannot give away Leilani's documents like that. The next hearing in this case is scheduled for July.

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6/15/2023  
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RINCON  
TORNADO  
SIREN NO  
SOUND

They tell us that was due to an oversight. The agency's director says that happened because of the amount of emergency calls they were getting at the time. The agency says they've fixed the problem.

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6/15/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD D BROOKLET TORNADO CONFIRME Thanks, Jamie. We've just learned in the last hour - N-W-S confirmed a second tornado. They say an E-F- Zero tornado touched down Northeast of Brooklet. It happened near the intersection of Clito Road and Brooklet-Leafield Road. 00:00:14

6/16/2023 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD N CEMETERY DAMAGE (Robert Hunter/Ferguson Cemetery Committee) "This is very sacred to the community of Guyton and to the people of Guyton. This cemetery is not a church run cemetery, it's a community cemetery." They told our crews the committee doesn't have enough money for this type of clean up - They're asking for the communities help. Looking for people to help clean up and donate heavy machinery You can find out how to contact the committee on WTOC dot com just look for this story. 00:00:25

"An innocent man has nothing to hide, so he will go all the way with it. And I'm going to go all the way with it." Marquis Parrish not just a free man -- he's now officially an innocent man. This motion in Chatham County Superior Court Friday put it on the record. The state of Georgia has dropped all charges against Parrish related to the 2021 murder of 23-year-old Charles Vinson. The motion specifically says the state finds Parrish's account "truthful"... and that it cannot prove the charges beyond a reasonable doubt. This all comes as the Savannah Police Department investigates the detective who helped put Parrish behind bars... Cpl. Ashley Wood. Wood is currently on administrative leave. Parrish's attorney's accuse her of making up evidence... lying about seeing Parrish on Surveillance video... and ultimately framing their client. Stealing two years of his life. "I had a kid that was born during the time I was locked up. I missed his birth. When I came out, they did not know my name. He couldn't even recognize me. I watched my kids grow on a screen for two years. I have five kids, I watched them grow on a screen. Nobody can give me back that time." Parrish hopes now - other cases Cpl. Wood was involved in, will be looked at again. "My main concern is this detective. I need this detective off the streets."

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MARQUIS  
PARRISH  
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It was after 10 pm Thursday night when witnesses say the missing 6-year-old was walking right here at 35th Street... alone and crying... that's when one woman said she knew something was wrong. "When you see a child out missing, the first thing you want to know is what's going on. He was walking up the street crying, you want to know what's going on." Kadeidre Mutcherson says she was on her way home last night in the area of 35th Street and Ogeechee Road... when she saw a child crying ... she says she didn't know what to think. "I didn't think he was kidnapped, I just thought he was a random kid in the neighborhood, you see a lot of kids walking. He said no, I don't know this area, I'm not familiar with the area." Mutcherson says that's when she started to worry. "I asked him where is his mom? He says he doesn't know he's lost. Somebody dropped him off, he had just woken up out of a car." Savannah Police say ... they responded to a stolen car with a child inside after 10 p.m. Thursday in the eastside of town, near Skidaway Road... Where Mutcherson saw the child on 35th Street... is about 10 minutes away. She says... the boy told her... he was forced to get out of the car. "He said, 'I was asleep.' So, I said, who were you with. He said, 'I don't know, they told me to get out, I was in the car.'" Savannah Police had posted a photo of the missing boy online... which helped Mutcherson and her dad identify him... within minutes. "That's how we knew that this was the child that was missing. It was all over Facebook before we had called the police, a post was already out about him." Police arrested and charged two 17-year-olds... Jaidyn Green and Arkier

SAVANNAH Johnson... in relation to the incident. They both face multiple felonies... including kidnapping, cruelty to  
TEENS children, and theft by taking. Johnson is also charged with DUI and possession of a firearm. Mutcherson  
ARRESTED says... she's thankful... to play a part ... in getting the boy home safely. "We actually saw each other at the  
FOR right time. He was coming up the street, I saw him. God does everything for a reason, it happened for the  
KIDNAPPIN best." LL TAG: Both Johnson and Green remain in custody at the Chatham County jail. IN SAV, HB WTOCI  
G NEWS.

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6/18/2023 11PM SAVANNAH SHOOTING S  
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Last night around midnight police lights flashed at busy intersection in downtown Savannah. A college student who just moved back to the area says unfortunately, it's not an unfamiliar sight to him. ((Alan stepanob##lives nearby)) "Any time there is a shooting it's shocking, but it's kinda what you come to know nowadays in America with the amount that there are." Police found a man, 20-year-old Rion Plummer, with gunshot wounds at the scene... Plummer was taken to the hospital.. where he later died. I spoke to several employees who work in restaurants near where the shooting happened – but they didn't want to be on camera. Each of them said that this intersection isn't a place they'd expect a shooting to happen. One said that he had worked downtown for more than a decade... and this was the first time he had seen something like this happen so close to his job. Savannah Police say the investigation into this shooting is ongoing.

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6/20/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CHICKEN FIGHTING ARRESTS

They say they were able to get warrants and search three different properties between June 3rd and 5th. At the first - they found the derby arena - with an office, stadium seating and more, along with chicken fighting tools, large amounts of cash, and dead roosters. At the second - they say they found people trying to get rid of chicken fighting tools. And at the third - they found more tools and a farm with over a hundred pens. Throughout the searches - almost 30 guns were taken from convicted felons. Investigators seized more than 90-thousand dollars in cash.

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6/21/2023  
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PARADE Anthony Rodriguez is charged with aggravated assault in the 13-count indictment that accuses her of  
ASSAULT driving through police barricades and refusing to stop when a police car chased her. You may remember -  
NUTS & this is the second jury seated in this case. The first one was dismissed in April after the defense requested  
BOLTS an additional witness for the trial. 00:00:21

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BAR Trey Britt will serve two years in prison and have to pay more than 362-thousand dollars in restitution.  
OWNER He'll also pay a 10-thousand dollar fine after pleading guilty to tax evasion. The Department of Justice says  
SENTENCE Britt and others split cash made from multiple bars and restaurants in a cash skimming scheme that hid  
D their true profits from the I-R-S. Britt's brother, Will, also pleaded guilty in this case. The former  
Statesboro City Councilman was sentenced to nearly 3-years in prison in 2022. 00:00:30

"As a jury is now selected to in Anthony Rodriguez's trial, Organizers of the Freedom Rings parade say they hope to put last year's chaotic parade behind them." "I have 100 percent faith in our law enforcement to keep us safe." While attorneys are preparing for trial for Rodriguez on charges of driving through last year's parade, Susie Davis with Effingham Heroes is preparing for this year's event. Davis says this year, the parade has nearly tripled in size from 16 groups to 42 groups participating. "It speaks well to our community and the fact that we won't be stopped and that we have doubled in size. It just shows our strength and determination." She says she hopes this year is all about celebrating first responders who sacrifice for the Effingham County Community. She says speaker of the house Jon Burns will also be walking through the parade that starts at 10 a.m. this Saturday. "We're going to come out and have a great time. We're not going to let those memories of that unauthorized entry hang over us. We're putting it behind us and moving forward." As far as Rodriguez's case... "During jury selection, Clerk of Court Jason Bragg says the trial will start on July 12th and could last about three days. In Effingham County, Camille Syed WTOC News."

RINCON  
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(sot) As law enforcement agencies continue to sort through the details of this case, investigators tell us more charges and arrests could follow. (vo) Calling it Operation Fowl Play, deputies from Jeff Davis and Appling County raided suspected chicken fighting sites in the respective counties. They found "chicken fighting tools, pens, cages, blind boxes, discarded dead roosters, drugs, firearms, and large sums of cash"..as well as "ammunition, suspected marijuana, suspected methamphetamine, and stolen firearms. They also report "a total of 28 firearms were removed from three convicted felons' possession and a total of cash seized was over \$90,000. They've arrested a dozen people on a range of charges in connection with the investigation. Jeff Davis Sheriff's Office credits help from a host of local, state, and federal agencies. One of those..the Georgia Department of Agriculture..issued the following statement today. ""At the request of Sheriff Bohannon, Officers from GDA's Law Enforcement Division joined a multi-agency task force to execute a search warrant ..... We'll continue to work hand-in-hand with county, state, and federal law enforcement on this case and future cases." (sot) And we'll continue to follow this case and keep you updated. Dal CannadyWTOC news. ?

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6/22/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD TRAFFIC IS ABOUT PEOPLE, NOT CARS Fenwick says Savannah's Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic related deaths or serious injuries by 2027 is a good start. She thinks more round tables like this will help get the word out about preventable crashes. 00:00:13

6/22/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD NEW ARREST WARRANT S FOR SUSPECT You may remember we told you yesterday - Burke County deputies arrested Cordell Cobb on charges across Southeast Georgia. Some of the charges he's facing are connected to two armed robberies at the beginning of the month in Statesboro. Now the Bulloch County Sheriff's office says they're charging him with two more counts of armed robbery. They did not say when those happened, but they say Cobb robbed a Dollar General and the J and T Minute Mart on Highway 25 in the county. Cobb will be returned to Bulloch County for processing on the Armed Robbery charges at some point. 00:00:34

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John Yonkosky is charged with criminal attempt to commit rape and more after at least two months of investigation. At one point - the investigation landed an undercover officer in the hospital after drinking something that was drugged according to the release from the Jesup/Wayne Tactical Narcotics team. This investigation remains open. Both the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Jesup Police Department are taking tips. 00:00:26

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(sot) Bulloch County Sheriff's investigators and Statesboro Police detectives say they're both thankful to have a suspect in these cases in custody..even if he's not in their custody yet. (vo) Back in late January, this robber held up a convenience store in North Bulloch County. A second local robbery happened within weeks. (sot) There was some evidence that came to light at the armed robbery on February 7 that we were able to identify a suspect there. (vo) Two robberies in Bulloch County, two in Statesboro..among 14 total that stretched from Tifton and Waycross up to the Augusta area. (sot) We were able to reach out to other agencies, not just local but around the state who had a lot of similar incidents. (vo) They say when crimes continue, they can often escalate to violence. They're glad this spree didn't get that far. (sot) You can see the pattern going up. So if you can stop it before anybody gets hurt, that's the best case scenerio. (vo) Cobb remains in custody, with more arrests and charges pending. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:00

The Effingham County Sheriff's Office estimates that they put out twice as many officers at this year's Let Freedom Ring Parade, just to make sure that everything was extra safe. Officers from the Sheriff's Office, as well as from the Rincon Police department, were present at almost every intersection along the parade route.. it's a choice that parade organizer Susie Davis says, was necessary after last year. "I'm glad we have more security. I feel secure because I have complete confidence in our first responders. That's what Effingham Heroes is all about- supporting our first responders." Those same first responders that jumped into action last year, were supported this time around with the biggest Let Freedom Ring parade to date, with 42 groups participating. That's up from 16 last year. "It's definitely a lot more than I think we expected it to be, being local. It's been super wild, lots of cool cars, lots of military presence, it's just great." Some of the parade entrants- working long hours on their floats, all to stick to the theme of 'Flag, Freedom, and Fireworks'. "We've got a parade committee and they were fantastic. We had a lot of fun, it took a couple of weeks to get it together, and we just had a lot of fun with it." To have that fun- Skates and others that I spoke with say that feeling secure was a necessity, especially after last year's scare. But all in all, with ramped up security measures- they were able to enjoy themselves. Skates: "It just makes us feel, feel safe. And we've always felt safe here in Effingham County. Everyone does a good job of making us feel safe and feel protected, but to know that we've got some folks ready to jump in when you've got a young family, makes it even better." Shea: Reporting in Rincon, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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6/25/2023 WEEKEND  
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KID HURT IN STATESBO RO CRASH It happened around 5:30 yesterday afternoon on South College Street approaching Mikell street. According to Georgia State Patrol, a silver Dodge Journey was driving south while the 8-year-old was on a bike riding east on Mikell Street. According to officials, the child didn't stop at the stop sign and was then struck by the car. He was airlifted to the hospital where he remains on life support.

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Court records show that in January 2019, Quando Rondo was arrested for fighting someone at the Oglethorpe Mall. The official charge was affray, as well as violation of his probation. He was given bond on the violation of probation charge, but after that was granted, the state filed a motion to revoke his probation altogether- saying that "the fight at the mall was between rival gangs and rival gang members," and accusing him of violating the Street Gang Terrorism Act. The lawyer who originally represented Quando ended up leaving the case due to a conflict- because he also represented the other person involved in the fight at the mall. He was replaced by Geoffrey Alls. Alls- who now works for the Chatham County District Attorney's Office- accused the State of handling the case unethically in 2019. In a hearing about the probation being revoked, the State was asking to continue the case. Alls said in court, "These are games. They have done a lot of unethical things in this case. We would not like it to be moved. We'd ask that it go forward today. We are here and we are ready." After everything, the state ultimately gave up on revoking Rondo's probation and also dropped their accusation that he was involved in gang activity. I did confirm with the Chatham County District Attorney's Office that though Alls is working for them now- he is not working on Quando's current case, as that would be a conflict of interest.

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The letter, written by Lanre Gaba, who works for the Atlantic Recording Corporation- says that he and those at the label believe that Quando is "only at the start of an incredibly long and promising career." They go on to say that he's a "financial and emotional pillar" for his family- saying he spends a lot of time with his daughter and his aunts, who he supports financially. They also cite community service that Quando has been involved with- saying he has participated in free shoe giveaways, bought uniforms for local youth sports teams, and given speeches to kids about the importance of education. The letter goes on to say that if Quando is granted bond, the Atlantic Records team will ensure his presence at court hearings, meetings, and appointments. They say that "unlike many defendants who come before this court, Mr. Bowman has unique talents through which, if given an opportunity, he will be able to change the course of his life as he is on the precipice of significant success."

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6/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD COVID TESTING SITE RELOCATING The county will now offer a drive-thru testing option in the parking lot of the Chatham County Health Department. That starts Monday on Eisenhower Drive in Savannah. It will only be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week from 7 a-m to 3 p-m. The health department says they don't expect a negative impact with testing demand low. They say you can find more information about COVID-19 testing online. 00:00:24

6/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV FED COURTHOUSE USE LATEST The work to tie down parts of the construction project started yesterday. The tie-downs will remain on the scaffolding on the tower of the courthouse until the work is complete. They say that will help reduce risk to the project during hurricane season. 00:00:15



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"People just, they start somewhere on the beach where they don't see the jetties and the rocks and the tide carries them, or they're swimming in that area and they get caught up in it." It will be all hands-on deck for Tybee Fire crews this weekend for the fourth of July weekend. As safety concerns rise, Chief Kitchens says they are always watching the North and South end of the beach closely. He also wants visitors to be vigilant. "We just say know your limitations. When swimming, you don't know these currents out here. Our guards know these currents. The residents that have been here know these currents, but the rip tides are serious and if you can't recognize it and you get in it, it can be an issue. I don't advise swimming in the ocean at nighttime. First of all, there's no guards on duty after that. We can't see anything." Lifeguard Ben Rahimitavar (RAW-HE-ME-TAV-AR) says they typically have 5 to 10 lifeguards on the beach depending on the day. This weekend they will 12 lifeguards working longer shifts to pair with fire rescue. He encourages visitors and residents who can't swim to avoid going more than chest level in the water. "We can't babysit people, but we can try to help as many people as we can. Knowing your limits, watching out for yourself, knowing don't go swimming if you can't swim, stay near a lifeguard tower and watch out for each other."

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JOHNSON  
ON 4TH OF  
JULY  
GUNFIRE

This is a call we hear from city leaders around this time of year with the mayor saying celebratory gunfire can make an already busy weekend more difficult for police. He says celebratory gunfire can cause the city's ShotSpotter system to become overwhelmed which causes law enforcement to have problems figuring out what exactly is going on. Mayor Johnson added that celebratory gunfire can also unintentionally injure others.

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Last year, Americans lost more than 100-million-dollars to travel-related fraud, according to the Federal Trade Commission. More than 10-thousand people have already reported travel scams so far this year. With people across our area making summer travel plans, we asked an expert what steps you can take to avoid being a victim. "It's fairly common..." The threat to your wallet is changing this summer. Tom Stephens with the Better Business Bureau says scammers are impersonating legitimate vacation booking sites in order to steal your hard-earned money. "Anything that has to do with travel on the internet you have to be really careful to make sure you're really dealing with who you think you're dealing with. Because scammers can take a site and make it look like Orbitz or Expedia or Delta Air Lines or Carnival Cruise lines or whatever.." Stephens says one of the most common scams right now involves fake vacation rental listings... offering-up other peoples homes, and then pocketing your cash. "It's either the house doesn't exist, or the people who actually own it and live there were not planning to rent it out. And so somebody shows up at their place on a Saturday afternoon and says 'OK, we're here to move in for the next week' and it's 'what the heck are you talking about?' so it happens more frequently than you would think." The Better Business Bureau's top tips to avoid vacation scams include: Avoid sellers on travel platforms who ask you to leave that platform to arrange payment. Beware of any seller who doesn't take credit cards. Or charges large upfront fees, especially in the form of wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency. Those forms of payment are like sending cash — once you send it, you have no way to get it back. The biggest red flag, according to Stephens, is any deal that looks too good to be true. If you think you've been the victim of a vacation scam, you can report it to the Georgia Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. We have a link where you can file a complaint with this story on our web site - WTOC.com.

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Firefighters responded to the north end near the jetties just before 9 PM for swimmers in trouble. They say a man was able to swim to shore from about 200 yards out. Firefighters then realized a 20-year-old woman was still out in the water. When they got to her, she was not responding. Tybee Island Fire Chief Jeremy Kendrick says this is the first drowning of the year.

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"When we got her on the board, crews got her in, initiated CPR. EMS was there within three minutes of the call going out when we requested, and the patient was transported to the hospital. Our hearts go out to the victim's family." Chief Kendrick also says they have had about a dozen rescues this year, at least half of them happened near the jetties. The names of both the young man and woman are not yet being released. There's also no word yet on his condition.  
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The Chatham County Coroner says the victim, 20-year-old Zhansaya Ortalyk, was on a work study program from Kazakhstan. The Coroner says she was living in Hardeeville for three weeks at the time she died. Firefighters responded to the north end near the jetties just before 9 P-M \*Monday night.. They say a man was able to swim to shore from about 200 yards out... but Ortalyk couldn't get in. When they got to her--- she was not responding. The coroner says an autopsy has been scheduled. No word yet on the man's condition.  
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LL: Savannah is no stranger to hot weather...but with this being the first heat spell of the year...people are doing all they can to stay cool. PKG: nats of splash pad? With the mercury rising...and the sun beating down...many are looking to escape the sweltering temps. "We've been really lucky to have the most mild spring and summer solstice hit and it was like, bam it's hot." Niki Koutsaris brought her 18-month-old to this splash pad at Forsyth Park...one of eight spray pools available in Savannah...according to the city's Recreation and Leisure Services. "This is like the best way to spend the morning beating the heat." Many locals like Koutsaris say they're used to the heat...but those visiting are looking for a break. "Going in and out, but not staying continuously in the sun I think is good counsel. It's manageable but you do have to take caution." With heat indexes expected to be in the 100's this weekend...the Coastal Health District is urging people to limit outdoor time to the early morning or evening hours...drink more fluids when it's hot...and wear loose-fitting clothing if you are out in midday heat. The health department also says to look out for signs of heat illness. They say if you are working or exercising outside and heat starts to make your heart pound and gasping for breath, stop what you're doing and get into a cool area. And with thousands expected to be outside for Independence Day in Savannah this weekend...many say the heat comes with the celebrations. "I guess it's that time of year. With the fireworks, the heat comes with it. It's part of the reality." Many now looking to beat the heat as we head into the holiday weekend. In Savannah...FS....WTOCN.

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(sot) Sheriff's Investigators say this operation happened after complaints from people who said they constantly worried about being shot through the walls of their home from the crime and gunfire in the neighborhood. (sot) "When you have people who sleep on their floor instead of sleeping in their bed because they're worried about being shot, you have to do something." (vo) Sheriff's deputies starting patrolling in and around Morris Heights Apartments due to crime complaints from people who live there. Over the weekend they arrested 26 people for felony or misdemeanor charges. They say all were stopped for traffic violations but arrested if they found illegal guns, drugs, outstanding warrants or other crimes. (sot) ..and there were definitely folks that were stopped for a traffic violation that were just given a warning and sent on their way. (vo) The operation came after complaints of gunfire the weekend before there at a location just outside Statesboro. (sot) They say this operation will continue to help keep neighborhoods safe. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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6/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MALLORY BEACH CASE COURT UPDATE The trial is set to begin August 14th, just six weeks away... and for the first time your seeing video from today's hearing on your screen now. The lead attorney for Beach's family - Mark Tinsley - calling Parker's attempt to get him removed from this case a "campaign of terrorism". He explains.. 00:00:17

6/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MALLORY BEACH CASE COURT UPDATE "There's no real substance to what they have to say. They don't want to talk about the documents because they know in fact that there's nothing to what they're saying... this is all smoke and mirrors to try and gain some advantage and I think the judge will see through it." 00:00:16

"Two doctors were expected to testify during this pretrial motion hearing as all three defendants were in court but defense attorneys argued against it so that didn't happen." Accused of killing Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr.....Elwyn Crocker Sr, Mark Anthony Wright and Kimberly Wright are all facing the death penalty. We were supposed to, first, hear from an anthropologist. Then a medical examiner who worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at the time of the arrests named Dr. Edmund Donohue. That was supposed to happen over Zoom. The defense wanted to probe whether the doctors' evidence is relevant to the case. A lawyer for Crocker voiced concern that the witnesses weren't there in person. She asked the judge to have two weeks to talk with lawyers for the other defendants if they are all ok with witnesses appearing via video instead of in person. "About whether or not Dr. Donohue and the role in which he played in this case and the role in which he would play in as a witness in this case is one in which we need to be able to have him present here in court." Judge F. Gates Peed gave them the two weeks to come up with a response. "Those doctors are expected to testify during the second week in September. It's not clear if they will be here in person. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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"During the hearing, Elwyn Crocker's attorney said once this case goes to trial, it could last up to 5 weeks. Several pre-trial motions she discussed in this hearing revolved around the death penalty Crocker could face as he's accused of killing his children Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr." One of the nearly two dozen motions was a request to dismiss the death penalty. Crocker's Attorney Jerilyn Bell asked that during jury selection for the upcoming trial, they don't use quote "death qualification" on potential jurors. Meaning neither the defense nor prosecution can ask the jury pool if they could consider a sentence of death. And once the jury is selected, Bell is asking that info in the indictment from 20-19 be kept from the jury, saying it won't make for a fair trial. "It carries a certain gravity that this determination has already been made and that is not something they should be considering. At most, what a trial jury should be considering is that a grand jury has determined that there are sufficient charges to go forward." The grand jury indicted Crocker with two counts of felony murder, two counts of cruelty to children in the first degree, and two counts of concealing the death of another. Prosecuting Attorney Matt Breedon called the motion absurd. "If this court doesn't read the indictment to the jurors, how do they know what the charges are? If we don't send them an indictment back to the jury room, how do they know which victim is in which count. How do they know what the element of the offenses are?" Bell also asked the Judge to make the state tell the defense all their subpoenaed witnesses for trial. She said the last list they received of possible witnesses from the prosecution was from early 2020 and 73 people on it. No decisions on motions were made. They are expected back in court on Friday. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CBP STOLEN CAR CRACKDO WN SAV "These vehicles fund transnational criminal organizations, so they can take a vehicle, say a 60 thousand dollar Mercedes in the States, sell it for double overseas, so we're taking money out of the criminals pockets just by seizing these stolen vehicles." King also says often the cars also contain weapons and drugs that are being moved internationally. Once Customs completes their work with the seized cars, they will be returned to their owners or insurance companies. 00:00:28

6/30/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CAMILLE: PEMBROK E SHOOTING "Bryan County Sheriff's Deputies spent the day interrogating a man they believe may be responsible for this shooting happening on Hines Road." The sheriff's office says deputies were called out to this area around 9:30 p.m. and found a man dead and a woman shot multiple times. She was taken to the hospital. Her condition is not clear at this time. The victims' names have not been released. As deputies are trying to piece together what led up to this double shooting, Jennifer Fleming with the Sheriff's office says situations like this typically don't happen around here. "There's no threat to any public safety. This is definitely an isolated incident in which everybody was known to each other. It's just really unfortunate. This really affects especially the sheriff when we have incidents such as this because we try very hard to keep our community safe as possible. Unfortunately, there are incidents that occur that we have no control over." "This shooting is still under investigation. We'll keep updated on air and online. Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:02

6/30/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD RYAN: On top of Tybee Island Police Department officers, visitors will see lifeguards, code enforcement officers  
TYBEE and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Tybee Island Chief of Police Tiffany Hayes is urging  
HEAT & visitors to make it to your destination early and safely by doing things like staying out of emergency vehicle  
CROWDS lanes and driving slow when traffic gets thick. 00:00:22

**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. APPLING CO. LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPO, SMITH STATE PRISON JOB FAIR, BEAUFORT CO. FREE NARCAN TRAINING, LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER, SMITH STATE PRISON SAFETY AND SECURITY, SPD COMMUNITY EVENTS INCLUDING EASTER EGG HUNT, BULLOCH SHERIFF SCAM, BULLOCH CO. MEMORIAL WALK TRAINING, CHIEF HADLEY ON ORANGE CRUSH, BEAUFORT SHERIFF PARTNERSHIP, GUYTON PD SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY, SPD OFFICER ON LEAVE, INMATE DEATH, HARDEEVILLE POLICE DEPT. USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATION, APPLING POLICE MEMORIAL, SAVANNAH CRIME STATS MID YEAR, GA ANTI GANG VIOLENCE DISCUSSION IN SAVANNAH, DECK COLLASPE IN LIBERTY COUNTY, NUMBER OF KIDS IN YOUTH DETENTION, 100 DAYS OF SUMMER SPD PROGRAM, THUNDER TASK FORCE, GBI CLOSES SAVANNAH OIS CASES, GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS, GA PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS, PAUL ANDERSON YOUTH HOME, CNT ON OVERDOSE DEATHS, TYBEE ON TURNT ISLAND PROTOCOLS SOURCE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**



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4/2/2023	WKEND	EASTER	SPD held the event at Daffin park. It featured an Easter Egg hunt for kids, bounce houses, game stations-	
6:30:00 PM	6:30PM OD	EGG	and even a magic show. Both adults and children were able to enjoy the event- that attendees say is a	
		EVENT	great way to get kids familiar with the local police force.	00:00:16

			"You see the police around here, patrolling different areas of the city. If you see them here, they might know	
			you when you see them back on the street like that. So it's definitely a good environment to get to know	
			them out of their work environment, just a friendly community thing." "It's extremely important to have this	
		SHEA: SPD	because you're able to come out here and engage and actually talk to, on a level that's not a police level,	
4/2/2023	WKEND	EASTER	per se. It's a citizen to citizen, although we are still police. We're not showing up because something's	
6:30:00 PM	6:30PM OD	EGG	happening, we're showing up because we're having a good time." This year's Easter Fun Day was only the	
		EVENT	second the department has ever put on. They had done one pre-COVID, and this was their first year back.	00:00:43

			(sot) Organizers of the annual Law Enforcement and First Responder Expo call this one their biggest and	
			best one yet. (vo) (nat - chopper) Baxley might have been the safest place in all of Georgia today. Officers	
			from more than a dozen local and state agencies came out to talk to students and share what they do. The	
			sixth annual expo lets students meet some of the people who might be sent in an emergency to help save	
			them. Students got to watch a simulated car crash as fire fighters worked to get someone out of the car and	
		APPLING	police questioned the driver. Sheriff Mark Melton says he hopes students know officers' main goal is to help	
		LAW	them in a time of crisis. (sot) We're trying to build a bridge for our first responders, especially law	
		ENFORCE	enforcement. I believe they've gotten a bad rap over the last several years. (vo) Students also got to see	
4/5/2023		MENT	fire crews tackle a gas fire, and GBI bomb crews detonate a suspicious package. (sot) ..and they're already	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	EXPO	planning for next year's expo. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:00:57

			Despite the rash of shootings in that area, violent crime data from Savannah Police shows a steep drop in	
			shootings and homicides in the city. These two most recent shootings are the 27th and 28th of 2023. That's	
4/5/2023		BO:	down more than 40 percent from this time last year. Homicides are also down sharply. By April 5th of 2022,	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SHOOTING	there had been *11 homicides in Savannah. There has only been *one so far this year.	00:00:24
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4/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD LAW ENFORCEMENT BIG EXPO (sot) Organizers of the Law Enforcement/First Responder Expo say it helps them inform the community but it also helps them talk to students about future careers. (vo) ( nat - explosion) A bomb squad from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was just one of the teams on hand. Sheriff Mark Melton started the expo six years ago. He says one of the goals is planting a seed for students to consider law enforcement or public safety as a career. He says agencies have been seeing a drop off in entry level applicants for a few years. (sot) I can tell you we're already there. All the senior folks, my age and up, are dropping out. So, we're having voids. (vo) At this expo, students get to see first responders in action. In this simulation, fire crews and EMT's show off the equipment they get to use as they in an emergency. It also shows off the range of careers a young person can choose to reflect their interests. While they can't start their career this early, the sheriff says they can certainly stop it. (sot) You kinda got to walk a straight line and it needs to start at an early age so you don't mess yourself up before you get to the point where you can make a career. (vo) He hopes students see something today that gets their career ideas to take off to new heights. (sot) The sheriff says this expo could pay off for decades to come. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:16

4/6/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SHEA: CCSO POKER RUN "All the money goes to the kids. So, people in this county and every other county in the country always support things like that, you know, to make it better for those kids so they can grow up and take mine and your place when they get grown." The Poker Run will take place next Sunday, April 23rd. You pay to register upon arrival to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. If you have any questions- we have a number to call on this story on WTOC.com. 00:00:26

4/7/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SPD DRUGS AND GUNS ARREST Officers say their investigation led them to believe Morman was selling drugs out of his home...and that the previously convicted felon had guns. Their search of Morman's home turned up two illegal guns, cocaine, marijuana and more. Morman was booked into the Chatham County Jail on nine drug charges and other gun charges. 00:00:19

4/10/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD DAL: BULLOCH SHERIFF SCAM (sot) Sheriff's deputies say phone scams have been around almost as long as the telephone itself. But they say these days, crooks have the technology and the audacity to pretend to be law enforcement themselves. (vo) Deputy Julie Daughtry says they're getting more and more calls from people who say the sheriff's office called them. The scammer claims to be someone with the sheriff's office and tells them they missed jury duty or they have an unpaid ticket. They then tell the person they must pay over the phone with bitcoin, a Greendot card or other form of electronic currency to avoid arrest. And the call can look legitimate because scammers can copy the number of the sheriff's office or another agency and the number shows up on your phone. (sot) That's a red flag if they're pushing you to get this paid. Also, if they tell you \*not\* to go to the sheriff's office, that's a red flag too. (sot) "We're not going to threaten you by any means over the phone. If we need you, we're going to show up at your address in person. There won't be a phone call." (sot) The sheriff says if you get one of these calls, hang up, don't give them any money or information, and come to the sheriff's office or whatever agency the scammers pretend to be with. In Statesboro, DalCannadyWTOC news. 00:01:13

4/11/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SMITH STATE PRISON JOB FAIR "We're a workforce initiative so with us we help those people who may not know that certain jobs are hiring or that certain jobs are needed in the area. And we help them to either get the skills that they need to get those jobs or we help connect them with those jobs." 00:00:15

4/11/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SMITH STATE PRISON JOB FAIR Smith State Prison hosted a job fair today! They are looking to fill several positions... including openings for a Correctional Officer and Counselor. If you missed today's event, Work Source Georgia says there are more opportunities to apply. 00:00:15

4/13/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER The 35th annual dinner brings together law officers from local, state, and federal agencies across South Georgia. It's a chance for them to network and make connections that could help solve a case in the future. The dinner comes after some of them have gathered in Southeast Georgia for Public Safety conferences. It's also a chance for organizers and sponsors to show their gratitude for what officers do for their community and the region. 00:00:26

		BEAUFORT CO.	Looking ahead to next week- The Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department will be offering free	
		HOSTING	5-minute Narcan training. It's happening next Thursday from 3 to 7 at four different county library branches.	
		FREE	Those locations are on your screen now. The training is to help understand how to identify the signs of	
4/13/2023		NARCAN	overdosing and how to help someone who is. No appointment is required and everyone who completes it	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	TRAINING	will receive free supplies of Narcan.	00:00:27

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		APPRECIATION	The dinner brought together law officers from local, state, and federal agencies across South Georgia for a	
4/13/2023		DINNER	chance for them to network and make connections. It's also a chance for organizers and sponsors to show	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD		their gratitude for what officers do for their community and the region.	00:00:17

		POLICE COOK OFF BENEFIT	I think it's important that people realize that police officers who go out and put their lives on the line every	
4/14/2023			day are part of the community themselves. Admission is free. You can purchase a chance to sample and	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD		vote on the People's Choice Award. It all starts at 10am at Ogeechee Tech.	00:00:17

		SMITH STATE PRISON SAFETY & SECURITY	(sot) Back in February, Commissioner Tyrone Oliver was new to the Department of Corrections and said he already recognized the need for reforms at Smith and other state prisons around Georgia. Two months later, he says he and his team are identifying things they need to do to make prisons safer for staff and inmates. (vo) He says a new warden has brought confidence to the staff and he's getting feedback from staff members and inmates. (sot) They're telling me they're happy that he's here because there's more accountability and rules being enforced. (vo) It comes after the previous warden was fired and arrested on racketeering charges in connection with contraband coming in by mail, even being dropped by drones. He says contraband ranges from cigarettes to clothes to cell phones and weapons and those help breed crime and violence. (sot) So, we've got our drone detection and our cell phone managed access technology that we're putting in there. (vo) He says they're actively recruiting more staff to combat fights and other problems among the 1,500 prisoners. (sot) These are people who're in prison for violent crimes so the propensity for violence does not stop. (vo) He says problems won't go away overnight, but he feels things here are going in the right direction. (sot) He says they're putting these measures and others in place as soon as possible. And we'll continue to follow this story. In Tattnall County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
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			Nat Covered sot "We've already had probably over 150 motorcycles leave here this morning." Vo Saying bikes like these are a mode of transportation Chatham County Sheriff John Wilcher enjoys, is probably an understatement. Sot "I'm 79 years old and I still ride and I love them." Vo His offices' event came back from a two year covid hiatus last year, and raises money for kids at the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Foundation. Sot: (Sheriff John T Wilcher - Chatham County) "At Christmas we send out a list and give them \$100 and they can have whatever they want for \$100." Vo Riders take a 100 mile route around our area and enjoy food after, with a chance to win their entry fee back in a raffle. The sheriff saying all of this put on for a deserving cause. Sot "The kids mean a lot to me. There are kids that have never been in any trouble, never been juvenile, never been adjudicated and their families just desert them and just leave. They deserve a chance in life." Vo In Chatham County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	
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			"Approximate 50-thousand people, around 11-thousand 500 vehicles. That amount of volume on that roadway is unprecedented as far as I'm concerned. It created a host of challenges for us, one for Saturday we had 18 accidents just on Islands Expressway from Islands Expressway up to or onto Highway 80. I mean that takes a tremendous amount of resources, a tremendous amount of time, energy and effort to address those in a professional and responsible way. I mean it just drains your resources instantaneously and that's aside from the other calls for service we may have at any given time."	
4/24/2023		CHIEF		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	HADLEY		
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		ORANGE		
		CRUSH		00:00:35

			? (sot) Next month, John Long will walk the 15-mile perimeter of Statesboro over and over again..not to raise a dime...but to raise awareness. He hopes people in other communities will do something, anything, that day too. (vo) He walks every year during Police Memorial Week for a 24 hour period. He carries the flag that represents law enforcement to show his support for officers of all badges and agencies. He hopes people in other communities will find ways to call attention to the sacrifices of law enforcement and their willingness to put their lives on the line to protect neighbors and their community. (sot) I just pray more people see fit to get involved in their own community, and to...if not walk and carry the thin blue line flag...do something. (vo) Long will be walking May 19 and 20, from one afternoon into the next, wrapping up with a local police memorial service. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
4/24/2023		BULLOCH		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CO.		
		MEMORIAL		
		WALK		
		TRAINING		00:00:53

			A WTOC update-- Tybee Island Police releasing its weekend report. According to the police department, from Friday to Sunday, 18 people were arrested. Police also issued 37 traffic citations and 53 code enforcement violations. This comes at the same time the unpermitted event Orange Crush brought a record number of visitors to the area.	
4/25/2023		TYBEE		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	POLICE		
		ORANGE		
		CRUSH		
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4/25/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TYBEE POLICE ORANGE CRUSH NUMBERS Here's a look at just some of the crimes reported. Police say officers were chasing gunfire all over the island. They also say a man was intentionally crashing a car into other cars. Police say a woman was reportedly beaten and robbed by a crowd of people on the beach. And lastly the report says a crowd attacked a city truck and police car. Police say they had to use pepperballs while it was happening and someone in the crowd fired a shot. Officers then charged into the crowd and chased them off without firing back. We have the full report of each incident on our website WTOC dot com. Just look for this story. 00:00:36

4/26/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD BEAUFORT CO. SHERIFF PARTNERS What we're talking about today are M-O-U's memoranda's of understandings where the sheriff of the county gives jurisdiction to the municipalities to be apart of these programs and then we create an M-O-U which is a legal opportunity for jurisdiction and then we invite members of the municipalities from the police department to compete along with sheriff's deputies for positions on these special teams." Units involved in the program include, the bomb squad, violent crimes task force, K-9 unit and SWAT team 00:00:30

4/26/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CO. SHERIFFS PARTNERS HIP Local law enforcement agencies banding together to help fight crime. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office announced a new partnership today with the Bluffton, Beaufort and Port Royal Police Departments. It's a new program that allows members of law enforcement to work for multiple agencies in their area. The program comes as departments around the nation are struggling to fill positions and recruit new members. 00:00:25

According to this investigation by the Guyton Police Department, Officer Derrian Williams was placed on paid administrative leave on January 17th of this year. That's after residents raised concerns that his Tiktok account with thousands of followers was inappropriate. "The allegation on this post is the officer may have been in uniform or had a nexus to our agency and inappropriate language used." After the six-day investigation, Williams was taken off suspension on January 21st. The investigation shows residents were concerned that Williams being on social media delayed his response to the death of 89-year-old Betty Badgett on December 24th of last year. Chief James Breletic says that's not the case, which is why he was allowed to come back. "The officer was not on duty. He was actually home with his family." Breletic says Williams was asked to respond because the police department didn't have anyone on call. Breletic says the department isn't open 24/7 and they only have staff of 6, including himself. "In light of those concerns raised about what Officer Williams was posting on Tiktok, the Guyton Police Department has a new code of conduct saying officers can't post on social media while in uniform." "They're not to post on duty, while they're wearing any equipment issued by the City of Guyton." Chief Breletic says they also plan to start a yearly social media training mandatory for officers. Their social media will also be checked monthly. "I'm hoping what it will do is let the citizens know that we do keep an eye on everything and we do hold our officers accountable."

GUYTON  
PD SOCIAL  
MEDIA  
POLICY  
FOLO

4/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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A bombshell accusation from the lawyers of a man accused of shooting and killing Charles Vinson in 20-21. Court documents filed this week are asking a judge to suppress some evidence obtained through search warrants...claiming the information police used to get them is false. According to attorneys for Marquis Parrish, who is one of the people indicted for Vinson's murder...Savannah Police Department detective Ashley Wood was assigned to the lead role in the investigation. Court documents say Wood obtained 34 search warrants...all of which "state that Parrish was with co-defendants purchasing cleaning supplies at Walmart" and that Wood viewed security footage confirming that fact. But last month...when Parrish's attorney's reviewed the 67 hours of Walmart security camera video...they claim "Parrish did not appear anywhere on the footage." The documents also say that earlier this month...state prosecutors viewed "the Walmart security footage and agreed that Parrish was not at Walmart as Detective Wood claimed." Court filings also say that Detective Wood provided other false information to state prosecutors "that was contradicted by the events captured on her Body Worn Camera." Those findings led the Savannah Police Department to open an internal investigation of Detective Wood...according to Parrish's attorneys. We reached out to S-P-D officials who confirm to W-T-O-C that Wood has been placed on administrative leave due to an Internal Affairs investigation...but they would not confirm what exactly that investigation is about. The documents from Parrish's lawyers also claim that "Wood knowingly provided false information to multiple Judges under oath in her search warrant affidavits."

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ON ADMIN  
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4/28/2023  
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CHATHAM CO. The inmate has been identified as Maurice Small. Officials say it happened during their shift change where they discovered him unresponsive in his cell around 8 this morning. Medical staff tried lifesaving measures and he was taken to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The G-B-I is investigating and the Chatham County Sheriff's office is expecting to hold a press conference on Monday.

INMATE  
DEATH

4/29/2023 WKEND  
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4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

CHATHAM  
COUNTY  
INMATE  
DEATH

"On the morning that he passed away Smalls refused breakfast at 6:26 in the morning. We did a suicide check at 6:43 on him, 7:07, 7:24, 7:45, and the last suicide check at 8 o'clock. After 8 o'clock suicide check we went back and did what is called our pod penetration to check on him that's when we found Mr. Smalls unresponsive. We called EMS, they came and took him to the hospital and I think he was pronounced at the hospital." Small had only been in jail for a week.

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CHATHAM  
COUNTY  
INMATE  
DEATH

Chatham County officials identified the inmate as Maurice Small. Officials say several officers discovered the inmate unresponsive in his cell just after 8 a.m. Medical staff and officers attempted lifesaving measures and the inmate was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Chatham County Sheriff John Wilcher says they had been checking on him every 15 minutes that morning.

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"My condolences to the family of the deceased person and also I want to say that our officers also need prayers too. Being involved in a shooting like this their mindsets and all like that, they're all very upset about it and something like this doesn't occur all the time here in Hardeeville." The suspect's name has not been released. That will happen when law enforcement are able to notify their family. The investigation has been turned over to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

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5/1/2023  
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BULLOCH BOWEN RD INVESTIGATION

we now know the names of the two people found dead inside a Bulloch County home last night. The Sheriff's Office says 72 year old Lillie Sowell and 67-year-old Marion Parker were dead inside a home on Bowen Road when they arrived. They responded to the Collins Lake area just after 8 p-m after someone called requesting a welfare check on an elderly woman. The bodies will now be taken to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory for an autopsy to determine how they died. The Sheriff's Office says Sowell lived at the home. Parker was from Portal.

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USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATION

3 of the officers work for the Hardeeville Police Department. The fourth officer works for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's office tells WTOC they'll do an internal investigation and critical incident report. Hardeeville Police tell WTOC they will also do an internal investigation. Everything we know about this story is posted right now on WTOC dot com. Just look for it on our homepage.

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5/5/2023  
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FLYNN: BRYAN COUNTY OIS

LL: This was the Marathon gas station where investigators say the state officer witnessed a hit and run. The GBI says the officer then pursued the fleeing truck...eventually stopping it. But when the officer went to put the hit and run suspect in handcuffs...investigators say the suspect sped off and dragged the officer a tenth of a mile down the road...before the officer shot the suspect. VO: The suspect has been identified as 29-year-old Walter Herman of Ellabell. The GBI says Herman died on scene. The Bryan County Sheriff's Office says Herman was known to law enforcement. Investigators say after the state officer stopped Herman and reached inside the car...that's when Herman took off...dragging the officer down the road. The car hit a road sign and began to travel off the roadway down a steep embankment. The officer fired his weapon, causing both he and Herman to fall from the car which eventually came to a stop. Investigators haven't released the name of the officer, but we do know that he worked with the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. Highway 280 between Groover Hill and Olive Branch Roads was closed for the investigation. Officials with the Bryan County Sheriff's Office assisted with that investigation. SOT: "A little bit after Groover Hill is when the situation happened with the dragging of the officer. As you're aware, there's a downward slope after that. That just added increased danger as well because not only is the vehicle dragging the officer, now you have increased speeds. So that just added to the risk factor." LL: Investigators have not said why Herman sped off while the officer was reaching in his car. As for the officer...he is recovering in a Savannah hospital from a broken leg. The GBI is leading this investigation. In Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

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5/12/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CCSO AWARDS They held a luncheon to hand out sheriff's awards of excellence. The sheriff's office says the honorees are being recognized for their different contributions to the community. They include business owners, a minister, and supporters of law enforcement. 00:00:15

5/12/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CCSO AWARDS "Each one contributes such a critical part to making our community successful and creating safety and well-being in our community on different levels and different aspects." This is the third year in a row the sheriff's office held these awards. 00:00:14

5/14/2023  
11:01:00 PM 11PM WEEKEND OD TYBEE: INVOLVED CRASH PED Pavilion. The pedestrian's identity and their condition have not been released at this time. The cause of the crash has also not been released. The road has since reopened. 00:00:23

		SHEA: FAMILY OF HIT & RUN		
5/14/2023	11PM WEEKEND	VIC SPEAKS	According to the Georgia State Patrol, 37-year-old James Nichols was riding his bike in the middle of Ferguson Avenue on Thursday, when he was rear-ended. He was taken to Memorial Hospital, where he died of his injuries.	
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			Appling County's Police Memorial service helps remember officers, past and present, near and far, killed in the line of duty. (vo) (nat) ..Walter Donald Jenkins jr, Rockdale County Sheriff's Office.. The color guard presented a wreath as they read the names of the 15 law enforcement officers from Georgia killed in the last year. (amazing grace) Sheriff Mark Melton hosts the service every year as a way to remember the community of the people that defend this community and others..even risking their lives. (sot) They're not ready to do it, but they're willing. And it's a big responsibility on us to recognize the sacrifice of these people. (vo) Effingham County Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie delivered the keynote address. He spoke about losing deputies over the years, whether from violence, car crashes, and more. (sot) Whether they're employed by us, known by us, any time it's a police officer...it gets you right in the gut. (vo) (taps) They also remember a local officer, Woodrow Simmons, killed in an accident back in the 1970's. They say this ceremony will remember him and others for as long as they gather. (sot) In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
5/15/2023		DAL: APPLING POLICE MEMORIAL		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD			00:01:04

		530 SHEA	"Crime was a problem. Even if it wasn't murders, or break ins, or basic assaults, just knowing that people have other things to do, they're preoccupied, it's a sense of relief. You feel more comfortable knowing there's less things happening. "I don't know that I would change any of my behaviors knowing that stat. I mean, I'm not walking around at night by myself. Still on alert. But it's a good stat to know, interesting to digest."	
5/16/2023	5AM DAYBREAK	SAVANNAH CRIME MID YEAR REPORT		
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			"It's not just one thing, it's a combination of things that we're doing to contribute that." Assistant Chief Adams cited things like partnerships with Georgia State Patrol and federal agencies as a contributing factor to the overall drop in homicides- as well as the use of technologies like flock cameras and ShotSpotter. A big area of focus has also been zeroing in on historically high-crime areas. Adams: "We know that it's maybe 10 percent of the people that are responsible for 60 or 70 percent of the crime, so when we're going into our neighborhoods, we're using all the intel that we have to go after specific, prolific offenders." GFX YOUNG It's not just homicides that are down in the City of Savannah, either. There have been eight fewer aggravated assaults involving a gun this year, than the same time last year. However- that number is still up 26 percent from 2021. Adams says that SPD is striving to meet gun violence in the city with a very direct approach. So far this year, he says they've taken 51 illegal guns off the streets- but are still seeing a problem with minors carrying guns. That's where community engagement comes in- another element, Adams says, that's important to keeping the city safe. Adams: "Impactful and long-lasting relationships. Not just coming to a community when something bad happens, but being there on the front end, so that again, we know life is life and when things happen, that we built that relationship that we can all come together and heal together."	
5/16/2023	5AM DAYBREAK	5AM SHEA SAVANNAH CRIME MID YEAR		
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SAVANNAH POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONIAL Y "To all the officers here, keep going, stay strong, you had a calling and you continue to answer it. Your job has a purpose. It's a job that we know not everyone can do. But you do it each and every day. Believe me, you are making a difference. Chief Gunther also took the time to remember the most recent fallen officers in the Savannah Police Department over the last 4 years. Those are Sergeant Kelvin Ansari and Officer Anthony Christie.

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5/18/2023  
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CAMDEN DEPUTIES INDICTED The three men are indicted on the same charges in the case - battery, simple battery and two counts of violating their oaths of office. All the charges carry at least a year in jail if convicted. Hobbs is from Greensboro, North Carolina. He was booked into the Camden County jail for traffic violations and drug possession charges the day of the beating. He was originally charged in the incident with assault, obstruction and more...but those charges were dropped following the security camera video release.

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5/19/2023  
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FALLEN OFFICER WALK (sot) John Long says his annual 50 mile walk is about remembering law officers lost and the families they leave behind. (vo) For the eighth straight year, he's hoisted a Thin Blue Line flag and taken his campaign to the road. He'll walk laps around Statesboro's bypass to a total of 50 miles. He says law enforcement officers are often taken for granted or even disliked. He hopes people who see him walking over the next 20 hours or so will think about the men and women who wear a badge and protect their community. (sot) First of all, we're doing it in honor of the 14 law enforcement officers that gave their lives last year in the state of Georgia not to mention all of those all across the country. Second, we're doing this for the families of those officers to show that we really truly care. (vo) After the 50 miles, he'll help lead a Police Memorial Week service around noon at Connection Church. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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5/19/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH DEPUTY MEMORIAL 99.99 percent of the time, Wilbur could talk to them..talk them into the patrol car or talk them into calming down. Family members released balloons in his memory. Sheriff's department uniforms and vehicles all carry the number 8... which was Berry's badge number. 00:00:16

5/22/2023  
10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD STOLEN CAR INTO POLICE VEHICLE Savannah Police says an officer's car was hit and damaged after a person driving a stolen vehicle ran a stop sign. S-P-D says it happened around 8:20 SATURDAY night near the intersection of Victory Drive and Florance Street. Investigators say the officer is okay. The person suspected of driving the stolen vehicle was arrested. 00:00:20

5/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD LIBERTY CO. HIGH SPEED CHASE Deputies say it all started on Leroy Coffey Highway when a deputy tried to pull over two cars for speeding. That then led to a high speed chase. The deputy lost sight of one of the cars. Deputies say the driver of the other car went into oncoming traffic on Highway 84 without headlights. That driver has been identified as 18-year-old Michael Bostic. A deputy used his cruiser to stop Bostic. The car then hit the front passenger side of the deputies car. Neither of the deputies or Bostic were injured. Bostic was taken into custody for several charges including fleeing or attempting to elude and reckless driving. Bostic was expected to make his first court appearance today. 00:00:40

5/22/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD COFFEE THEFTS, BULLOCH ARRESTS Deputies say this investigation remains open - as the scam is believed to be a part of an organized crime group located throughout Georgia. Anyone with more information is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's office at 912-384-4227. 00:00:14

5/22/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD COFFEE THEFTS, BULLOCH ARRESTS The Bulloch County Sheriff's office says they were able to team up with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office to crack a year-long investigation. It involved a scheme that used stolen credit cards to purchase cargo trailers from Coffee County dealers. The Coffee County Sheriff's office says they were able to track down two suspects with the help of those local dealerships. That led them to Statesboro - and one of the locations they used to hide the trailers. 00:00:27

5/23/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD GA ANTI GANG VIOLENCE For the second time in the past year...Georgia's top law enforcement official met with police in Chatham County...discussing ways to crack down on gang violence. "60-90% of all violent crime is gang affiliated. Who are the communities that are most often terrorized by gangs? Lower income, racially diverse, and immigrant populations." Members from all levels of law enforcement...including many local departments...discussing police staffing shortages and youth outreach programs. "Whether it's faith-based programs, school programs, arts sports, police foundations, whatever it may be to divert kids from gang activity to begin with." The meeting follows the creation of Georgia's Gang Prosecution Unit...and the recent signing of Senate Bill 44...which increases penalties for recruiting minors into criminal gangs. Carr also talked about his office's ability to prosecute criminal gang activity under the new law. "We have jurisdictions around this state where some prosecutors aren't prosecuting certain laws. The gang statute is one of them. As I said, all Georgians deserve to be safe. And if a prosecutor chooses not to prosecute a gang statute, we aren't going to hesitate to come in and do it." Carr wouldn't say if Chatham County was one of those areas where he felt the district attorney could do more to prosecute gang statutes. Ultimately the state Attorney General saying these meetings are a way for law enforcement to share ways to address criminal gangs. "You improve communication, you're going to have better outcomes." In Savannah...Flynn Snyder...WTOCN. 00:01:34

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Senate Bill 44...goes into effect on July First of this year. It adds a mandatory 5 years to prison sentences for anyone convicted of a gang crime. It adds 10 years for anyone convicted of recruiting minors into a gang. Governor Brian Kemp signed the bill into law a month ago - marking the passage of something he called one of his top legislative priorities this year.

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LAW MORE  
DETAILS

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They'll have every available trooper on the roads over the three day weekend. Triple A estimates 1.3 million Georgians will travel at least 50 miles during the holiday. Troopers urge drivers to give themselves time to get where they're going to avoid excess speeding or driving fatigued. They believe this holiday sees so much traffic because kids are just getting out of school and families are eager to get on the road.

5/25/2023  
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MEMORIAL  
DAY ROAD  
TRAVEL

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"Historically, during the summer when it's hot, our crime rate tends to go up, so for us, the police, our city, and other departments, it's really important to engage them in positive ways and offer them resources that we think they would be happy doing and really keep them occupied." Now today marks just the beginning of more than 100 programs available to students this summer. That includes summer camps, arts, and aquatic activities.

5/26/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

100 DAYS  
OF  
SUMMER  
KICK OFF

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			"They're running high because thinking of all the kids in there. Every parent doesn't know if something happens to these kids what can they tell us? They can't tell us everything. All kids in here are not criminals they are not bad, kids do bad things they're supposed to get punished but when it comes down to a kid's safety that's what they are here for." You can see what the law enforcement presence looked like out here around 3:30 this afternoon before the scene started to clear. Although GSP was the leading agency..	
5/29/2023		CHATHAM	CCPD was here for crowd control outside the center and able to let us know the 911 call came in around 2:30. We were kept out near Chatham parkway, but saw multiple ambulances and dozens of other law enforcement vehicles come in and out of the parking lot outside the youth detention center.	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	YOUTH DETENTIO N LATEST		00:00:47

		SITUATION		
		AT		
5/30/2023	5AM	DETENTIO	It happened around 3:30 *Monday afternoon. That's when facility staff reached out to local law enforcement for help. They were able to get the juveniles inside under control. The teen only has a minor injury that needed stitches and was able to stay at the center for treatment.	
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	N CENTER 7 PM		00:00:16

		SITUATION		
		AT		
5/30/2023		DETENTIO	One teen was injured after an incident at the Regional Youth Detention Center yesterday afternoon in Chatham County. facility staff reached out to local law enforcement for help. They were able to get the juveniles inside under control. The teen only has a minor injury that needed stitches and was able to stay at the center for treatment.	
10:00:00 AM	CBS CUT- INS OD	N CENTER 7 PM		00:00:20



		SITUATION	Georgia State Patrol says they were called to the Savannah Youth Detention Center shortly before 3 o	
		AT	clock Monday afternoon in reference to a riot. They say a guard's keys were taken by one of the teens	
5/30/2023		DETENTIO	being held in the facility, who then let out all the others. Troopers say they entered the facility with K-9 units	
12:00:00 PM	NOON OD	N CENTER	in the lead and secured the facility within an hour. One person was stabbed in the back. The teen who was	
		7 PM	stabbed only has a minor injury that needed stitches and was able to stay at the center for treatment.	00:00:31

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	7AM		100 DAYS	
	DAYBREAK	OF		
6/4/2023	SUNDAY	SUMMER	Starting *tonight - you'll see THE News at 11 start with the question - "It's 11 p.m. Do you know where your	
7:00:00 AM	OD	PROMOS	children are?" The city says it's a small question that can make a big difference. We have more details	
			about how to get your kids involved in the 100 Days of Summer program on WTOC dot com.	00:00:17

			When Rocky was just a year old, he participated in the department's K-9 for a day program- but he was so	
	4:30AM	TYBEE	well liked that the department adopted him. For the past three years, Rocky has worked with Tybee PD's	
6/5/2023	DAYBREAK	ISLAND	Office of Public Information, attending community events and helping raise money for local non-profits like	
4:30:00 AM	OD	POLICE K9	the Humane Society for Greater Savannah and Renegade Paws Rescue. Congratulations, Rocky!	00:00:24

6/6/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MAYOR VAN JOHNSON 100 DAYS OF SUMMER "It's 11 PM, Do you know where your children are?" This will last for 100 days --during the city's initiative. Mayor Van Johnson saying today during his weekly news conference that this is a 30 second opportunity to help the community. 00:00:14

6/6/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MAYOR VAN JOHNSON 100 DAYS OF SUMMER "It's a reminder to check in, check up and check out your beloved young person ages 2 to 20 years old. So I thank that WTOC already signed on and agreed to partner with us." The 100 days of summer initiative offers more than 138 programs for young people across multiple city departments. Savannah Police say they will also be more police visibility and community involvement over the summer. You can find more information on our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:26

6/7/2023  
5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD GOHS THUNDER TASK FORCE The initiative, called the "Thunder Task Force" is part of an advanced traffic enforcement operation. It runs today through Sunday. Savannah Police requested the assistance after data showed a 40 percent increase in traffic deaths in Chatham county. The operation will include increased enforcement of regular traffic laws, as well as sobriety checkpoints this weekend. 00:00:23

		EFFINGHA	The program is designed for new employees to help better prepare them for the demands of the job.	
	5AM	M	They'll learn about many topics -- including ethics, professionalism, and conflict solutions.	
6/7/2023	DAYBREAK	SHERIFF	office says officers from other counties... including Chatham, Cook, and Floyd, will be joining Effingham	
5:00:00 AM	OD	TRAINING	County for the training.	00:00:20

		GBI	The GBI says there were no judicial actions. Meaning, none of the officers are facing any criminal charges.	
		CLOSES	Here's a look at the list of cases. They date all the way back to December 2020. The Savannah Police	
6/7/2023		SAVANNAH	Department says the officers involved in these shootings went back to work before the D-A completed the	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	OIS CASES	cases.	00:00:19

			"We would like to go ahead and have our citizens download our app so that they can be readily available to receive information as it comes out, as quickly as possible, so they can make the right decision at the right time. That's what we're overall working to make sure that happens." The app was paid for with proceeds seized during drug arrests that have been turned over to the department by the courts – so it's no cost to the local taxpayer.	
6/8/2023		HINESVILL		
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	E PD APP		00:00:26

6/8/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS "Garden City Police Chief Gilbert Ballard tells me these grants from the state will help them launch a crime suppression unit they've been working on for quite sometime." The police department has been awarded just more than one million dollars to fill critical officer positions. Chief Gilbert says the money will pay the salary for three officers to staff the new unit. They've also been given more than 157 thousand dollars for gunshot detection technology. They'll be buying a Flock Safety Raven to place near the new k-12 school on Highway 21. It will help them get real-time evidence on gun related crimes. The new officers on the crime suppression unit will work hand and hand with the new technology. "They'll be able to utilize that technology, know what the hotspots are, work with our detective division on the intelligence, have an understanding of where those hotspots may or may not be and they can physically be on the scene to engage with our community and hopefully disrupt any type of criminal activity that may be taking place." "While there are still a few steps ahead before the funding can hit the bank, they say they hope to start filling these positions by the end of the year. In Garden City Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:13

6/8/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD GA COVID PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS Governor Brian Kemp announced the series grants today. They total more than 83 point 5 million dollars. 6 of our local communities are getting a piece of the pie. Savannah, Sylvania, the Metter and Statesboro Police Departments, and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office are all getting one grant each. That money will go to everything from support for violent crime hot spots in the Hostess City to more support for investigators in Metter. 00:00:26

6/8/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD GA COVID PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS State leaders awarded the Garden City Police Department with two grants. The first is more than a million dollars and will go towards helping the department fill "critical" positions. The other grant is more than 150-thousand dollars. That money will be invested in gunshot detection technology around the city. 00:00:19

6/9/2023  
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GOHS SAV THUNDER TASK FORCE UPDATE  
The last two days of the operation focused on day-to-day traffic law enforcement. According to the Governor's office, the task force issued over 500 tickets. The goal of the operation is to decrease driving related deaths. As we head in to the weekend, the task force is pivoting to focus more on drives under the influence. They plan to set up checkpoints throughout the area. And coming up on THE News at Six-- Our own Flynn Snyder will be LIVE with more details on what drivers need to be prepared for if they're heading out this weekend.

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6/10/2023 WKEND  
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FLYNN: TRAFFIC CHECK POINTS  
It's all part of the multi-agency traffic enforcement plan--Thunder Task Force Operation. It began on Wednesday. The first two days of the operation focused on seat-belt and distracted driving enforcement. Now the operation will shift to D-U-I sobriety checkpoints. The Office of Highway Safety is urging drivers to make sure they have their driver's license and insurance info in case they pass through a road check.

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THUNDER TASK FORCE OPERATION FOLO  
LL: The Thunder Task Force came to an end early yesterday morning. As part of that operation...officers set up several sobriety checkpoints in Savannah...resulting in dozens of arrests. VO: On both Friday and Saturday nights...S-P-D says it worked with Georgia State Patrol and Aggressive Traffic teams from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to set up three to four D-U-I checkpoints in the city. Officers say they look at data on frequent crash areas, and ended up focusing their patrols on the Highlands...the Abercon corridor and East Lathrop Avenue areas. From Wednesday to early Sunday...Savannah police say the operation resulted in 55 D-U-I arrests...with 50 of those happening on Friday and Saturday nights. Officers also wrote more than 11-hundred citations. S-P-D says the number of people dying from car crashes is going up in Chatham County...so the number of arrests for dangerous driving makes sense. SOT: "I was very surprised to learn that in the last five years, there's been a 40% increase in traffic fatalities. When I found out that we made 50 arrests, I wasn't surprised then because we know alcohol and drugs do affect people's ability to drive safely to get from one point to the other. LL: Even though the operation is over...S-P-D says they'll continue working with state officials on traffic enforcement plans for the next three to four months. That means drivers can expect to see more officers on the road and possibly more D-U-I checkpoints. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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		TRAFFIC IS ABOUT PEOPLE, NOT CARS	Fenwick says Savannah's Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic related deaths or serious injuries by 2027 is a good start. She thinks more round tables like this will help get the word out about preventable crashes.	
6/22/2023				
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		GA: CLAYTON CO JAIL IN CUSTODY DEATH	The Clayton County DA is investigating 38-year-old inmate Terry Lee Thurmond's death. This video shows officers trying to keep him from falling from the second floor of the jail. Thurmond died after the violent struggle. The county Sheriff's Office fired some of the officers involved... and state officials are now investigating all six officers. The DA says the case will likely go before a grand jury later this month.	
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		SAUDI LEE ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW	(van) "We just want to know what happened." June 24th, 2022 Marshall Lee's world was turned upside down. (marshall) "Mama, I love you. That's the last thing my baby said to me." The Georgia Bureau of Investigation says 31-year-old Saudi Lee was walking in the middle of the street when Savannah Police officers went up to him. The GBI statement says Lee then showed the officers his wallet saying he has a weapons permit. The GBI statement goes on to say Lee pulled up his shirt and pulled a weapon from a holster. Then a chase happened and Lee was shot by then Savannah police officer Ernest Ferguson. "Now, his family tells me they avoid coming to this store that Saudi Lee was shot and killed in front of. They say his death has left a hole in their family that nothing can fill but they at least want answers." "What was he chasing my child for? He premeditated that." The GBI handed the case to the Chatham County District Attorney's Office less than two months later in August 2022. Marshall says the D-A's office has never reached out to them with an update. "Put yourself in our place." Mayor Van Johnson says he also finds it concerning that he nor the family haven't been given any information on if Ferguson will face charges. "A year ago Saudi Lee lost his life on the streets of our city. A year ago a family lost someone that was very important to them and I think the entire community deserves to know what happened." The D-A's Office tells WTOC the case is still under review. (Dot) "This is hard to even get on the phone and talk about but we love you Saudi Arai Lee, best known as "Spitta" and justice will be served. I can promise you that." Camille Syed WTOC News.	
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		CATHOLIC		
		CHURCH	The bishops say this call is their way of taking action on the issue, writing in a statement, "Our faith	
6/28/2023		CALLS FOR	demands not only that we cling to hope, but that we also take the necessary action to bring about a just	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GUN LEG	and peaceful world. It demands that we take action to protect human life and put an end to the violence."	00:00:18

47 people have died from overdosing so far this year. That's compared to 23 people from January to June of last year. "It's just sheer volume. We're starting to see an enormous amount of an influx of Fentanyl into the area." The Chatham Counter Narcotics Team says they majority of the people dying from drugs are in their early 20s to 30s. They're worried that the age range keeps getting younger nationally. (sot) "We have lost individuals here in the county that were the high school age." "And the best way Sarhatt feels we can get ahead of this epidemic is education, especially for teenagers." Sarhatt says he's been to about 10 schools during the past school year presenting to middle and high schoolers in public and private to share how dangerous drug use can be. (sot) "The more we can educate our youth and give them the facts and the evidence and let them make their own decisions. You would hope they would make the right decision and that's how we're going to turn the tide in the long run." They also have a few new initiatives up their sleeve thanks to federal money. They secured more than 400 thousand dollars on Friday. They hope to pay for a three year certification program for six counselors in the public school system. They are also creating an educational awareness trailer geared towards parents with that money. (sot) "We're going to mock it up as a teenager's bedroom. Then we're going to put all the tell, tell signs that the average parent probably wouldn't think twice about and then some of the hiding spots and just some other stuff, the red flags." He hopes to have that trailer ready to take to PTA meetings, businesses and events by September. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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		5AM SHEA	According to Mayor Shirley Sessions, the City of Tybee will be getting help from the Georgia State Patrol,	
		TYBEE	as well as the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.. and even the Department of Natural Resources to help	
		JULY 4	protect the dunes. She says that traffic control measures will be in place, which includes a lane just for	
		TURNT	emergency responders being open at all times, as well as some streets being blocked off. Tow trucks will	
	6AM	ISLAND	be ready to tow cars if people are parked incorrectly, and there will also be signs on the island showing	
6/29/2023	DAYBREAK	PROTOCOL	when the parking lots are full. Sessions says that all in all, the City has spent around 180-thousand dollars	
6:00:00 AM	OD	S	beefing up public safety measures for this weekend.	00:00:41

		5AM SHEA		
		TYBEE		
		JULY 4		
		TURNT		
6/29/2023	6AM	ISLAND	"We have taken every step that we can. There are still things that are out of our control. Our state and the	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK	PROTOCOL	county still has much more influence than Tybee does, but we have used all of our partnerships and	
	OD	S	relationships to ensure that we have that additional protection."	00:00:16

			"May through August obviously we see a huge increase in our population on Hilton Head... a lot of visitors,	
6/29/2023		TYLER: HHI	a lot of people visiting our beaches which are pristine and we want to keep them that way. We have seen	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	4TH OF	an increase in code enforcement activity especially when it comes to alcohol violations in between May	
		JULY	and June."	00:00:19

**ISSUE3-ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ROAD HAZARDS. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE CLOSES DUE TO COLLAPSE, POWER AND WATER OUTAGES, HAIL DAMAGE, BABY SAFE SLEEPING PROGRAM, BOATING SAFETY, TYBEE RIP CURRENT WARNINGS, RABID BAT, HILTON HEAD ISLAND BEACH CONDITIONS, NEW I-95 AND I16 RAMP, TYBEE DRINKING AND SWIMMING SAFETY, NEW COVID VARIANT'S SYMPTOM, PTSD AWARENESS, SUMMER BREAK-INS SOURCE: POLICE DEPTS, STATE OF GEORGIA AND SC CDC, etc**



		LL As construction at the federal courthouse continues, the need to bring in large equipment is forcing this road in the area to close for the week. Vo West York Street between Whitaker and Bull is shut down. Specifically, construction crews out here are now using a crane to move materials to different parts of the building and have also set up scaffolding along the wall facing the street. This road has been narrowed throughout construction so far, but a letter to nearby businesses say it is completely closed to automobile traffic through Friday. After that it will be reopened until the scaffolding needs to be dismantled at the end of the courthouse project as a whole. LL The contracting company doing this construction says they are trying to minimize impact on local businesses and tells us they've provided contact information to entrepreneurs in the area. Reporting in Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	
4/4/2023	FEDERAL COURTHO USE CONSTRU CTION CLOSURE		00:00:54
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	COURTHO USE FLOOR COLLAPSE	"They don't receive permits from the City to do their work. Obviously, it's a significant project. Obviously, it's a big building. It's an older building, and its had its challenges. So we're just concerned about the safety of the individuals not only around it but also working in it."	
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	FEDERAL COURTHO USE LATEST	"It's a little frustrating, but at the same time, it's a historic town and we're lucky to have these buildings. But, you know, I think some precautions could be taken to keep everybody safe and try to plan for things like this." WTOC also confirmed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was on site yesterday. We've reached out to OSHA for comment but haven't heard back. The contractor on the project - Brassfield and Gorrie - declined to comment. We'll have the latest coming up on THE News at 6.	
4/12/2023			00:00:30
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD		

Tuesday was not the first time that Jonathan Haley's tenants have been inconvenienced. Haley, who manages 33 residential apartments above the CVS Pharmacy on the intersection of State and Bull Street, says that back in February- he had to evacuate everyone. "My residents got an alert that they may need to vacate the building and not get back in. So we had 33 residents who were worried about being displaced. Thankfully, it went by pretty quickly. They didn't have to stay out of their apartments too long and it was resolved, but it was quite a scare for everybody that was here." Then, on Tuesday, Haley says he and a business partner were watching construction take place on the federal courthouse building- and had a bad feeling while watching. Haley: "They were putting a lot of steel up on top of that building, and he raised some concerns about the integrity of the building as well, as we were talking about what had happened a few months ago." Haley says that when the partial floor collapse happened and emergency services personnel shut down the area- he thought he might have to evacuate his tenants for a second time in as many months. Haley: "It's a little frustrating, but at the same time, it's a historic town and we're lucky to have these buildings. But, you know, I think some precautions could be taken to keep everybody safe and try to plan for things like this."

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City crews responded yesterday to the area off of Nettles Industrial Blvd. The city says they found a water main break there. Wilshire Water Reclamation Plant and Hunter Army Air Field share that water line. The city estimates 86,640 gallons spilled. They say all health and environmental agencies have been notified... and signs have been posted in the area to warn residents.

MAJOR  
SPILL IN  
SAVANNAH

4/13/2023  
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NEW  
VIDEO ON  
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Take a look. Savannah Fire says - they got to the courthouse around 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. 3 people were injured in the collapse... but were taken the hospital and are expected to be ok. This collapse came just 2 months after safety concerns from the courthouse construction project forced businesses on State Street to temporarily shut down. Savannah Fire reopened York Street after the General Services Administrations did a structural review Wednesday. They're still investigating the collapse. Stay with WTOC for updates.

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DAYBREAK  
SATURDAY  
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4/23/2023	WKEND	GUYTON	Happening *tomorrow--- Some Guyton residents will have their water cut off. The city says it will be repairing a water line *tomorrow morning from 9 to 11. Take a look at your screen to see the areas expected to be impacted. If you have any questions about the service -- call the number on your screen.	
6:30:00 PM	6:30PM OD	WATER TURN OFF	You can also find this on our website, wtoc dot com.	00:00:21

4/25/2023		BABY SAFE	"Every first Thursday of the month, parents and guardians are welcomed here to the Chatham County Health Department to learn more about safe sleep practices. And at the end of the session, they're given a free pack and play. This is the health department's way to lower sleep related deaths." According to the CDC, accidental suffocation and strangulation of infants in bed made up 27 percent of Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths in 2020. Chatham County Health Department Nurse Manager Sierra Peebles says the majority of those deaths are related to parents sleeping in the same bed as their baby. They hope providing a free space for babies to sleep and helpful tips will make a difference. "We just want less infants to die because of where they're put to sleep or what's surrounding them by educating expecting mothers or mothers with new little ones along with the family, whether that be grandma, aunt a cousin, we want this to be a family atmosphere where we can educate everyone." Their safe to sleep classes seat 10 people at a time. "More information on how to sign up for the class and get one of these free pack and plays is on our website WTOC dot com. CS WTOC News."	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SLEEPING PROGRAM		00:01:09

4/26/2023		TYBEE &	We want to let you know that officials have restored the power for residents on Wilmington Island and Tybee Island According to Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions - the power outage happened after a tree fell on a power line on Johnny Mercer Boulevard. This happened around 11:30 last night. It knocked out power to some Georgia Power customers on Talahi Island and all of Tybee Island. Georgia Power is out here working right now trying to quickly restore power. At one point there were over 6,000 customers effected. But again, that power has been restored.	
9:00:00 AM	4 26	MORNING BREAK OD TALAHI POWER OUTAGE		00:00:33

4/26/2023		TYBEE &	Thousands of residents on Wilmington and Tybee Islands woke up with no power today. According to Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions - the power outage happened after a tree fell on a power line on Johnny Mercer Boulevard. It happened around 11:30 last night. It knocked out power to some Georgia Power customers on Talahi Island and all of Tybee Island. Georgia Power says all power has been restored. At one point there were over 6,000 customers effected.	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	TALAHI POWER OUTAGE		00:00:27

4/26/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD S BO: CCHD FOOD SAFETY REMINDER The Chatham County Health Department says if you were impacted by this outage - make sure you check your fridge. They're reminding people to throw out any refrigerated, perishable food if your power was out for more than 4 hours. That's anything like meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products. It's also cut fruits and vegetables and leftovers. They say even if the fridge door stayed closed, it can be unsafe after 4 hours. If you're worried about the freezer - it's up to 48 hours for a full freezer and 24 hours in a half-full freezer. 00:00:31

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4/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD RH HAIL STORM SETUP Today's new chance for severe weather comes as some families in Richmond Hill are cleaning up hail damage. You're looking at video - some of which we shot and many of you sent us the rest. Yesterday's storms brought hail, strong winds and heavy rain from Effingham County through Bryan and Chatham. 00:00:17

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD RH HAIL  
STORM  
FOLO "This was scary to us. \*pauses\* We heard trees cracking and popping and falling. It ripped the power meter and line away from our house, so we're currently without power at the moment, just a scary thing for us." Howington said he was running his generator to help keep the food in his fridge and freezer from going bad. As far as getting his yard clean again, he says there's a lot of work ahead of him. 00:01:23

4/27/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO.  
HAIL  
CLEANUP  
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S nats of chainsaws? Tonight...the clean up continues after severe storms brought large hail and damaging winds to Richmond Hill last night. nats of hail? "The hail beating the back of the windows, the sound of the trees hitting the roof. It was pretty scary." Throughout the day...crews worked to cut loose tree limbs and clear roadways covered with debris. A close call for one Richmond Hill resident...as a tree barely missed falling on his home. His house only suffering minor damage. "I actually was at the window watching the tree fall down. I got a punctured roof. I got some siding that's missing. I also have the edge of my house where the siding is dented." nats of hail crunching? Hail still remained on the ground. In the storm's aftermath...many yards blanketed in white The National Weather Surface says the large-sized hail isn't common. "It is pretty unusual to have a storm that's producing quite large hail stones up to the size of tennis balls in the case of Richmond Hill and have the ground turn with those hail stones as well." Emergency crews say the hardest hit neighborhoods in Richmond Hill were near Timber Trail and Harris Trail roads. Now...neighbors are still grappling with what they're calling the storm's unusual nature as the cleanup continues. "I have been through a couple of hailstorms before but nothing like this. Not this much hail." 00:01:20

5/22/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BOAT  
SAFETY MINI: It's a time when many take to the water...and when Chatham Marine Patrol sees an increase in rescue calls. Now...ahead of Memorial Day Weekend...first responders are urging boaters not to drive vessels under the influence. Saying that's one of the top causes of the most serious incidents. "You also got to make sure you have all your safety equipment. We got your throwable, your life jackets, your fire extinguisher, your visual distress device. You may not need it but somebody else may need it." Marine Patrol's most common calls are for boats that run aground. Rescuers say to study tides and use navigation software to help guide you to main channels and avoid sand bars to keep from getting stuck. "We might not get there for an hour. The Coast Guard might not get there for 30 minutes to an hour as well so your other boaters might be a good help to you. And you always need to carry some medical kits on board." Marine Patrol suggests having a tow membership...since they say emergency crews can't recover disabled boats, they only save people. They also say to study up on local laws...including the 100 feet rule. "You need to be at idle speed from any bridge, pier, person in the water, anchored vessel. With jet skis, they can't be jumping the waves of another vessel within 100 feet, which we ran into a lot." Chatham Marine Patrol sharing these tips in an effort to keep you and your passengers safe on the water this summer. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:26

5/23/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TYBEE RIP CURRENT WARNINGS On one side of your screen is a LIVE look over the island from our WTOC Farah and Farah Skycam. On the other - video shared by Tybee Lifeguards earleir today showing the rough surf. They say they've seen significant rip currents along the entire span of the beach. They're asking people to use extreme caution if they get in the water...and don't recommend going more than knee deep. 00:00:22

5/24/2023  
5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD DAL: HOLIDAY TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS "We'll have heavy enforcement on the interstates, because that's where a lot of people generally go. But we'll also be in the cities and counties." He says Friday traffic often includes people speeding to their destination and others who've already started drinking. Troopers will be looking for drunk drivers. Expect to see them out on the roads statewide through late Monday night. 00:00:23

5/24/2023  
12:00:00 PM NOON OD DAL: STOLEN TRAILERS ...only accept partial payment over the phone. Make them wait to pay the rest when they get there. There are some things the businesses can do to police themselves. Bulloch County deputies worked with Coffee County to arrest five suspects. Investigators urge retailers to double check credit card info before a large purchase. They also say -- make sure your bank has measures to watch for potential fraud and alert you right away. 00:00:26

RABID BAT  
IN

5/24/2023  
12:00:00 PM NOON OD

DOWNTOWN Chatham County health leaders say it's a good reminder of the basics for avoiding the illness. Don't  
N interact with animals you don't know. Dogs and cats should be up to date on rabies vaccines. And teach  
SAVANNAH your kids not to pick up unfamiliar animals, whether they are wild or domestic.

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LL: The Coastal Health District says this incident is a good reminder to stay away from wild animals and to make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies. VO: According to the Centers for Disease Control...rabies is most often transmitted through a rabid animal bite. The virus infects the central nervous system in mammals which can cause disease in the brain or even death. The Coastal Health District says a pet cat caught the bat inside a home near Forsyth Park which was then brought to a veterinarian. The vet then alerted the health department where the bat tested positive for rabies yesterday. The Coastal Health District says the cat was up to date on its rabies vaccination and the homeowner had already received post-exposure rabies treatment and was not considered at risk. Health offices say several wild animals in our area can carry rabies. SOT: "If I had to wager a guess, it's less than one percent of the population that's actively shedding the virus. Once an animal starts exhibiting rabies symptoms, that animal will probably be dead in one to three days." (BUTTED TO) "It's a carriage house apartment that the guy lived in and so he had a problem with bats in the past and so he started post exposure treatment as a precaution. This time, a bat managed to get in the living area of his home and the cat brought it to him." LL: The Coastal Health District says the person whose home had the rabies-positive bat is working with a wildlife removal company to make sure any other bats are removed from the property. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

CHATHAM  
RABIES  
BAT FOLO

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LL "With the wind and chilly weather, it's not shaping out to be the Memorial Day weekend folks planned for, but several visitors say they'll be making the best out of their trip. And Hilton Head Island crews will be out ensuring their safety." "We obviously wanted to go to the beach and have outdoor activities. Hilton Head seems to be great for bicycling and just being outdoors but if it's raining all day, it makes it a little harder. We're trying to pivot and think of some other ideas." While plans for Chad Perusse and his family have changed since they left their home in Atlanta, other visitors say they're still going to give their original itinerary a go. Yolanda Miller and her husband are here from Greenville, South Carolina with friends celebrating 13 years of marriage. "We're going to do a dine in dinner sort of. We're supposed to do snorkeling with the dolphins and all that stuff but hopefully that doesn't change." Despite the weather, Hilton Head Island Public Safety Director Bob Bromage says they expect the area to be busy. He says lifeguards will be on duty. Town code enforcement, sheriff's deputies, and marine patrol will also be on ATVs throughout the beach. "Especially during the holiday weekend, we'll have additional personnel deployed in the field, on the beaches, densely populated areas like Coligny Plaza." (camille) "Bromage also encourages folks to constantly check the weather forecast and stay off boats if the weather becomes severe. Reporting on Coligny Beach, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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6/1/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
NEW 16 95 RAMP OPENING REMINDER  
A reminder about a big traffic change coming overnight Friday into Saturday alongside some new video from our WTOC Drone. G-DOT says they're ready to open a second new ramp on our local interstate interchange between 95 and 16. The latest part of the project will carry 95 Southbound lanes to I-16 eastbound. You'll want to pay attention to the signs on the road. Drivers will now use what's called a common exit until it splits to exit 16 West or East. WTOC has more details on the change on WTOC dot com.  
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6/1/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
DERENNE LANE CLOSURE TONIGHT  
The City of Savannah says lanes will need to be closed in both directions on Derenne Avenue where it crosses Abercorn Street. The closures will allow crews to do sewer maintenance and hole repairs. Work is set to start tonight at 9. The City expects to have traffic back to normal by 7 a-m tomorrow. WTOC will pass along any updates we get from the city on the timeline for the work on-air, online and on the WTOC News app.  
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6/1/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD  
JAMIE LIVE: MCQUEEN S TRAIL REPAIR PROJECT  
"We really do have limited outdoor trail systems in the county, so any of those that we have that we can hold on to and keep is important.//but definitely is going to be a challenge, not just with hurricanes but just regular more and more high tides. The water is wanting to do things in that area it hasn't done in years and years."  
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		EVANS		
6/5/2023		COUNTY	Sunbury Road is closed for an improvement project. County leaders say the road will be closed to traffic	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	ROAD CLOSURE	from U-S 280 to old highway 50. You can detour through Daisy by taking 280 and Highway 250. The closure is expected to last until Wednesday.	00:00:14

		TYBEE		
		DRINKING		
6/6/2023	5AM	&	"It can turn everyone's day into a bad day. If you're drinking a lot, maybe don't try to swim out 50 yards. Just	
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	SWIMMING SAFETY	enjoy the water in the shallow. Know your limits. If you've been drinking, it can be hard sometimes. And if you don't know what your limits are, maybe don't hop in at that point."	00:00:16

			"Memorial Health doctors tell me they aren't too worried about a large rise in COVID cases this summer, but one thing catching their attention in doctor's offices is a small rise in people with pink eye. It could be a result of new COVID variant." Dr. Tim Connelly says the new Omicron strain, causing conjunctivitis also known as pink eye, typically doesn't come with severe symptoms and spreads at the same rate as the Omicron BA variant we've gotten used to. "You have some conjunctivitis and you have flu like symptoms, there's a good possibility that maybe you have the new strain of COVID 19 and you should be tested for it particularly if you are immunosuppressed because the outpatient medicine does work. It does reduce your risk of getting both long COVID symptoms as well as getting sick and needing to be hospitalized." As of	
6/6/2023		EYEBALL	May 31st, The Georgia Department of Health reports there have been 47 COVID cases in two weeks. That number is less than the two weeks prior. As summer activities and travel start up, Dr. Tim Connelly reminds	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	COVID AHEAD OF SUMMER	people you have a higher chance of catching COVID if you haven't been vaccinated recently and/or haven't tested positive for COVID recently. Camille Syed WTOC News.	00:01:11

6/15/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SUGAR REFINERY AX REPORT According to the incident report, a man was working inside a silo at the refinery when a high pressure water blaster exploded. That man has not been named, but the Chatham County coroner says he was 61-years-old. The cause of the death is still under investigation and it's being investigated as an accident. WTOC will update you if more information is released. 00:00:21

6/21/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TYBEE RIP CURRENT RESCUE New at 5 - a report from the National Weather service shows one person was rescued from rip currents along Tybee Island. Taking a LIVE look at the water from the WTOC Farah and Farah Skycam. The report says this happened around noon today. The Weather Service says the swimmer is safe, after several moderate rip currents were reported along the beach. 00:00:21

6/21/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SUMMER IS HERE IN FORSYTH PARK Its summertime and the living is easy easy easy -- I love summer I prefer summer over winter so I am just so excited Just looking forward to it getting hotter and sweating here in Savannah. I like th heat and I like being outdoors in it. So beautiful if you look around the trees are just incredible singing: so hush little baby dont you cry When I was in Germany, it was cold nine months out of the year and Savannah is hot nine months out of the year so it is a big difference Summertime, merry summertime summer time thats all folks.. 00:00:31

6/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAM: PTSD AWARENE SS "Any sort of event where our safety has been threatened is going to cause some effects on the brain." From a car crash to military service and everything in between. Memorial Health's Manager of Behavioral Health, Mary Jo Horton says, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD can be brought on by any traumatic event...and can show itself in ways you may not expect. "People often think about nightmares and flashbacks. What they don't think about is depression, anxiety, irritability, you know, really losing temper easily. Acting outside of their character. All of those other symptoms, people forget to connect to the brain's response to a traumatic event." Horton also pointing out these symptoms likely won't present themselves when you expect them to. "I want to remind folks that often times you're not going to see the symptoms of PTSD until they're safe, and that's not what people generally think." If you notice yourself or a loved one exhibiting these changes following a traumatic event. "The first thing we want to do is prevent ourselves from wanting to isolate. What we say is, 'oh my gosh, I'm going through all this stuff. This is terrible. I need to be alone until I figure it out.' Connection is a very powerful medicine. So, the first thing we want to do is talk to our doctors about it. We want to share with our loved one's what we're experiencing." And most importantly, Horton reminds us that even though it may feel like you're in a dark cloud...there is light on the other side...and you aren't alone. "Hope and recovery and wellness happen every day, I have the privilege of seeing people get better. There are a ton of great resources and programs out there. I want to remind people that you would get help for a physical health issue so let's go ahead and get help for mental health issues." 00:01:45

If you plan to leave town at all this summer - even just for a couple of nights - you'll want to watch this story. Savannah Police say burglars are targeting the homes of people away on vacation. But there are things you can do to protect your property. "A lot of times it's just that it wasn't a precaution of something being locked." Savannah Police Corporal Jessica Pepin says thieves see your empty home - as an open invitation. She says with kids out of school and families using the free time to travel... burglaries are more frequent in the summer than at other times of year... even the holidays. And she says they look for easy targets. "Nine times out of ten, they're pulling door handles, somebody, they're wanting to have that quick crime." The message from law enforcement is simple. Take steps to make your home unattractive to thieves. Make sure all your doors and windows are locked, and set the alarm if you have one. Pause your mail delivery while you're away. Use a timer on lights in a main room or hallway to make it look like someone's home. Ask a reliable neighbor to keep an eye out. And ask Savannah Police for extra patrols while you're gone. Neighborhood Resource Officers like Corporal Pepin can assign beat officers to drive by your home multiple times a day -- while you're away on vacation. We'll have the numbers for your local precinct along with this story on our web site -- WTOC.com.

6/29/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

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JULY 4TH ROAD TRAVEL SAFETY We still hit DUI's firmly. Whether it's 6 o'clock in the morning or 6 o'clock in the evening, we see an increase because people do take off during this time. In addition to driving sober, he urges drivers to make sure they're alert and not sleepy before they get on the road, don't make it a race to get where you're going, don't drive distracted and make sure your vehicle is safe before you head out.

6/30/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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RYAN: TYBEE HEAT & CROWDS Tiffany Hayes, Chief of Police, Tybee Island Police Department: "There's going to be very hot weather this weekend, the beaches are going to be crowded. I would say prepare with a lot of water, bring a lot of water. It is a celebration weekend, you know people are going to want to partake in other beverages but please make sure you're consuming enough water."

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

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**ISSUE 4-FIRE SAFETY-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY OF FIRES IN THE AREA MAKING THEM MORE AWARE OF PREVENTING FIRE IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. HINESVILLE FIRE DEPT SPECIAL NEEDS EASTER EGG HUNT, BEAUFORT NEW FD PUMPER TRUCK, PORT WENTWORTH LANDFILL FIRE, CAMP IGNITE FOR GIRLS 14-21, FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS, LACK OF FIREFIGHTERS  
SOURCE: FIRE FIGHTER, SAV. FIRE DEPT AND OTHER AREA DEPTS**

		HINESVILL E SPECIAL NEEDS	Also happening Saturday- the city of Hinesville and the Hinesville Fire Department is hosting a special needs easter egg hunt. It's from 10 to 1 at the Irene B. Thomas Park. There will be music, food, and more.	
4/3/2023		EASTER		
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	EGG HUNT	It's also free to attend.	00:00:14
		BN	Officials with Chatham Fire tell me they first responded to the fire around 2:20 this afternoon to the building visibly on fire and smoking. They were able to put the original kitchen fire out within minutes- but then it spread to the attic- which is the area they're working on air. Only three people were in the building, and they were able to get out okay. I was able to speak to the General Manager of Shellhouse- he wasn't here when the fire started- but said it's not a call he wanted to get.	
4/26/2023		SHELLHOU SE FIRE		
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD			00:00:29
		BEAU CO. PR FD NEW PUMPER TRUCK	Check it out - fire impact fees paid for the latest upgrade to a local fleet. The Beaufort Port Royal Fire Department recently added this new pumper truck to its team. It can pump 15-hundred gallons a minute. This truck is replacing a 2011 pump truck. The department says they replace a truck every ten years and put the old one in reserve for another ten years. The next truck to be replaced will be the department's ladder truck. The new pumper goes into service tomorrow.	
5/2/2023				
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD			00:00:28
		BULLOCH CO. TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT	(sot) For this little ones, *looks* like a giant toy box come to life! (vo) Trucks and cars of all sizes filled the Ag Arena for the Public Safety "Touch a Truck" event. Youngsters could see the vehicles that roll out to fires, wrecks and other emergencies. But they also got to talk to firefighters, EMT's and others that could one day help them. Organizers say it's also a chance to meet parents and let them learn a little about what they do. (sot) The biggest thing is..the public has a lot of questions. And we're trying to get that information out and give them a positive association with all the different departments. (vo) It all coincides with National Public Works Recognition Week. Organizers say it helps put a name or face with the agencies that help. (sot) In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
5/22/2023				
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<p>5/22/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>OKATIE FIRE DEATH FOLO</p>	<p>Sot "The neighbors called. They heard a pop and they looked outside and she called me and she said Dale your Daddy's house is on fire." Vo Herrington says her father made it halfway out of his house and was pulled the rest of the way out by neighbors. From there first responders would take him to Memorial Hospital in Savannah. Sot "I leaned over and I said Daddy I love you, and um I said we're going to go on to glory land - because that's what he called it - or the happy hunting ground and I saw a little tear come out of his good eye." Vo It's heartbreaking to hear, yet she's proud of the life her father lived... saying he accomplished a lot. Sot "1968 he became mayor of Port Wentworth and then in the 1970s he ran to be the county commissioner for the 7th district and won." Vo Beyond his public service, Herrington says the most important thing about her father was what he was most proud of... being the first great-great-grandfather his family had seen. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:00:57</p>
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<p>5/26/2023 5:00:00 AM</p>	<p>5AM DAYBREAK OD</p>	<p>STATEBOR O FIRE LATEST</p>	<p>You're looking at video of smoke pouring out of the warehouse building at All Green Services on Thursday. The fire ignited tons of solid waste stored inside the warehouse. With the hydrant on the opposite side of the road, first responders had to run a 5 inch hose across four lanes of traffic...causing a backup of more than a mile in some places. Crews got the fire contained and started using tanker trucks so they could move the hose and reopen the road. No word yet on what started the fire. WTOC will update you if we learn more.</p>	<p>00:00:31</p>
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<p>5/26/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD</p>	<p>CAMILLE: LLYOD STREET FIRE</p>	<p>A firefighter tells me the backside is destroyed. It's not clear how the fire started. This home is rented out by multiple families who now need a place to stay. Firefighters say Red Cross will be helping six people with shelter. Including John Jenkins living on the back end of the home. He says his wife and grandchildren smelled smoke and called 911.</p>	<p>00:00:21</p>
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6/3/2023	WKEND	BN: PORT	The fire is close to the entrance of the landfill- and in addition to loose trash that burned, so did a building that was housing that trash. The issue has been the scale of the fire- there's so much trash compacted into one area that to put out residual hot spots, fire crews are having to work through the tons garbage section by section.	00:00:20
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	WENTWOR TH FIRE		

6/3/2023	11PM WEEKEND	SHEA: PORT	Port Wentworth Fire Chief Lance Moore says it wasn't the scale of the fire itself that made things so difficult- it was the amount of trash involved and the availability of water. Crews from Port Wentworth fire were called to the landfill around 10 o'clock on Friday night- and when they showed up, they found tons of trash and the building that was housing it, on fire. Multiple fire departments were called in to help, including from Effingham County, Pooler, and Garden City. Even with all the help- it wasn't until 2 p.m. on Saturday that the flames were under control. "It took a while to get water supply established- it's tanker shuttles.' Meaning that tankers were forced to leave the landfill, fill up with water at a fire hydrant, then drive back to the landfill to use the water- all because there was no water source on site. When the fire was finally out- crews continued leaving to get water, moving instead to snuff out hotspots in the tons of burned trash. Moore: "It's just a tedious process. Most of the garbage, is what it is, there was a fire throughout the building, and really the only way to deal with it is to get machinery, take it out one bucket at a time, put water on it one bucket at a time, and keep going from there." The process took hours.. but was familiar to the crews doing it. Moore says that just last month, they were called out to fight a fire in the exact same spot. Moore: "That was a little smaller scale because there was less product in the building, but it was the same situation, same scenario, and we did the same exact operations to get it under control. Shea: "The cause of the fire is under investigation. We will keep you updated as we learn more. Reporting in Port Wentworth, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	00:01:41
11:01:00 PM	OD	WENTWOR TH FIRE		

6/5/2023	6AM DAYBREAK	RUSTIC LANE	"The fire is basically what we call fully involved. IT's going to be total destruction of the home, there's nothing there left to be saved. For the investigation portion, we work with local as well as the State Fire Marshal if there's any indication of arson or anybody that possibly is a fatality due to the fire."	00:00:18
6:00:00 AM	OD	HOUSE FIRE		

		RUSTIC		
	6AM	LANE		
6/5/2023	DAYBREAK	HOUSE	"There's about 2 foot of debris inside and there's just contents. A little bit of the wood, a little bit of the	
6:00:00 AM	OD	FIRE	house that is left in there. And again, we have to sift through it to ensure nobody is still inside the home."	00:00:12

			Chief Vickers says the call came in just before two this morning. When fire crews arrived here they say the second floor of this house was already gone. As many as 30 firefighters worked to put out this blaze. They were eventually able to extinguish the flames aroundd 2:15 this moring. Several agencies are taking part in this investigation. Chatham County Police and Sherrif's Deputies were on scene using dogs to search through the damage. Arson units from both Savannah Fire and the Bureau of Alcohol...Tobacco....Firearms and Explosives were also on scene. When I spoke with Chief Vickers earlier...he said those other departments are here primarily for support and that this blaze is not being investigated as arson. Throughout the day....neighbors have told me that a man in his mid-30's lived in this house. Even though investigators haven't confirmed the identity of the body found at the scene...some are starting to fear the worst for the man they know. One woman becoming emotional when she heard the news that a body was found here.	
6/5/2023		1 MISSING		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	IN RUSTIC		
		LANE FIRE		00:01:02

			Chatham County Police are investigating after an Old Savannah Tours Trolley went off the road and caught on fire. It happened around 11 this morning near the Truman Parkway. Police say the driver of the trolley was driving it to get worked on when it started to break down. They say the driver pulled off to the side of the road but the wet grass caused it to slide into a ditch. Police say it then caught on fire. Fortunately, the driver was able to get out safely. No one else was on the trolley at the time.	
6/10/2023	WKEND	SAVANNAH		
7:30:00 PM	7PM OD	TROLLEY		
		CRASH &		
		FIRE		00:00:30

			Camp ignite is open to girls from ages 14 up to 21. During the camp, participants will take part in real life training and hands on experiences in both Fire and EMS. The camp will be held from July 26th-29th, BUT applications are open NOW! If you have an aspiring firefighter in your life, you can find that link on our website, WTOC.com.	
6/12/2023		FIREFIGHT		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	ER CAMP		00:00:20

		BN: 5:30		
		TYLER		
6/14/2023	6AM	BLUFFTON	Sot: (Roderick Grant - Lives a few houses down) "i saw the smoke before anything it was weird. I stepped	
	DAYBREAK	HOUSE	outside and saw the fire for the first time it was just huge. I stepped outside and stood right here right where	
6:00:00 AM	OD	FIRE	I am and I could feel the heat coming from the house three doors down."	00:00:14

		5AM SHEA		
	5AM	LACK OF	Firefighter Tyler Barrett (BEAR-IT) says they always have 86 people on every shift. Because they don't	
6/26/2023	DAYBREAK	FIREFIGHT	have an abundance of firefighters, if someone takes vacation time, they have to pick up extra shifts.	
5:00:00 AM	OD	ERS	Barrett says it's not clear why less people are interested in her field, but she says it's more than rewarding.	00:00:18

		5AM SHEA	"I don't know if it's just a lack of not knowing what the career does and how it is. Our shift schedule is a little	
	5AM	LACK OF	different than a normal 9 to 5. We work 24 hours and then we're off for two days. Sometimes that can be	
6/26/2023	DAYBREAK	FIREFIGHT	intimidating. I'm not really sure what it is but I know myself and a lot of others on Savannah Fire do our best	
5:00:00 AM	OD	ERS	just to share with the community, with others how great this job really is."	00:00:23



		530 SHEA		
		CAMP		
		IGNITE		
6/26/2023	5AM	FOR GIRLS	Camp Ignite at Savannah Fire will start one month from today on July 26 and run through July 28. The first couple of days are all about learning the ropes. After graduating on the last day, campers will have a cookout with family and demonstrate some of the skills they've learned. Firefighter Taylor Barrett says their goal is to empower and encourage girls they can do whatever they put their mind to.	
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		CAMP		
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6/26/2023	5AM	FOR GIRLS	"I hope that they look at it and say, 'wow I want to be a firefighter.' It's the best job in the world. It's very rewarding. It does challenge you every single day, every single shift and that's part of it but we want this camp to enlighten them on what we do and see how much fun it can be."	
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	OD	TODAY		00:00:16

			Here's a look at some of that video. Savannah fire also gave out safety tips. Here's just some of them that they mentioned. They say to NEVER let young children play or ignite fireworks. That includes sparklers.	
6/30/2023		FIREWORK	They also say to keep a bucket of water or a garden hose near you in case a fire starts. Light fireworks one at a time and then move away from them quickly. And NEVER point them at someone and never set them off if you're drinking.	
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	OD	TIPS		00:00:26

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FIREWORK  
S SAFETY  
TIPS

"The safest thing we can tell you to do, is go to a professional display, leave it to the professionals. There's going to be two professional displays in Savannah this year." Savannah Fire says fireworks can be shot off between 10 AM and 11:59 PM on the 4th of July. But, double check to make sure they are legal in your area. You cannot shoot them off from city property---that includes parks. Fireworks also can't be shot in public roads.

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

**EDUCATION**

**APRIL 1ST, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 04/02/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former personal attorney (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS legal analyst (5); Preet Bharara, former U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York (6); John Bolton, former national security adviser, Trump administration (7); Emma Tucker, editor-in-chief, *The Wall Street Journal* (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)  
2) a report from Nashville, TN on last week's shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville - the latest city to be associated with gun violence  
3) Topics include: mass shooting in Nashville, which killed three children and three adults / possible steps forward in gun control legislation / red flag laws / Texas Senator Ted Cruz' proposed legislation for new security measures, such as armed guards
- 04/30/23 **Guests:** Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (1); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former president, Goldman Sachs, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5) (7)  
5) a focus group discussion with parents from Indiana, Ohio and Arkansas about the impact that gun violence is having on their children

**60 MINUTES**

- 05/28/23 **60 MINUTES PRESENTS: 'Revisiting The Past'** (8:00 – 9:00p)  
**"Canada's Unmarked Graves"** – a report on Canada's history of residential schools, which forcibly held more than 150,000 Indigenous children in inhumane conditions. Includes interviews with Leona Wolf, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Cadmus Delorme, and Ed Bitternose, who were all sent to the residential schools; and Kisha Supernant and Terry Clark, archaeologists. (See also: "Killing The Indian", OAD: 05/08/01, Rebroadcast: 04/10/02 – both on 60 MINUTES II) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (The 02/12/23 rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 02/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebroadcast: 02/12/23 on 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Revisiting The Past")
- 06/04/23 **60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION** (8:00 – 9:00p)  
**"Crisis"** – a report on the rising rates of mental health issues in youth. As instances of suicide, self-harm and depression continue to increase, the CDC fears a lack of resources may be to blame. Includes interviews with Dr. Michelle Pickett, emergency room doctor at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee; Sophia Jimenez, Neenah Hughes and Austin Bruenger, who dealt with mental health during the pandemic; Melissa Bruenger, Austin's mother; Tammy Makhoulouf, child therapist; and Dr. Brilliant Nimmer, the first pediatrician in Milwaukee to create a therapist's office inside her office. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 05/08/22; Rebroadcast: 09/04/22)

**CBS SPECIAL REPORTS**

On **Friday, June 30**, a CBS News Special Report aired for 8:43 from 10:38:33-10:47:16am cnyt (Supreme Court decision on student loan debt forgiveness) and for 17:51 from 4:00:22-4:18:13pm cnyt (President Biden's remarks on Supreme Court decision on student loan debt forgiveness), both live to all stations.

**WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 5-SCHOOL SAFETY-HOW SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTING THEIR STUDENTS AND WHAT MEASURES ADMINS HAVE TAKEN. SCCPSS ON REVIEW OF SAVANNAH HIGH HOAX, DR, ANN LEVETT ON DANGERS OF VAPING, INCREASED STATESBORO HIGH SAFETY AFTER SHOOTING, EFFINGHAM SCHOOL CAMERAS, EBENEZER MIDDLE TERRORISTIC THREATS, LOCAL DOCTORS ON CHILD OVERDOSES, BOMB THREATS, SCCPSS BUS DRIVER COMPLAINT, BEAUFORT CO. TEACHER ARREST, EFFINGHAM CO. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ARRESTED, TEEN MENTAL HEALTH IMPORTANCE, PAUL ANDERSON YOUTH HOME FOR MEN 16-21 THAT HAVE MAD BAD DECISIONS AND HELPING TO REHABILITATE THEM, TEACHER FIRED AFTER CHILD PORN CHARGES, SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE, DR. ANN IEVETT BEAUFORT AND OTHER CO. SCHOOLS, GSU ETC**

4/5/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS ON REVIEW OF SAV HIGH HOAX	"While a prepared "general" script has its benefits – the lack of information that it poses can also create many challenges. The District seeks to balance this approach in any situation and strives to share as much factual information as possible to limit rumor."	00:00:15
4/5/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS ON REVIEW OF SAV HIGH HOAX	"Unfortunately, what we know in the current climate of available technology, no matter how quickly accurate information is released, we will never be able to get messaging out in advance of a student or staff member with a cellphone posting on social media."	00:00:15
4/4/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SAVANNAH HIGH HOAX THREAT REPORT	The report says directions weren't clear between law enforcement and Savannah High staff. It reads... "Some school officials attempted to direct law enforcement operations and others allowed school staff and students back into the school before it was thoroughly searched and determined to be safe. " It also says a command post was established twice. The second post was unsafe and heavily trafficked, according to the report.	00:00:26
4/24/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS DR. LEVETT TAR WARS AWARD	"What children don't realize is that even one single cartridge of a vape could be as much as an entire pack of cigarettes. So the addiction much much more rapidly as well as we're seeing more lung related injuries for the children who were smoking the vape. They don't realize that it's overheating their lungs." She says if a parent does find out that their child is vaping to talk to their pediatrician and work with them and the child to ween them off the drug before they move on to anything more addictive.	00:00:29
4/24/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS DR. LEVETT TAR WARS AWARD	The program aims to prevent students from vaping and smoking. This year alone, 10 - thousand students in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System learned about the dangers of tobacco and vaping products. Experts say by the time a child reaches 6th grade, 80 percent of them have been offered some type of tobacco, or nicotine product. Tar wars talks to students before they get to that age to help prevent this from happening.	00:00:26

4/16/2023 11PM WEEKEND SHS INCREASED SAFETY AFTER SHOOTING According to Bulloch County Schools, the shooting was at a private venue after Statesboro High School's prom. Officials say only one person was shot- but they're expected to be okay. The event was not school-sanctioned. Schools officials say that there is no known threat to students- but there will be increased law enforcement at school. 00:00:20

4/17/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SHS INCREASED SAFETY AFTER SHOOTING Statesboro High School will have increased safety measures this week after a shooting at a private post-prom event. Officials say only one person was shot- but they're expected to be okay. Schools officials say that there is no known threat to students- but there will be increased law enforcement at school. 00:00:18

4/20/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD EFFINGHAM SCHOOL CAMERAS REACTION LL "I think it's a necessary thing. Definitely." High schools will be the first Effingham County public schools to get these cameras in the fall. "That safety net there for our staff and for our students is very important." Superintendent Dr. Yancy Ford says Middle Schools will come soon after and then Elementary schools next spring. He says they are getting the cameras so staff can see situations firsthand instead of relying on word of mouth. "Not only just providing that camera for safety but we're also able to add one more tool to our teacher's toolbox where they will be able to review themselves as a teacher." Speaking of teachers, Ford says some are worried about this newest addition "Who's going to be able to watch me, why would they watch me, when is it appropriate." He says administrators will only be able to monitor a teacher through the cameras if they have the teacher's permission. "We've got to develop that trust with the administrator standpoint with our teachers." "and parents with children in Effingham County schools tell me putting cameras in classrooms is something they're in favor of." "If the school system can afford it, I think they definitely need to incorporate those for the safety of the children. With this day and age with the mass shootings and stuff we're losing kids on a daily basis almost." She also mentioned being able to get proof of any bullying is a plus. Dr. Ford says Liberty County schools also have these cameras and have had fewer problems as a result. "If that one child thinks not to harm another child or bully another child because there's a camera in the room then we may have saved that other child's life because we don't know how long it's been going on or where it's been going on." The cameras are being funded by money from the state, American Rescue Plan dollars and ESPLOST. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:48

4/25/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WHALE BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL FIRE The first happened at Whale Branch Early College High School just before 5 P-M. Firefighters say they got reports there was smoke coming from the back of the school and that the building was being evacuated. When firefighters got to the scene, they say they found a fire in an athletic dryer. The sprinkler system helped limit damages. Firefighters believe the fire was unintentional. 00:00:23

5/4/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD EBENEZER MIDDLE TERRORISTIC THREATS New at 7 -- A student at Ebenezer Middle School was arrested for making terroristic threats today. The Effingham County Sheriff's Office says deputies responded this morning after a social media post from the student circulated. They haven't released any more information -- stick with WTOC for updates. 00:00:18

5/9/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD LOCAL DRS ON CHILD OVERDOSES

"When it comes in waves, it's a significant wave and it's a serious wave that's concerning for us." "As a concerning amount of children are being taken to The Children's Hospital for drug overdoses, doctors say there are two scenarios happening. One, younger children are getting access to their parents drugs and two, older children are knowingly partaking in drugs without understanding the affects it can have." Memorial System Medical Director Dr. Jay Goldstein says it's hard to quantify just how many overdoses they're seeing. "So it depends on what drugs are in our community and when they enter our community. So, when you see one or two overdoses then all of a sudden you're seeing 20 or 30." A number leaving him and his staff discouraged. He says while young children are mistaking THC gummies for candy, teens are getting into drugs that look like prescriptions but are sometimes laced with fentanyl. (sot) "The older population are the more concerning ones just because they kind of know what they're doing and they're getting into medications and we're definitely seeing a significant up tick in pediatric and childhood deaths." From January to April the Chatham Narcotics Team said seized nearly 130 grams of fentanyl amounting in more than \$32,000. While Memorial doesn't test for fentanyl... (sot) "We believe that it's a serious number of fentanyl overdoses that are occurring." Dr. Goldstein says schools are doing a better job at educating students. Now, he encourages parents to have uncomfortable but life saving conversations. (sot) "Try to teach them the harmful affects in that a lot of the times what they think they're getting and that's what causes serious and significant harm." To stop drugs from getting in the wrong hands, you can drop off prescription drugs at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. The Partnership to End Addiction also has a helpline for parents. It's 855-DRUGFREE. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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5/10/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD KESSLER ELEM SCHOOL THREAT

The Fort then tweeted out that parents who wanted to pick up their kids... would have to pick them up at nearby Brittin Elementary. You have to have an ID and be on your child's pick-up list.

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5/10/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD KESSLER ELEM SCHOOL BOMB THREAT

The Fort then tweeted out that parents who wanted to pick up their kids... would have to pick them up at nearby Brittin Elementary. You have to have an ID and be on your child's pick-up list. We're still learning new details as they come in. Stay with WTOC for updates.

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"As a parent it's disheartening." On Monday, 6-year-old Nari went to school at Henderson Formey Early Learning Center. She usually get's off the bus here around 4:30 in the afternoon according to her mother Bambi Ponder. "But when Ponder's older son got to the bus stop to pick up his little sister, she's wasn't here. That's when Ponder realized something wasn't right." "I was thinking all kinds of stuff with trafficking and everything going on I thought somebody could have got her." So Ponder says she called and texted the bus driver at 5:02 letting her know Nari was missing but she didn't get an answer. So she called the department of transportation. "As I was on the phone with transportation. I got a call from the bus driver from another number and she was like she has my daughter." She says she got that call at 5:17 and the bus driver told Ponder, Nari was at the bus depot. "They forgot her on the bus. She was sleep...The only thing I could think about is my daughter being alone on that bus and no one there for her." So, Ponder says the bus driver offered to take her home in her personal car. "I told her it was okay to bring her. As I was on the phone with dispatch they were like that's not okay, that's not protocol." Nari was dropped off at home at 5:45 p.m, according to Ponder. She says Henderson Formey staff and Board of Education police are aware of the situation and are pulling surveillance footage to see just how long Nari was left alone on the bus. The situation having a negative impact on Nari who barely wants to talk about it. "I can tell she was hurt by that. I take my daughter to and from school now because she doesn't want to ride the bus." and her warning for other parents.. "I want other parents to be aware and stay alert for your children and be alert on the bus driver as well." Camille Syed WTOG News.

5/11/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SCCPSS BUS  
DRIVER  
COMPLAINT

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"There was an incident that happened at Guyton Elementary School where a substitute teacher made comments which resulted in the principle going to the classroom and asking the substitute teacher about the comments made in the fifth-grade class." The situation leaving 23-year-old Tony Davis facing terroristic threat charges happened on May 18th. In a message to parents, the principal of Guyton Elementary says quote, "When I was informed, I immediately removed the substitute from the classroom and escorted him to the front office where he was questioned." He goes on to say, "After the individual left campus, I went back to the classroom to let the students know that they are safe and that they will never see this individual at our school again." Chief Brelectic says they were called to investigate the same day the threats were made. A warrant for Davis' arrest says he verbally threatened to commit a murder. Chief Brelectic says it's been hard to nail down exactly what was said by Davis that scared students. "We're still investigating part of it and following up on basically what was sad. We're dealing with about 24 students. Everybody hears something totally different." Chief Brelectic says they acted quickly because they take every threat no matter how big or small seriously. "With the activity that's been going on in various schools, shootings and other instances whatsoever, all law enforcement take any kind of accusation very, very seriously. "This was a fifth-grade class which put the students uneased."

5/23/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

EFFINGHAM CO.  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
ARRESTED

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5/25/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BEAUFORT CO.  
TEACHER  
ARREST

"It was a tip from a resident living in the area that led Beaufort County Sheriff's Deputies to serve a search warrant on 34-year-old Jared Smith's home on Tuesday where they found concerning media on his phone." "We found media that was consistent with what we reported to us. It's in violation of South Carolina code for sexual exploitation of a minor in the third degree which basically meant that he was in possession of child pornography." The Beaufort County School District sent a message to parents saying they are aware of quote, "criminal charges involving HHI Middle and High School music teacher, Jared Michael Smith, who also had music lessons for HHI Elementary School and HHI School for the Creative Arts students twice weekly before school." They go on to say he is no longer employed by the school district. Veins says their forensics department has several more devices to go through belonging to Smith, his school tablet being one. "Parents have been questioning, 'Is this something that was happening at school. At this point, again in furtherance of the investigation we'll look into that, but right now it appears that the image that we do have was produced outside of Beaufort County.'" "Veins says because they have more devices to go through, Smith could face more charges. Records show Smith has no prior criminal history here in Beaufort County. Reporting from the Sheriff's Office Camille Syed WTOC News."

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6/1/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

TEEN MENTAL  
HEALTH  
IMPORTANCE

"What I'm really hearing is at a younger age, children are demonstrating behaviors that are more serious and concerning and more often." Memorial Health Behavioral Health Manager Mary Jo Horton says she's seeing a growing number of younger children coming into her office.. and she believes increased social media use is part of the problem. "I think the use of filters, particularly with social media, is so devastating because we're not even looking at ourselves." She encourages parents to set restrictions on social media but also to have conversations with their children about how they use it. "What are their benefits, where do they struggle with on social media, that could really help. She says parents can also help by not using filters themselves. "The other big portion is you've got to be able to lead by example." If your child is showing signs of hopelessness, she encourages seeking help right away. "Making an appointment with a therapist and just saying, 'I may need to bring my child in, these are all the things that are going on, can I have some guidance and feedback? Is just a great place to start.'" Another place you can start is by turning to organizations like the YMCA, the Children's Advocacy Center, and faith-based groups for intervention. "We are a more resource rich environment than we think even though we're still not enough." Horton highlights a need for more wrap around services in our community for children who need it. Although self-harm is a hard topic to address, she says we can all help our children by talking about it. "The real answer is more conversation. Let us be distressed so that we can see more wellness." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Betty Burris, the executive director of the Paul Anderson Youth Home is driving around the 50-acre land in Vidalia where young boys have the opportunity to turn their lives around for the better. sot " Paul Anderson Youth Home is a Christian rehabilitation center for young men ages 16- 21. They come here because they have made some bad decisions in their life, They have had behavior problems, they sometimes come here through court orders or there is private placement with their parents. their parents see they need help and they send them to us." She says it's a place where they teach young boys structure. sot "They get up at 6 o'clock in the morning they run a mile. They have breakfast at 7. They have morning jobs that they are assigned to do to clean the cottage clean the kitchen and 8:30 they go to Bible study and then at 9:30 they break out into classes individual or online classes." She says they do that every day. Afterwards, they eat lunch and do other tasks like yard work and weightlifting until dinner time. Burris says on average each boy will stay 15- 18 months, but depending on their progress and situation they can stay shorter or longer. For example, her own husband, Eddy Burris spent his teen years at the home. sot "My parents were alcoholics, my mom walked out when I was about three. My dad didn't take responsibility and my grandparents raised me until I was 13 then I came to Paul Anderson Youth Home and I was here until I was 19." He says he holds this place close to his heart. sot "They taught me the values of life, values of giving, values of helping others and learning about Jesus Christ." And that is why he mentors the boys today. Sot "I do know the ins and outs, I'm not perfect dealing with them sometimes but I do know the ins and outs" And no matter what, they say these boys will always have a family to come back to. sot "We become really attached, we look at them as family members. That's the beauty of this program, it's really family oriented. We all have meals together we play together we have a good time. So, they have security in knowing that they are loved when they are here." In Vidalia, Michaela Romero WTOC

6/9/2023 PAUL ANDERSON  
 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD YOUTH HOME 00:02:05

In a statement to WTOC, the school system says the teacher's contract was terminated and he won't be able to re-apply for employment within the school system. The school system removed him from the classroom when they learned of the charges. The decision to fire him was pending on the outcome of the police investigation.

6/21/2023 TEACHER FIRED  
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD AFTER CHILD PORN CHARGES 00:00:19

**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. GA NEW ELA STANDARDS, WORK SESSION INCLUDED SUICIDE PREVENTION, ELECTRICAL BUS CHARGING STATIONS, FUNDS FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF AND LITERACY TASK FORCE REDCOMMENDATIONS, GA ELA STANDARDS COMMENT PERIOD PANDEMIC LEARNING SETUP, SSU PRESIDENT RESIGNS, BRYAN CO. BOOK LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT, NEW SCCPSS SUPERINTENDENT SCCPSS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM DISCUSSION, ESOL SUPPORT, APPLING CO. NEW SUPERINTENDENT,**

**SOURCE: SCHOOL DISTRICTS,**

4/10/2023				A public comment period is open on new English Language Arts Standards. The curriculum update will impact nearly every student in the state... with new standards in development for grades K-through-12. They've already gone through one comment period, and run it by teacher committees and other groups. You have until the first of May to take the survey. If approved, the new standards will go into-effect for the 20-25/20-26 school year.	00:00:26
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	OD	GA ELA NEW STANDARDS COMMENT		

4/10/2023				Newly-released scores show Georgia's Advanced Placement pass rate has jumped to 15th in the nation! That's up from 17th the past two years. And it only took a slight rise in scores to make it happen.	00:00:12
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	OD	GA AP PASS RATE RISES		

4/10/2023				All these numbers have a direct correlation to savings for families across the state. The Georgia Department of Education says the class of 2022 earned more than 332-thousand college credits... translating to a potential cost savings of more than 91-*million-dollars for students and their families.	00:00:18
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	OD	GA AP PASS RATE RISES		

4/13/2023	4:30AM			The work session was held during Wednesday's board meeting. The board broke ground on several key topics including suicide prevention... electric bus charging stations... funds for artificial turf for athletic fields... as well as literacy task force recommendations. They're also looking at other school districts to see if they can learn something from them. Like this slogan from a school in pennsylvania.	00:00:25
4:30:00 AM	OD	DAYBREAK	SCCPSS WORK SESSION		

4/13/2023	4:30AM			"when teachers saw the results of teaching phonics... many of them said they realized they never learned how to teach reading...many felt guilty for not having taught their students how to read over the past years the district adopted the slogan when we know better we do better."	00:00:16
4:30:00 AM	OD	DAYBREAK	SCCPSS WORK SESSION		

4/20/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
GA ELA  
STANDARDS  
COMMENT  
PERIOD  
The curriculum update will impact nearly every student in the state - with new standards in development for kindergarten through 12th grade. They've already gone through one comment period, as well as through teacher committees and other groups. You have until the first of May to take the survey. If approved, the new standards will go into effect for the 20-25, 20-26 school year.  
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4/20/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
PANDEMIC  
LEARNING  
SETUP  
Experts say it's a looming crisis - brought on by interruptions in education. We've been following how local school districts are addressing learning loss - the popular phrase for students falling behind because of challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
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4/27/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
SSU PRESIDENT  
RESIGNS  
No details have been released yet about what led to Kimberly Ballard-Washington's resignation. According to the university's website, Ballard-Washington was appointed by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in May of 2021. Before that - she had served as the university's interim president. We will update this story when more information becomes available.  
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4/28/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
CAMILLE: SSU  
PRESIDENT  
RESIGNATION  
"President Kimberly Ballard-Washington came in with the class of 2023 back in 2019 and she'll be leaving with them." A release from the University System of Georgia shows Cynthia Robinson Alexander will be stepping into the role as Savannah State president. She'll start on July 1. Robinson Alexander says quote, "I look forward to joining the Savannah State University team and building on the work of President Ballard-Washington to recruit and retain future graduates of the oldest institution of higher learning in the city." Ballard-Washington tells me the thing she has enjoyed the most is getting to nurture her students. She says she is leaving the role to spend more time with family. But she also says recruiting is one of the university's biggest hurdles. According to the University System, enrollment is down 5.5 percent from last spring. Washington says since 2020, their state funding has decreased by more than 5 million dollars because enrollment has been decreasing for years. In fact, SSU is functioning on a 11-million-dollar deficit and making several cuts to make ends meet. "The university needs its community to be a part of Savannah State University, having great corporate partners can help improve the life of our students, our staff and our faculty. We have great programs here. Having internships, externships, all those all those type things for our students will help." "As she says her biggest challenge has been the school's finances, she also says they've had to lay off 23 staff members. I'm working on that story for THE News at 6. Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:34

4/28/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SSU PRES  
RESIGNS  
BIGGER PICTURE

"Savannah State University is Savannah's university." A resignation from President Kimberly Washington-Ballard effective on June 30th--- "It has been very rewarding to get to love nourish and see them grow into adults." And 23 staff layoffs in the same week. The school by the sea is facing a wave of financial issues. "We're having to do a lot of different things and unfortunately one of those is we had to tough our people." Ballard-Washington says recruiting is one of the university's biggest hurdles. Every public university's budget depends on their enrollment. According to the University System of Georgia, Savannah State is one of many colleges facing declining enrollment. At SSU, enrollment is down 5.5 percent from last spring. Ballard-Washington says since 2020, they've lost more than 5 million dollars in state funding because enrollment has been decreasing for years. In fact, SSU is running an 11-million-dollar deficit. "And so, I know that enrollment is going to change exponentially but right now we have to prepare for this next budget cycle." She says they've also ended contracts for nine faculty members this fiscal year. On top of that, they've cut four programs, including Africana Studies and may be closing some buildings temporarily to save on utilities. "It tugs at your heartstrings when you want to make a difference, but you can't make the difference that you want to make. I think I moved the needle a bit, but the needle needs to be moved further and I'm stepping aside so someone else can come and do that." "And the president of the National Savannah State Alumni Association says they're also working on recruitment." "We're going to have our chapter adopt an elementary, middle and a high school so that students are seeing Savannah State from Kindergarten all the way through so that hopefully by the time they're getting ready to make that decision it will be Savannah State." He and Ballard-Washington say the entire community from businesses to alumni need to come together to revive the first African American Institution in our state. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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4/28/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BRYAN CO.  
BOOK LAWSUIT  
SETTLEMENT

New tonight - the insurance company for Bryan County Schools will have to pay a substitute teacher at McAllister Elementary nearly two hundred thousand dollars. This...after the school system settled a lawsuit brought by Lindsey Barr. The suit alleges Barr was wrongfully fired and the school system violated her constitutional rights. The lawsuit says this happened when she raised concerns about a book that showed illustrations of same-sex couples parenting and expecting children. Under the settlement...the school system must reinstate Barr as a substitute teacher. They must also pay Barr 45-thousand dollars and pay her attorneys 136-thousand dollars plus issue Barr a letter saying they regret Barr's separation from the school.

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LL: During a meeting...the group tasked with helping to find Savannah-Chatham public school's next superintendent told the board they're pleased with the number of applicants they've received for the job...saying that interviews with potential candidates could start soon. VO: Search firm BWP & Associates updated board members on their work to find the next superintendent. The board also discussed the leadership profile they think the next superintendent should have and members also reviewed recent town hall and focus group sessions. Speakers described those meetings as "robust" as community members were able to give their input on the search. This all comes after current superintendent Ann Levett announced she will retire from her post at the end of June. Now that the board has begun reviewing recommended candidates to replace her...the first round of interviews is expected to start soon. BWP & Associates says 49 people from 25 states have completed the application process. 12 of the applicants have served as a superintendent before and 13 have served in assistant or deputy roles. The firm says the total number of applicants has been a surprise. SOT: "I was maybe thinking about 30, but this type of number is most significant, and I want to tell you we got it done, but I think a lot of the credit goes to your district, its location, and a lot of the things that your doing. LL: The school board says they want to get a new superintendent hired before the start of next school year. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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STATE LEADERS  
 SSU REAX

Representative Carl Gilliard says the lack of support is concerning, writing in a statement Monday, "The necessity to make sure that these Universities have the financial support that they need for quality, basic education to equip bright minds that will soon lead our future is essential to their survival." Gilliard is the chairman of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.

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 CONFERENCE

Organizers called on the Savannah Chatham County Public School System to start investing in Hispanic families. They say that parents are forced to rely on their kids to translate with any school-related discussions- with some even being unable to help with homework or notifying school staff if there is an issue with their child. Earlier today- the group invited parents and guardians out to try and help them feel welcomed in the school system and the community.

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5/8/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	BEACH HIGH DECISION DAY	Today, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System recognized them for what they plan to do after graduating. Whether that be college, enlisting in the Armed Forces, or starting up a career-based job. The school system Decision Day is inspired by the NCAA's National Signing Day. They say classroom excellence should be given as much attention and recognition as excellence in athletics. Students we spoke with today say they were honored to be recognized.	00:00:28
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5/9/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	BEACH HIGH DECISION DAY	"It recognizes all the seniors that did a good job and did what they were supposed to do for 4 years and show they thrive better than other schools in Savannah so I think it's good for us, it's a good feeling." // "It was a lot of days, a lot of hard days, a lot of times I wanted to give up, but you gotta think about what's in the end." A big congratulations to all, and good luck in the future!	00:00:22
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5/9/2023 5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SHEA: SUPERINTENDEN T CANDIDATE SEARCH	The candidate pool was narrowed down on May 1st- which brings us to in-person interviews. The interview process will take several weeks, with the first round of them happening this week. Some interviews took place yesterday in a specially called board meeting, and another round will take place today.	00:00:18
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5/10/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SCCPSS CHOICE PROGRAM DISCUSSION

"As the Savannah-Chatham County public system has been working on revisions to how they accept students to the choice program, a committee of principals is now submitting a rubric with changes." The rubric to decide if a child is placed in the lottery for a choice program will soon look at five categories. English and language arts assessments and math assessments worth 20 percent each, GPA worth 30 percent and attendance and discipline worth 15 percent each. "Students bring with them various strengths to an educational setting. The rubric provides opportunity for students to insinuate those strengths." Students will have to get a score of 100 out of 300 to be considered. Savannah Arts Academy and Garrison School of Arts will still require auditions. But not all board members were in support of the new rubric. Board president Roger Moss is concerned students who may score low in English or Math but higher in other categories will fall behind if they are in a more rigorous choice program. He also is concerned the rubric isn't fair to students who excel in majority of areas. "Are we saying, 'well we appreciate your doing that but you really didn't have to because you could have slacked a little bit and still gotten into the school.'" The conversation was heated between Moss and board member David Bringman who is in favor of the new rubric. He says it will help students that need a new path and new environment to succeed. "They're just an ember and they're struggling because they haven't found that thing that lights them on fire...and they are finally pushed to be excellent. They're finally in classes where everybody else is maybe on track." Before the pandemic, the district considered GPA, test scores and auditions for arts school for choice eligibility. Post-pandemic, they stopped looking at test scores. The rubric is expected to go into effect in the 2024 to 2025 school year. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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5/11/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SCCPSS ESOL SUPPORT FOLLO

"As several families are calling for more from the Savannah Chatham County public school district for non English speaking families. The specialist for English language learners with the district is asking board members for more resources." A report by Migrant Equity Southeast calls for more bilingual teachers and staff like counselors and bus drivers. Director of Operation Christina Magana says families whose English isn't their first language also need enrollment assistance all year around. "It's something that needs to be made priority, not something that occurs once or twice a year because we are having large amounts of immigrant communities moving to Chatham County and we need to prepare for that because the immigrant and Hispanic community is only growing here." English Language Learners Specialist Michele Torres says the district will be getting an international welcome center for English language learning families in 2024. But when asked by a school board member what she needs to close any barriers, she mentioned they still need a location for the welcome center. Torres also says there are only 10 schools in the district with the English for Speakers of Other Languages or ESOL program. She believes all schools need the program and the district needs more bilingual tutors. "Tutoring services for our students and for our parents to learn English. Some of our parents are not documented. Savannah Tech offers a program but you have to be documented. So if we provided that to anyone that was interested, I think that would help our population as well." Savannah Chatham schools says they have been in discussion with Migrant Equity Southeast about their concerns and have asked for translator recommendations. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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5/11/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CONTROVERSIAL ED BILL PASSES IN SC

The Senate Republican Caucus released a statement on the passage, writing in part, "The bill protects students from political indoctrination by identifying certain concepts which must not be included in classroom instruction." Many of the prohibited concepts are often associated with the concept known as "Critical Race Theory." The bill doesn't explicitly mention this concept – which the South Carolina Department of Education has said is not part of state standards.

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			"We are just super excited. We get to celebrate the schools and the work that they've been doing. We get to celebrate the partnership between Savannah and our military installations, and the department of defense and how we're all working together for the betterment of our students." Schools that receive grant money include Pulaski Elementary, Georgetown K-through-eight, Southwest Middle and Elementary schools, and Godley Station Middle School.	
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			" I just think it's amazing all these books. I didn't think there was going to be this many but I love hwo the commuity came out to support these kids. "Because reading is the foundation of everything. You've got to read. I was taught to love to read when I was very young and it's never ever gone away. And I have learned so much that way by reading." We will begin distributing these book bags to students next month.	
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			The big announcement is coming any minute now at the Board of Education Central Office. Earlier this past school year Dr. Ann Levett announced her plans to retire. The school system says close to 50 people applied for the position. Once the finalist is announced, the school board will take a public vote.	
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5/31/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD	SCCPSS ANNOUNCES SUPT. FINALIST	"We did get input from the public on what the public wanted, so she was able to check quite a few boxes. They wanted someone who had experience in a school. She was a principal. They wanted someone who turned around school districts she checks that box." School officials say they did a nationwide search to fill Dr. Ann Levett's role. Nearly 60 people were interested in the job, but 49 people applied for the superintendent role. The Savannah-Chatham Board of Education has been holding job interviews for the past month.	00:00:31
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5/31/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD	SCCPSS ANNOUNCES SUPT. FINALIST	Right now, Dr. Watts is serving as Chief of Schools for the Houston Independent School District in Texas. Moss says during her first year there she lowered the number of low-rated schools from 48 to 11. Moss says she's also served as a principal at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District in North Carolina and at the University of Virginia as Chief of District Support. Moss says Dr. Watts met many of the standards community members said they wanted in a superintendent.	00:00:28
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5/31/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SCCPSS BOARD NAMES FINALIST	The named Dr. Denise Watts as the sole finalist to replace Dr. Ann Levett when she retires next month. Watts most recently served as the Chief of schools for the Houston Independent School District in Texas. In that role - she served a district of 194-thousand students at over 240 schools. Her selection isn't final yet. The board will have to vote to make it official in June. WTOC will have more on Watts...and the process that went into pick her to lead our area's largest school district - coming up on THE News at 6.	00:00:30
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6/7/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	APPLING CO. NEW SUPERINTENDEN T	Another district hiring a school superintendent - Appling County. The Board of Education there says they also have a finalist for the job. They've picked Dr. Janet Goodman from Jasper, Georgia for the job, but it's not official yet. The school board will officially vote on June 21st. Starting today - you can take a look at documents on Goodman's background at the Board of Education's office. That's available for the next two weeks.	00:00:26
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6/7/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	SCCPSS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM	<p>"I have a problem with what we're telling our students." Currently school staff looks at attendance, GPA and conduct when deciding if a student will be entered into the choice program lottery. Several principals explained a new rubric to decide if a child is placed in the lottery. It uses a point system from zero to three across five categories. Students will have to get a score of 100 out of 300 to be considered. Each category holds a different weight. English and language arts assessments and math assessments are worth 20 percent each, GPA worth 30 percent and attendance and discipline worth 15 percent each. "This rubric actually provides more access to students who may have strengths in different areas. They're stronger in maybe a math assessment or ELA assessment but on the cusp of performing well in academically. The rubric allows that latitude and flexibility to accentuate those strengths that students have" While several board members are in favor of the new rubric.. "Your work has set a threshold for success." Board member Michael Johnson and board president Roger Moss had some worries. "My biggest concern is that we maintain the rigor it is to get into these programs and safeguard spaces for those kids who have applied the rigor." Dr. Cave says this rubric will also help provide yearly data for district faculty and staff to monitor students' performance. "It provides a laser focus for our educators in determining what students bring to the table in our schools and how we can best support them."</p>	00:01:30
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6/8/2023 5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SCCPSS SUPERINDENT LATEST	<p>WTOC is still waiting to see when the board will vote on its finalist for superintendent. The board announced Dr. Denise Watts as its choice last week... but the board still has to vote on her to make it official. We know that will happen sometime this month. We have more on Watts' background as she prepares to potentially take the reigns for Savannah-Chatham on WTOC dot com.</p>	00:00:22
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6/13/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SCCPSS DISTRICT 8 TOWN HALL	<p>The meeting starts in less than an hour at 6pm at Brock Elementary School on Stratford Avenue. District 8 Board Member Dr. Tonia Howard-Hall will lead the meeting... and other district staff will be there to answer questions and give information about the new K-12 multi campus.</p>	00:00:17
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DISTRICT 8  
TOWN HALL  
The project is expected to be finished in August. The site will include Groves High, Mercer Middle and Gould Elementary students making it the district's first school for students from kindergarten through 12th grade.  
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6/15/2023  
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SCCPSS SUPER  
MEETING  
PREVIEW  
Watts formerly served as Chief of Schools in the Houston Independent School District. We have more on her background in our previous stories on the WTOC News app. The board meeting starts at 6 p-m.  
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SCCPSS VOTES  
TO CONFIRM DR.  
WATTS  
"Data never lies but it doesn't tell the whole truth either. Right, so I've seen data. I want to be boots on the ground. I want to seek first to understand and from that point, I will begin to generate ideas and priorities with parents and the community and staff." Watts will replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett - who says she's pleased with the pick. Watts' first day on the job is July 1st.  
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6/16/2023  
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BO: NEW SUPT.  
BACKGROUND  
As you just heard, Dr. Denise Watts will be taking over Dr. Levett's position next month. She was officially chosen by the school board last night. Before coming to Savannah, she was a principal in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District. She was then chief of District Support at the University of Virginia where she worked with school districts across the nation. And she is currently the Chief of Schools at the Houston Independent School District. You can find all this information on our website WTOC dot com.  
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Sworn in as Savannah Chatham school superintendent in June of 2017. "It has been an absolute honor." Dr. Ann Levett recalling her joyest moments before hanging up the hat. "The opening of the acorn academy. Like, who doesn't love 3-year-olds." Surviving the pandemic, while a challenge, also being a proud moment. "We wanted an online school, we got it done. We wanted one to one technology for kids, we got it done." As she passes the torch to Dr. Denise Watts, recently voted in to take Dr. Levett's place, she says Watts is a great fit for the role. But she says Watts has some challenges ahead. "Making sure that children are seen as whole people and not just test scores and I think that the other challenges she will face are the same that we're facing right now, staffing shortages." As the school system is battling teacher, transportation and other staff vacancies, literacy scores are also on the list to tackle. "The states and everyone is focused on third grade reading. What I know that she will do is also acknowledge the hard work that happens between third grade and graduation." Her advice to Watts is to remember the goal... "Knowing that your primary job is to ensure that children have access and opportunities." As a product of Savannah Chatham Schools and now the superintendent, Levett knows those opportunities first hand. "There were 19 years between me and the last local person." So her message to students... "So I hope that my serving in this position said to children, you can be anything." Be anything and impact the city that raised you. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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**ISSUE 7--STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. HOPE SCHOLARSHIP LOCAL IMPACT, BEAUFORT CO. SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM, SCCPSS HOMELESS STUDENT PROGRAM, FOX THEATER DONATES 69K TO HELP RENOVATE A 100 YEAR OLD OLD SCHOOL HOUSE INTO AN ARTS CENTER, 2023 MILLAGE RATE, SCCPSS BUDGET, SCCPSS NEW MULTI-SCHOOL,GSU BUDGET, NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BULLOCH CO. SOURCE: STATE LEGISLATORS OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL SYSYEMS,**

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HOPE TUITION  
LOCAL IMPACT

"It'll definitely make a really big difference." Georgia Southern Armstrong campus Sophomore and current HOPE recipient Gabrielle Harris's tuition is already 90 percent paid for. But college isn't cheap. "15 credit hours is a little over \$2,700 for the semester." And right now Harris is juggling a job, classes and extra curriculars. "I'm going to be going to grad school. So right now I'm using my college funds to pay for the difference that HOPE doesn't make," Thanks to the Georgia state budget.. her full tuition will be paid next year. She says it's setting her up for success and no student loan debt. "So I'll definitely have more money saved to up in the future if I want to get an apartment or a car." "And one Georgia Southern student who had HOPE but lost it says he'll be grinding to get it back." "I dropped just a little bit below and I'm definitely going to grind to that back cause I need 100 percent. That's crazy. I would love that." Luckily for students, Vice President of Enrollment at Georgia Southern Dr. Amy Ballagh says the process to receive HOPE, a lottery-funded program, won't change. "Students who are eligible for hope will still do the same things that they've always done. We encourage all of our students to apply with the federal student financial aid application." When HOPE started, it covered all of students tuition until the Zell Miller scholarship came around in 2011 and required a 3.7 GPA to get that perk. Now, Dr. Ballah believes more high school students will choose to get their degree, which is a \$1 million investment, according to a Georgia Southern study. "With hard work and keeping their grades up, this allows them the access that they need to be able to do whatever their educational dreams are." "It's going to be a really big blessing for a lot of the students on this campus and people I know personally." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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BEAUFORT CO.  
SCHOOLS  
BUDGET  
FORUMS

The Beaufort County Board of Education is developing the school district's budget for next year. And this week, parents will have the chance to learn and talk about the plan. The board is holding two public forums. The first will be in Bluffton High School's cafeteria at 6 p.m. tomorrow. The second will be at Beaufort High School at 6 p.m Thursday. The Board hopes to officially certify the budget next month.

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<p>5/10/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>CAMILLE: SCCPSS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>"Staff tells the Savannah Chatham County board of education there are more than 800 students experiencing homeless in the public school system." VO In the 20-22 to 20-23 school year there were 862 homeless students and a similar number the previous year. That number was much lower at 498 for the 2020 to 2021 school year. Over the past three years. The majority of these kids were in elementary school. Each student in the transition of finding a home is enrolled in a McKinney-Vento Program providing them several resources, like uniforms and school supplies. That program was given more than 300 thousand dollars from the American Rescue Plan to create an advocate for these students. Staff is now asking the district to put money towards keeping that position after those federal dollars are gone. The topic bringing Board member David Bringman to tears. "Tell us what we need to do to keep that position. If one student graduates that's enough of a return on investment." Several board members called for more affordable housing in the community. But in the meantime, these students need uniforms, toiletries, school supplies and gas cards for their parents. Board members are calling for the community's help. "To make sure that homelessness and transitional families are addressed, that we're supporting them and that we're helping them. With that being said I would like to encourage churches and organizations, fraternities and sororities and etc. to step up to the plate to help." "If you'd like to help these families you can drop off items at room 13 in the Henderson Formey Early Learning Center. CSWTOC News."</p>	<p>00:01:36</p>
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<p>5/16/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>CLAXTON SCHOOL DONATION</p>	<p>' "Since 2008, we've given away \$2.7 statewide. Our investment here in Claxton is just an extension of our work in Atlanta. We want to empower other theaters to support themselves." She says the Fox Theater itself has overcome obstacles over the decades. The donation will help install an elevator in the building.</p>	<p>00:00:18</p>
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<p>5/16/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>CLAXTON SCHOOL DONATION</p>	<p>An arts project in Claxton got a helping hand today from a world famous theater. The Fox Theater Institute in Atlanta brought a \$69,000 donation today to help renovate a 100 year old school house into an arts center. The community has already raised more than \$2 million for the project. The Institute's director says the donation is part of their mission.</p>	<p>00:00:21</p>
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6/1/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	DONTAE: HYUNDAI SCAD DONATIONS	"We're deeply dedicated to a global vision of progress for humanity, and making funding available for the arts is one of the many ways we do that." Hyundai's Genesis Inspiration Foundation has awarded more than \$8 million in support of arts education programs nationwide.	00:00:16
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6/6/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD	SCCPSS 2023 MILLAGE RATE	There will be public hearings for homeowners to learn more about this proposal. Two will be held next Wednesday, June 14th at 11 AM and 6 PM. They will be held at the Jessie Collier Deloach Board Room of the Whitney Administrative Complex. Another hearing will be held at the same place Wednesday, June 21st at 6 PM.	00:00:19
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6/7/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	SCCPSS MILL RATE APPROVED	A WTOC Update - the Savannah-Chatham County school board just voted to approve the millage rate. After heated debate, the 17 point 6 rate passed. It still has to go through public comment and a final vote. We'll have more from today's meeting on THE news at 6.	00:00:15
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6/7/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD	SCCPSS BUDGET	That tentative budget is more than 564 million dollars. The board also had a heated debate on the millage rate tonight. They voted to keep the same millage rate as last year -- 17-point-six percent. The school system says this will make your property tax bill higher because of home values going up. Remember -The school system is hosting several public hearings for residents to give their thoughts before deciding on a final budget. Dates and times are on our website at WTOC dot com. The vote to adopt the final budget and mileage rate is set for June 21st.	00:00:33
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SCCPSS NEW  
MULTI SCHOOL  
SNEAK PEAK

You may have driven by the nearly 400 thousand square foot K-12 school in Garden City (sot) "This is the first K-12 multi campus in Savannah Chatham County history." But what does it look like inside? (nats) It will be a three story building with more than one hundred classrooms for elementary, middle and high schoolers. Welcoming 24 hundred students. (sot) "The design has a lot of really positive separation between the uses. The design lays out where this group stays here, this group is here. It's very well done." But there's still work to be done, according to David Hamilton with Charles Perry Partners Inc--working on the project... "System checks, fire alarms, elevators is going to be driving the project here at the end." In the meantime, here's a look at one of the two gyms inside the school. Just down the hall are two cafeterias. This one for Groves Rebels and another for K-8 Students. Here's just one of the few media centers where students will have access to books and technology. "And this is the auditorium. It will seat about 700 students and they hope to be done by September meaning will able to take the stage soon after." The school itself will cost the district about 92 million dollars but the entire project has a 135 million dollar price tag. (sot) "I've been involved with a couple of projects this size and it is quite an undertaking. We're very proud of it." Hamilton says on the other side the road will also be a stadium. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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SCCPSS PUBLIC  
MILL RATE  
MEETINGS

They have meetings scheduled for next Monday, June 26th at 11 a-m and 6 p-m. That's happening at the Whitney Administrative Complex. You can also live stream the meeting through the school board's website. There will be a third meeting held on July 12th at 11 a-m.

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6/19/2023		SCCPSS PUBLIC	Those meetings start next Monday, June 26th at 11 a-m and 6 p-m. They'll be at the	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	MILL RATE	Whitney Administrative Complex. You can also LIVE-stream the meeting through the	
		MEETINGS	school board's web site. And, there will be a third meeting on July 12th at 11 a-m.	00:00:14

6/20/2023		GA SOUTHERN	A 3.75 decrease in their 2024 fiscal year budget. That's what Georgia Southern University	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BUDGET	is working with after the University System of Georgia cut more than 3.8 million dollars	
			from their pockets. "We're able to absorb those cuts internally with one time use of funds	
			for this next fiscal year. So, employees, faculty and staff and especially our students won't	
			see the impact of that this coming year." Vice President of Communications John Lester	
			says state funding is calculated in part by enrollment rates from the fall semester two years	
			prior. Fall 2021 Georgia Southern only saw a .5 enrollment increase. In fall 2022, they saw	
			a 5.9 percent decrease in enrollment And now along with many other colleges.. "In Spring	
			2023, Georgia Southern was faced with a 5.5 decrease in enrollment rates." "The	
			economy is so good right now. Students can get a job right out of high school but we are	
			trying hard to make sure they understand going to college still ends up earning you more	
			over a lifetime." As more cuts could come in the future because of declining enrollment,	
			Lester says they're putting their best foot forward to increase those rates. "We've got	
			people working on all fronts, 24 hours a day to increase our enrollment and make sure	
			those students stay in school and graduate because that's the lifeline from our budget."	
			Despite cuts, tuition will not be going up to compensate. Camille Syed WTOC News	00:01:23

6/21/2023	5AM	5AM SHEA	The school board had the opportunity to adopt a lower millage rate earlier in the month to	
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK	SCCPSS BUDGET	offset the rise in property values, but decided not to. Roger Moss, the President of the	
	OD	PROPERTY TAX	school board, says that they need that extra money to help cover this year's budget. Moss	
		IMPACT	says that the district is feeling the same effects of inflation that's driving up taxes- and they	
			have more things they have to spend money on this year.	00:00:25

6/21/2023	5AM	5AM SHEA	"We also have some mandates that came down from the state. So, for instance, we're	
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK	SCCPSS BUDGET	having to spend several million dollars more for insurance coverage. We're definitely	
	OD	PROPERTY TAX	affected, not only by inflation, but by mandates from the state."	
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6/21/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD 530 SHEA SCCPASS BOARD MEETING TONIGHT "We need to hear from the public. We're spending the public's money. And let me tell you, I've been a little disappointed by the lack of turnout for these hearings. We really do listen. But we need you to be there, and so I would love for the public to show up to them all the time." 00:00:16

6/26/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SSU FOSTER CARE LEARNING GRANT New at 5:30 - Savannah State is getting money to help "boost" learning opportunities for students in foster care. The university is one of 7 groups getting the money. The recipients were selected by the Georgia Department of Education. The funding is coming from federal stimulus money given to the state through the American Rescue Plan. The grants total more than 321-thousand dollars. The focus of the grant is to increase access to after school, summer and out-of-school learning for kids in foster care across Georgia. Savannah State is the only awardee in our area. 00:00:34

**ISSUE 8- SPECIAL PROGRAMS ENLIGHTENING A STUDENT'S FUTURE INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS. PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE EDUCATION INCLUDING CYBER SECURITY, BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVES, EFFINGHAM LITERACY PROGRAM, RICHMOND HILL AUTISM CONFERENCE, STATESBORO SUMMER PROGRAM, ADAPTIVE BIKES, HODGE ELEM GETS A NEW MURAL CREATED BY SCAD, AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY EXPANSION, GA TECH STEAM SUMMER PROGRAM, HYUNDAI SAV. TECH PROGRAM, POOLER KARATE HELPING TEENS AND TEACHERS WITH FREE TRAINING. GSU DISPLAYS FLAGS FOR MEMORIAL DAY, SUMMER READING PROGRAMS, JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS STUDENT LIFE, HINESVILLE YOUTH ENHANCEMENT, GA TECH SUMMER PROGRAM, EVANS MEMORIAL AND MERCER PARTNER, GSU HOSTING GOVERNOR HONORS PROGRAM, SOURCE: LOCAL COLLEGES, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ORGANIZATIONS**

4/11/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SKILLED TO WORK: CYBER SECURITY (vo) Justin Clenny's training his eyes to see things online the rest of us might miss. He's studying cyber security at Ogeechee Tech. (sot) It's expanding everyday, which is one of the reasons I chose my major. I want to learn every day. I don't want a day that's boring. (vo) Even in school, he's already working and helping his employers protect themselves online. He's part of one of the fastest growing programs on campus. (sot) In the first year, it went from four to 30. Since then, it's doubled and tripled. We now have as many students as we do in I-T. (vo) Hand says cyber security jobs are no longer limited to government agencies and Fortune 500 corporations. He says local hospitals, banks, and others want people in house to watch their online gates and protect them from intruders. (sot) You read in the news everything about cyber security and the need for cyber security. Companies have to secure themselves against all these things - phishing attacks, ransom attacks. (vo) Both say the program here allows students to graduate and move directly into positions that will pay well and grow for years to come..for those who are Skilled to Work. Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:07

4/6/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SCREVEN AG  
CENTER  
IMPROVES

Speaker of the House Jon Burns and Sylvania State Senator Max Burns say the money will help ensure students and families can keep benefiting from the property, writing in part, "Our agricultural education programs teach young learners how to carry on the tradition of farming and ranching, but our agriculture barn needs major upgrades to continue this important work for our citizens." The center hosts educational programming and serves as the center of Screven's annual livestock festival.

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4/7/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

GA TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR  
FINALISTS

Two of the ten finalists for 20-24 Georgia Teacher of the Year are right here at home. On the left - Inga Cashon is a STEM teacher at North Tattnall Middle School and on the right - Brittany Nearhoof- an art teacher at McAllister Elementary School in Bryan County. Ms. Cashon is a Georgia Southern Alum. In 2020, she received the Georgia STEM Scholar Award and is currently pursuing her doctorate. Ms. Nearhoof teaches with the goal of developing learners who think like artists – creative learners who ask questions and generate ideas. She strives to make art fun, inviting, and achievable for all.

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4/7/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

MCINTOSH  
ACADEMY  
READING EVENT

It was a chance to get books in the hands of kids in McIntosh County... along with some Easter fun. You're looking at video from the "Egg-cellent Reading Event." It was hosted by the Boys and Girls Club alongside the McIntosh County School System at McIntosh County Academy. The event included an Easter egg hunt, a chance to pet some animals and a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. But at the heart of what today was all about... students walked away with a book of their choice...and parents signed a pledge to read to their kids daily.

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4/8/2023  
11PM  
11:01:00 PM OD

WEEKEND

MCINTOSH  
ACADEMY  
READING EVENT

You're looking at video from the "Egg-cellent Reading Event." It was hosted by the Boys and Girls Club alongside the McIntosh County School System at Todd Grant Elementary. The event included an Easter egg hunt, a chance to pet some animals and a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. But at the heart of what \*yesterday\* was all about... students walked away with a book of their choice...and parents signed a pledge to read to their kids daily.

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4/10/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE PUSH That's our Books to Kids drive. WTOC will be partnering up with Ken Nugent Law Firm to host the first event this Friday. Meet us at E-Shaver Bookseller on Bull Street. We'll be there from 10:30 a-m to 6 p-m. Again, that's this Friday. We hope to see you there! 00:00:15

4/14/2023  
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD HAYLEY: BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE WTOC was out in the community Friday – meeting viewers... and collecting books for area students. It's the donors.. who make it all possible, like Angela Benton, a retired teacher who's visiting from Atlanta. "It's a good way to give back, because reading is really important, it's important that children have their own personal libraries at home." Benton is also an author, and she brought one of her own books to the drive... making it even more meaningful for her. The book – titled "Where in the World is Enzo?" is about her family taking a trip to Savannah – written from her dog Enzo's perspective. "I thought that would be a really cool way for children to learn about discovery. My dog, Enzo, we take him around Savannah, and we take him around the town and he learns all the cool things Savannah has to offer." Also among those donating... is former Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson. Last year – WTOC helped collect thousands of books-- providing two or three books each for nearly 1800 students, according to Savannah-Chatham Schools. This year – The school system has an even bigger goal. "I think if we could hit 20,000 books, that would be absolutely incredible. That would allow us to put three, four, five maybe even six books in each students' hands to increase their at-home library." The community.. teaming up... for a great cause. 00:01:18

4/19/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SCAD SIDEWALK ARTS FESTIVAL happening this weekend - the Savannah College of Art and Design calls it a treasured tradition. The Sidewalk Arts Festival returns to Forsyth Park. SCAD students, along with alumni and local high school students will transform Savannah's most famous park with their chalk art. Artists have a chance to win prizes...and there will be local food and music out for the people coming to see what they create. 00:00:24

4/19/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BOOKS TO KIDS BOOK DRIVE WALMART PUSH Looking ahead-- WTOC is collecting books for kids to help build their at home libraries this summer. We will be at the Walmart on Whitmarsh Island this Friday from 9 A-M to 7 P-M. You can drop off books and say hi! You can also drop off new or gently used books during business hours at the station. We are looking for books for kindergarteners through third graders. 00:00:21

4/19/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD BOOKS TO KIDS BOOK DRIVE WALMART PUSH Looking ahead-- WTOC is collecting books for kids to help build their at home libraries this summer. We will be at the Walmart on Whitmarsh Island this Friday from 9 A-M to 7 P-M. You can drop off books and say hi! You can also drop off new or gently used books during business hours at the station. We are looking for books for kindergarteners through third graders. 00:00:21

4/20/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE TOMORROW Before we move on - we want to remind you about a chance to help promote children's literacy by partnering with WTOC this week. We will be at the Walmart on Whitmarsh Island tomorrow collecting donations for Books to Kids. From 9 a-m to 7 p-m, you can drop off new or gently used books for us to give out to kids in our area. If you can't make it there, you can also drop books off here at the station during business hours. We are looking for books for kindergarteners through third graders. 00:00:28

4/20/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

EFFINGHAM  
LITERACY  
PROGRAM

"Throughout this school year, Blanford Elementary and South Effingham Elementary have been piloting the Leveled Literacy Intervention Program. It's geared towards students who may have been falling behind with their reading scores and the board of education is getting a look at how well it's been working." VO The program is short term intervention program putting students in small groups every day to work on reading. According to a presentation to the school board, at South Effingham Elementary School 38 out of 91 students in the program have finished the course. 75 percent of students in the program have either reached or are almost at their grade reading level. Staff at Blandford Elementary say they wanted to make sure students who finished the program could perform well in class as well. And sure enough, school leaders say those students are caught up to their grade level. SOT "At the end of the day, literacy continues to be something that's very, very important to us and very important to society as a whole for our young people, so they can have those opportunities after school to be successful." VO While this is just a pilot program, Dr. Ford says he's pleased with the program so far. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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4/20/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

SCCPSS BOOKS  
& BLANKETS

Also coming up - the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is bringing back its Books, Blankets and Family Fun event this Saturday. It starts at 10 a.m. at Daffin Park. You'll find food trucks on site, music and games, reading activities and special guests. The top 3 schools with the most parent attendance will also receive prizes.

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4/20/2023 WTOC BOOKS TO You can drop off new or gently used books for us to give out to kids in our area. If you  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD KIDS DRIVE can't make it there, you can also drop books off here at the station during business hours.  
TMRW We are looking for books for kindergarteners through third graders. 00:00:14

4/20/2023 RICHMOND HILL New tonight-- A local center holding it's annual two day Savannah Autism conference in  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD AUTISM Richmond Hill. It's all in efforts to spread awareness about the disability. Autism is a  
CONFERENCE CONFERENCE succeeding in the school setting as well as developing socially. The conference will also  
Park. be happening tomorrow. It's being held at the Richmond Hill City Center in JF Gregory  
00:00:42

4/21/2023 DAL: ADAPTIVE Rachel Murray's students at Sallie Zetterower Elementary school received an adaptive  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD BIKE trike today through a school foundation grant. The trike will allow students access who  
might not be able to use other kinds of bikes or trikes. Staff from The Therapy Spot center  
helped figure out the ways to adjust the bike for several users. 00:00:20

4/21/2023 DAL: ADAPTIVE  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD BIKE "There's different parts that different kids need like some of them need the extra support in their legs or in their trunk to hold them on and some of them don't and how much of that we're going to need to take on and off." Members of Statesboro Fire Department helped assemble the bike and get interchangeable parts ready for use. 00:00:19

4/21/2023 SSU SORORITY  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TOILET TREE "To change someone's day, you never know what someone's going through. So to be that helping hand we're always ready to be a helping hand to anyone in our community. We stand on public service, community service so that's all we want to do." "It feels amazing just because this is what we do. To give back really means alot. It really means all the hardwork, dedication and everything goes to the student body, to the public, to the community, it really means a lot. The sorority handed out a bunch of different food, hygiene products and anything you have to use on a day to day basis. 00:00:34



4/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	SSU SORORITY TOILET TREE GIVEAWAY	Check it out! A Savannah State University Sorority giving back to their campus community. Today, the Delta new chapter of Delta Sigma theta handed out toilet trees and food to students. Officials with the sorority say they wanted to celebrate their charter week by doing this. Their charter was found on April 18th, 19-52. They say this was all possible because of the partnership they have with come as you are deliverance ministries.	00:00:26
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4/21/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD	HAYLEY: BOOKS TO KIDS	And, we had a great turnout -- with enough donations to fill our bin! We're looking to grow at-home libraries... and are specifically collecting books for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Last year, we collected around 5-thousand books. This year, we've already passed that number... and have a new goal of 10-thousand! We talked to a young student... who told us why she enjoys reading so much.	00:00:24
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4/22/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	HAYLEY: BOOKS TO KIDS	"I like them because they're really interesting and funny, and sometimes they can get REALLY interesting. The books have a lot of personality, and the reading is so much fun." All of these books will be distributed to Savannah-Chatham County Public School students later this year. And we're still collecting! We will be out at the Barnes and Noble at Oglethorpe mall next Friday.	00:00:22
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4/22/2023 7:00:00 AM	7AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	HAYLEY: BOOKS TO KIDS	And, we had a great turnout -- with enough donations to fill our bin! We're looking to grow at-home libraries... and are specifically collecting books for students in Kindergarten through Third grades. Last year... we collected around 5-thousand books. This year... we've already passed that number... and have a new goal of 10-thousand! We talked to a young student... who told us why she enjoys reading so much.	00:00:24
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4/22/2023 WKEND  
6:00:00 PM 6PM OD  
TYLER: SCCPSS BOOKS & BLANKETS EVENT  
Sot: (Dr. Angie Lewis - Executive Director Office of College and Career Readiness, SCCPSS) "We wanted to give families an opportunity to come together in fellowship and learn about literacy. Their getting books, but not only are they getting books they're getting valuable information, they're having the opportunity to learn STEM activities, play STEM activities, we have celebrity readers." WTOC was involved as some of those readers, and Dr. Lewis says several area principals got in on the action too. 00:00:25

4/22/2023 WKEND  
6:00:00 PM 6PM OD  
TYLER: SCCPSS BOOKS & BLANKETS EVENT  
SCCPSS tells us typically about 15,000-20,000 people come out for this day of learning-based fun, as families and students can pick up free books and embrace the importance of reading. Along with a park full of vendors there were also some musical performances from local schools at the event that brought folks out to enjoy the weather before the storms rolled through. 00:00:22

4/24/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD  
BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE THIS WEEK  
Don't forget- WTOC is looking forward to being back out in the community this week - as our Books to Kids Donation drives continue. We're collecting books for kids aged Kindergarten through Third Grade. We'll be out at Barnes and Noble at the Oglethorpe Mall from 9 to 7 all day Friday. If you can't make it- you can always bring books by the WTOC station off Chatham Parkway during business hours. 00:00:23

"I just kind of did it to like hang out with my friends." "When I was little, I could not cook at all." "It's definitely more advanced than cooking ramen noodles in my kitchen." "We experimented a lot." From a fun time with friends, to a potential pathway for the future, McKenna Reagan, Blaire Oliver, Anna Tarpley and Isabella Collins have grown together in the first year of the Family Consumer Science class at Bryan County Middle School. (Amanda Shafer - BCMS Family Consumer Science Teacher, FCCLA Advisor) "I try to do something hands on at least three times a week with them, get them up moving around, socializing, teamwork." It's the first year for Amanda Shafer too, who joined Bryan County as a teacher... and advisor for Family Career Community Leaders of America. Together - they made school history. "The winner of the 2023 Middle School Student Chef competition is Bryan County Middle School." "To put Bryan County on the map is very exciting." "We we're all screaming. We were so excited." The Student Chef Competition is a statewide event through the Georgia Department of Education... for schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program. Bryan County submitted a Mexican Street Corn Salad... But winning... wasn't a cake walk. (Blair Oliver) "I'm a very picky eater, so it has to be a certain way and this has definitely helped me get out of that comfort zone." (Makenna Reagan) "When we first did it, it did not taste good. (Anna Tarpley) "When we first made it, it was not that tasty. I didn't know that we were gonna be able to perfect it and make it as good as it was today." (Isabella Collins) "We would like be in each other's way all the time. Like oh, I need to get the corn, oh I need to be over here, especially helping each other. I don't know how to cut this. Teamwork was a big like part of like helping each other." They landed on a winning recipe -- for the dish... and the team. "I found a great group of kids and girls that were dedicated and determined and were positive. We worked with each other and it was just amazing to see them come together and grow and prosper and learn as young adults." An ideas for something new are already simmering. "I'll be at a restaurant and try something and I'll be like, That's good. I'm gonna make it at home." In Bryan County, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.

4/25/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SKILLED TO  
WORK

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Looking ahead-- WTOC will be taking our annual Books to Kids Book Drive on the road again this week. We are collecting books for students ages Kindergarten through Third Grade. It's all in efforts to keep books in kids hands for the summer. We are looking for gently used or new books. Today the Acme Sales and books in Savannah made a BIG donation. They donated 1-thousand books to our drive.

4/25/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BOOK DONATION

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			Don't forget - you have a chance to partner with WTOC and support a cause in local education this week. We're once again partnering with the Ken Nugent Law Firm to collect books for kids in Kindergarten through Third Grade On Friday, we'll be out at the Barnes and Noble at Oglethorpe Mall from 9 a-m to 7 p-m. You can also bring new or gently used books by our station off Chatham Parkway.	
4/26/2023	MORNING			
9:00:00 AM	BREAK OD 4	BOOKS TO KIDS		00:00:22
	26	PUSH		

			(sot) With commencement two weeks away, university leaders say they're already gearing up for more than 4,000 graduates in ceremonies in Savannah and Statesboro. (vo) The five ceremonies begin May 9. Three will take place at Paulson Stadium in Stateboro and two at Enmarket Arena in Savannah. University vice president Dr. John Lester says students have the option to pick whether they march in Statesboro or Savannah. Even with that choice, he urges graduates and loved ones to plan for big crowds. (sot) We'll have shuttles running at both venues for the area around each venue. Gates open an hour beforehand. Come early, be patient, and prepare to celebrate. (vo) He says the university tries to divide up the various colleges to even the number of graduates per ceremony and keep things moving smoothly. (sot) At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
4/26/2023		GSU		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	STATESBORO		00:00:49
		GRADUATION		
		CEREMONIES		

<p>4/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>DAL: STATESBORO SUMMER PROGRAM</p>	<p>(sot) A long-standing tutoring program now has a new home and directors say they hope they can help students year round. (vo) Tina Scheider helps get things ready to formally open We Move Tutoring Group. She joined the group's board after her own son's success. (sot) He joined a We Move Tutoring Group. He's now in sixth grade, pulling A's &amp; B's and he's doing phenomonal. (vo) A non-profit group supported by United Way, they offer after-school and summer tutoring for those students who're struggling as well as those who're excelling. (sot) We don't want our kids to veg out during the summer. We do want them to enjoy their summer. But we can do that while we keep the material fresh. (vo) They've moved into classroom space at the Statesboro YMCA. Both say they hope that raises their visibility to the community. (sot) We never had a secure place until now. Everybody knows the YMCA. (sot) And they'll have their official opening tomorrow morning at 10am. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?</p>	<p>00:00:56</p>
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<p>5/1/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE</p>	<p>We want to take a moment to thank everyone who has donated book to our books to kids drive so far. We are officially little over half way to our goal. And if you would still like to donate our team will be out collecting books again this Friday. Our anchors will be outside of the Walmart in Pooler from 9 A-M to 7 P-M collecting donations and saying hi. Don't forget you can also continue to drop of books during business hours at our station off of Chatham parkway.</p>	<p>00:00:27</p>
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5/1/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

HODGE  
ELEMENTARY  
PLAYGROUND  
MURAL

Check it out! A local elementary school underwent a colorful transformation today. And it's all thanks to the Savannah-College of Art and Design. Sarah Mills Hodge Elementary School unveiled the new mural at its playground. The mural comes from the "Paint Our Parks" SCAD SERVE public art initiative. They say their goal is to bring color and creativity to the community. SCAD Students part of the project say it was an exciting experience. 00:00:26

5/1/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

HODGE  
ELEMENTARY  
PLAYGROUND  
MURAL

"It was a really fun environment and also I'm just really happy that I can bring arts to more public places. And everyone seems to be very happy about it. It makes me really happy." "I hope it's engaging and fun and clearly they are having a great time. But I think it's just really cool especially the concept of it to be classmates that they know, like whose faces are painted on the mural. But I think it's so fun and colorful. It's perfect to have it at a school." So far, SCAD has painted five playgrounds, basketball courts, and other recreational spaces in Atlanta since the initiative launched in 20-21. This is the second playground mural in the Savannah area. The first mural was painted at Coastal Middle School back in the fall. 00:00:43

<p>5/2/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>AUGUSTA UNIV EXPANSION</p>	<p>(sot) Leaders from Augusta University and the Medical College of Georgia say an expanded presence in Savannah not only helps them but the Coastal Empire as well. (vo) State lawmakers for Bulloch and surrounding counties spoke last week about funding in the pending state budget to expand MCG's presence in Savannah through a partnership with Georgia Southern. Augusta University leaders today gave few details today about the proposal, but said it would give students more opportunities and broaden the medical school's service in Georgia. (sot) We already have a great relationship with St. Joe/Candler there. We've been talking about expanding there for our junior and senior students. We think we have opportunities to further expand with Georgia Southern. (vo) Keel says MCG currently ranks eighth in the nation among medical schools and the expansion would only help improve that. (sot) Both he and the leaders from Savannah say they're waiting for the governor's signature on the budget. And we'll keep you updated. In Augusta Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	<p>00:01:01</p>
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<p>5/4/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>BOOK DRIVE TOMORROW</p>	<p>The WTOC team will be back out in the community as we look to reach our goal for Books to Kids. We're a little over halfway there, so thanks to everyone who has donated so far! We'll be out collecting books again this Friday Walmart in Pooler from 9 to 7. If you can't make it- don't worry, you can also continue to drop off books during business hours at our station off of Chatham parkway.</p>	<p>00:00:22</p>
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<p>5/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>SCAD SAND ARTS FESTIVAL</p>	<p>SCAD held its annual Sand Arts Festival. Students and alumni all came together to create and compete for the first place prize! Take a look at some of these sculptures made out of sand. SCAD tells us there were over 200 entries this year.</p>	<p>00:00:14</p>
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(vo) You might not expect to find this sort of medical equipment in a high school classroom. The Healthcare Science lab at Southeast Bulloch gives students a glimpse into nursing and more. (sot) I think I've always been passionate about the healthcare field and I knew taking this class would help me explore. (vo) Nurse-turned-teacher Elizabeth Hartley gives students a three-course pathway where they learn about healthcare, hospitals, and more. It's a chance for students to get their feet wet in a possible career. (sot) This gives you an opportunity, especially with my program, you can see all the varieties the healthcare field offers. (vo) The classes help them prepare for courses they would in college or technical school, and possible be more focused when they get there. (sot) ..they don't have to waste time in college with "do I want to do this? do I want to do that? Change my major. Change my major again." (vo) Students say they like the option of vocational classes to help them know what they like...and don't like. (sot) Without these programs, nobody would know what they wanted to do. If I was just taking English and math, I wouldn't know what I wanted to do. (vo) As students pass their end of pathway exams, they're even closer to being ready...and being Skilled to Work. Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

5/9/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SKILLED TO WORK 00:01:15

"Over this summer, this classroom will be filled with rising 2nd through 12th graders on Georgia Tech's campus learning about STEM and STEAM through programs like this one where they can learn about environmental sciences and track flooding. This is just one of many programs that will be offered." There are 18 programs like game-creating and robotics that are each one week long from June 5th to July 21st. This is Georgia Tech's second year offering scholarships for the program that typically ranges from \$300 to \$350 a week. There are several financial qualifications that are considered listed on the application. "It reduces the price by 75 percent. All of our programs include lunch. We really are having a huge focus on making them equitable so any student can out and participate." "You can apply for that scholarship up until a week before the program starts. A link will be on our website WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News."

5/9/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA TECH STEAM SUMMER PROGRAM 00:00:55

Taking a LIVE look at the Statesboro campus from our skycam. That's where the university hosted the first of five commencement ceremonies this morning. Students had the option to choose whether they took part in a ceremony in Statesboro or in Savannah and the university assigned them accordingly. Georgia Southern's president says commencement serves a host of purposes across the university.

5/9/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GSU GRADUATION CEREMONIES 00:00:24



5/9/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	SCCPSS GRAD CEREMONIES	Graduation ceremonies for thousands of seniors in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System are coming up this month. Here's a look at the schedule. They are spread out between May 22nd and the 25th. All of them are taking place in the new Enmarket arena. For more information, head over to our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:19
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5/10/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	GSU GRADUATION CEREMONIES	It's a time of great celebration, a time to recognize the work our students have done with our faculty's guidance and their parents' support through all of their journey. G-S-U will hold two more ceremonies each in Statesboro and Savannah.	00:00:14
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5/10/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	SCCPSS GRAD CEREMONIES 7 PM	Graduation ceremonies for thousands of seniors in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System are coming up this month. A dozen ceremonies will take place at Enmarket Arena. You can see on this schedule, they will have three each day between May 22nd and the 25th. For more information... head over to our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:20
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(vo) You might not expect to find this sort of medical equipment in a high school classroom. The Healthcare Science lab at Southeast Bulloch gives students a glimpse into nursing and more. (sot) I think I've always been passionate about the healthcare field and I knew taking this class would help me explore. (vo) Nurse-turned-teacher Elizabeth Hartley gives students a three-course pathway where they learn about healthcare, hospitals, and more. It's a chance for students to get their feet wet in a possible career. (sot) This gives you an opportunity, especially with my program, you can see all the varieties the healthcare field offers. (vo) The classes help them prepare for courses they would in college or technical school, and possible be more focused when they get there. (sot) ..they don't have to waste time in college with "do I want to do this? do I want to do that? Change my major. Change my major again." (vo) Students say they like the option of vocational classes to help them know what they like...and don't like. (sot) Without these programs, nobody would know what they wanted to do. If I was just taking English and math, I wouldn't know what I wanted to do. (vo) As students pass their end of pathway exams, they're even closer to being ready...and being Skilled to Work. Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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We will be out this Friday again -- collecting books on site. You can drop off books at the Walmart on Montgomery Crossroads in Savannah. We'll be out there from 9 A-M to 7 P-M. And don't forget you can always drop off books right here at our station off of Chatham Parkway.

5/10/2023 BOOKS TO KIDS  
 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DRIVE FRIDAY 00:00:16

\*nats of applause\* Hyundai and Savannah Technical College penning a new partnership...aiming to get students trained to work at the automaker's Bryan County plant. "When a big company like Hyundai comes to the area, and then they come to you, 'Hey, hey can you do an agreement with us?' It is huge for us." The agreement creates an electric vehicle production training program at the college. School officials says those that complete the course will be preferred for employment at Hyundai's Metaplant America...or H-M-G-M-A. "Think of how many have gone to colleges or have gone through classes and at the end think, 'Oh now I have to go out and find a job.' Knowing that you have that preferred plenty employment, that you can get out there and that you can get that job, that's huge." Savannah Tech says the program can be finished in seven and a half weeks. It will broken up into three parts...covering fundamentals in automotives and electric vehicles. Hyundai aims to use the program to fill jobs for the site's general production team. Plant officials say they're looking to hire as many as one-thousand people for those jobs by the end of 20-24...with a starting pay of 23 dollars and 20 cents an hour. "We're really looking at this as an extended interview. We know that people who complete this program will be electric vehicle professionals. They're going to understand what we're building, that product at the end. So we're going to be ready at the very end to come in, to interview, and to hire." The company now working with one of the area's technical schools to get people trained before production is set to start in early 20-25. "We haven't had a car manufacturer in this community before. Getting that exposure to car specifics, particulary electric vehicle specifics, I think is going to make people more prepared. A lot of people leading up to today have wondered, 'How do you get a job at H.M.G.M.A. and now they're going to know." LL: Hyundai officials say talks are already underway to bring this program to other area technical colleges. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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BOOKS TO KIDS  
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5/12/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD HAYLEY:  
CAREER DAY Today marked the end of career week at Hesse K-8 school in Savannah... The school's  
4th-8th graders had special visitors in their classes today to talk about their careers! 00:00:10

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5/15/2023  
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5/15/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD RH MIDDLE SAMSUNG PITCH EVENT IN DC

Check it out! Two students from Richmond Hill Middle School are in Washington, DC for the Solve for Tomorrow National Competition. Students in grades 6-12 are challenged with exploring the role science, technology, engineering, and math can play in solving some of the biggest issues in their local communities. Gabby Mondesir and Jessica Boyes were selected to present their idea out of more than a thousand entries. Their pitch is an app to help tackle Post-Traumatic-Stress-Disorder. 3 out of the 10 schools left in the competition will receive \$100-thousand dollars in Samsung technology and supplies for their classrooms.

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5/16/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SAV 100 DAYS OF SUMMER REMINDER

In Savannah - the 100 days of summer are set to return at the end of next week. The city is bringing back the initiative that offers more than 138 programs for young people across multiple city departments. That includes Savannah Police who are focusing on teenagers - a group the department says historically sees an uptick in crime during the summer. The 100 Days of Summer kicks off May 26 with a party at the Bowles Ford Pool. We have more details on how to get involved in summer activities right now on WTOC dot com.

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5/16/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD FINAL DAYS OF SCHOOL SETUP

Thanks for joining us on THE News at 5:30. I'm Sam Bauman. The largest school district in our area is just one week away from summer break. The last day of school for Savannah-Chatham County students is May 23rd. The wait is a little longer in one of our other big districts - Beaufort County students will hold on until June 2nd - but some good news - it's an early dismissal day. With summer break getting closer and closer - so is the start of programs for kids and families across our area.

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LL: SCAD officials say they plan to turn this building...once used for serving spirits...into a state-of-the-art classroom space for students. VO: This rendering shows what the building could look like when the project is complete at 641 Indian Street. SCAD officials say this building will be a space that will serve students. According to plans submitted to Savannah's Historic Board of Review this month...architects for the college want to change the building's front entryways...and paint exterior walls...among other improvements. The Board says the building was constructed in 1958. Most recently housed Ghost Coast Distillery from 20-17 until last September. In a statement...SCAD says it "...has a four decades-long legacy of adaptive reuse of buildings in Savannah. With this addition, SCAD will continue to integrate our award-winning programs and diverse student population within the downtown Savannah community." LL: This renovation only adds to SCAD's presence in this section of Savannah. Near the old distillery is the college's Alexander Hall as well as a new 17 story dorm building currently under construction. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

5/17/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SCAD ACQUIRES GHOST COAST BUILDING 00:01:10



5/17/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	GSU MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS	<p>(sot) For the third year, Georgia Southern is using a display like this on all three campuses to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. (vo) The display in Statesboro stretches through the heart of Sweetheart Circle. Each flag bears a tag that remembers either the fallen loved one of a faculty or staff member or one of the troops from nearby Fort Stewart who was killed during one of Third Infantry's seven deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan during the War on Terror. The display comes through the university's Military and Veterans Services office. For them, it's important bring this to campus. (sot) We took on the mission of making sure Georgia Southern University honors and serves those who have served and those who are serving and their families. (vo) They have the flags displayed at the Armstrong and Liberty campuses as well as here in Statesboro. (sot) The flags will be on display through the Memorial Day holiday. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:00:56
5/19/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	LAST DAY FOR BOOKS TO KIDS	<p>Just a reimnder - we're winding down our Books to Kids Drive - but there's still time to donate. Today is the last day you can bring new or gently used books by the station for kids kindergarten through third grade. Stop by and drop them off in the lobby! A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated! Those will be getting in the hands of kids in the Coastal Empire soon!</p>	00:00:22
5/19/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	EFFINGHAM FAMILY FUN DAY	<p>"I think it's good. It's good to see the kids out playing, having fun, I like it. "We have a lot of support from our community and we have a lot of support from our local vendors and resource providers. We even have an opportunity for one of our supporters from Florida who came to visit. Just a lot of people who support our district and our students." Remember, the last day of school for the Effingham County School District is Wednesday, May 24th.</p>	00:00:26

5/22/2023 MORNING  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 5 2023 SCCPSS  
22 GRADUATIONS

The first school to hold their graduation is New Hampstead. Their ceremony kicked off just a while ago at 9 AM- though they had eager students arriving at the arena much earlier, some, even as early as 6 AM. WTOC spoke with one graduate, Manfredo Velasco, who says that this graduation is extra special for him, since he's the first person in his family to earn a high school diploma. And he did it in just three years.

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GRADUATIONS

With around 2000 students graduating from 12 schools the district tells us they are excited and ready to celebrate. For the second straight year every graduating senior across the school district will have the opportunity to walk across the stage at Enmarket Arena. That includes the Savannah Chatham E-Learning academy holding its first ever ceremony. The deputy superintendent for the district says there will graduations Monday through Thursday and the schools have been preparing for days.

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"It feels really good to make my parents proud because they are really proud of me right now. They are getting up at like 6 in the morning preparing and coming over here to see me, and it feels really good." The 12 ceremonies will be spread throughout the week. There will be three ceremonies per day with the timing of graduations remaining constant Monday through Wednesday, at 9 am, 1 pm and 5 pm. Then just a slight change for Thursday. The ceremonies will be held at 9AM, 1PM and 4 PM.

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5/23/2023  
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SKILLED TO  
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It's quiet inside in the Automotive Technology Center at Savannah Tech. The Summer semester is still a week away... But an electric buzz is already building. (Anthony Hobbs - Head of Automotive Department, Savannah Tech) Literally, after the press release on it, I had four different students call me at home at night like, 'Hey, what do I need to do to get in this?' On May 10th, Hyundai and Savannah Tech signed a new partnership... creating a new Electric Vehicle Professional certificate... and a direct path to employment at the automaker's new E-V plant in Bryan County. (Tal Loos - VP of Economic Development, Savannah Technical College) "They wanted people that they hiring to run the machines to produce these cars to understand what's going on and how those cars are working." While the announcement may have expedited this new E-V certificate program... Hyundai approached Savannah Tech because of the skills it's already teaching. (Tal) "First intro class we already had in place. The electrical class, we already had that in place, and then the EV-hybrid class, we already had in place as well. So we pulled them together and put that in there." (Anthony) "The electric car is still similar to what we're driving. We still have tires, we still have brakes, we still have all the supporting systems. They're just run off high voltage." "The biggest thing that we're gonna be teaching is safety, safety, safety." Anthony Hobbs heads the Automotive Department at Savannah Tech. He's spending his time between semesters making a checklist. "We need some fully electric vehicles to train on. Everything we have right now are hybrids." "It's just a matter of getting everything in, getting it approved, getting all the infrastructure in for us. We're still in the process of adding charging stations. We're still getting some test equipment in. I just got a bunch of stuff yesterday." In addition to adding new technology... instructors will get their own update too. "Myself and all my other instructors are going for a week training next week just on EV stuff... I'm really looking forward to see what have I not thought about that we need." "Just to make sure that we're up to date on the latest and greatest of what, what's out there." And make sure Savannah Tech grads are there -- when the first cars roll off the line in two years. In Savannah, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.

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5/23/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	OD BEAUFORT SUMMER READING	In Beaufort County - the county library, the school system and other partners are working together to pull off their summer reading program called "All Together Now." There's no registration or online components - just printed out game boards to keep up with your progress...and the chance to win prizes along the way. The program starts June 1st and runs through July 31st.	00:00:22
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5/23/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	OD LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER	Live Oak Public Libraries in the Coastal Empire are also here to help. The system's summer reading program is for kids...and adults...to read ten hours over the summer, or more. Kids have a chance to earn prizes as they go, and when they hit ten hours, they'll be entered for a chance to win a grand prize. Starting June 1st, there will also be free lunches available Monday-Friday, provided by America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.	00:00:26
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5/24/2023	5AM DAYBREAK OD		LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER	Live Oak Public Libraries in the Coastal Empire are also promoting summer learning. The system's summer reading program is for kids...and adults... they want you to read at least ten hours over the summer. of course you can always read more. Kids will have a chance to earn prizes as they go, and when they hit ten hours, they'll be entered for a chance to win a grand prize. Starting June 1st, there will also be free lunches available Monday through Friday... provided by America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.	00:00:30
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5/24/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD BEAUFORT SUMMER READING

The Library is also partnering with the county school district to give out free lunches each day starting June 7th. That's happening at the library locations on your screen. Everyone up to the age of 18 is welcome to come grab a free meal. The only exception will be July 4th when the libraries will be closed.

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5/24/2023 3:00:00 PM AFTERNOON BREAK OD 5 24 JOHNSON HS HONORS STUDENTS LIFE

"She was very fun, energetic, loved basketball. She was just a people person period." "And she was very smart." Even after seven years not a day goes by that the Robinsons don't think of their daughter. "That beautiful smile. When I think of my daughter, the smile, oh my gosh." But when their daughter, Andralea, was just eleven years old. "She got sick on a Sunday and she died on a Tuesday. Just like that, no warning, no nothing." What they didn't know at the time was Andralea had developed Myocarditis. "Inflammation at the heart. There's a big wall (the myocardium), that actually stops the heart from pumping blood." A loss they still carry with them... "Every holiday is hard. Every moment is hard." And as another big moment was approaching, what would have been Andralea's graduation, they could feel those emotions again stirring inside them...that is until they were given this. "When I actually received it was very emotional. I cried, of course, I cried." Just as her parents had never forgot her smile, or the way she made them feel...it would seem her community hasn't either. "I still have her friends call me to this day. I have her friends call me, 'are you okay? Do you need anything?' That says a lot about my daughter, she was a very lovable person." So, even though they won't get to watch their daughter walk across the stage for graduation...they can find comfort knowing so many of those students who did will forever carry a piece of their daughter with them. "I just want to tell all the kids at Sol C Johnson High School congratulations."

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(nats) Dr. Santosh Reddy scrubbing in for a surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital. (nats) But it was a journey for him to get here. It started at Augusta University's Medical College of Georgia. "I did my first two years there and then I found out that we could actually go to Savannah for our last two years." He says the first two years at the university was all about hitting the books and developing his passion for helping others but... "You can learn all the facts and all the information from those first two years, but the last years are where it all sort of comes together." While in Savannah for those last two years, he worked side by side with a seasoned doctor at Candler Hospital and finished in 2015. He says it was an experience making him the surgeon he is today. "So it's just you and you're attending and you're learning directly from him or her and you get a lot of hands-on practice and learning from very complex patients that we have here in Southeast Georgia." "And doctor Reddy says hopes with the Medical College of Georgia coming to our community that will place more physicians in our area to combat a shortage of doctors." "I would venture to believe that our rate of maybe stage three, stage five four cancers is higher down in Southeast Georgia than it is perhaps in Atlanta where there is more access where people are seeing doctors more often and are getting their screenings." Dr. Reddy will be one of the surgical site chairs that students will learn the ropes from when the Medical College of Georgia opens at Georgia Southern Armstrong's campus. They will accept 40 students a year. He says he especially hopes high schoolers and undergrad students will see this as a new opportunity in their backyard. "The more we can expose folks to the campus down here, the more likely we are to have physicians to come back to actually work here." Camille Syed WTOG News.

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TO DOCTOR

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SCCPSS E  
LEARNING 1ST  
GRADUATES

"I'm very grateful for the passage that I've been granted. Too many blessings so I can't name them all." "I'm doing this for myself but also for my mom. My mom means everything to me." Martinez says he will be going to Savannah Tech in the fall. Congratulations to all the graduates!

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			A special day for the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and their students. The first graduating class from the E-learning academy received their diplomas *Thursday. The academy was created for families who needed an alternative to in-person learning after the pandemic. In total, 54 seniors walked across the stage at Enmarket Arena and turned their tassels to mark their accomplishments.	
5/26/2023	5AM DAYBREAK	SCCPSS E LEARNING 1ST GRADUATES		00:00:24

			To have a youth athlete compete in a jiu-jitsu tournament, families can expect to spend \$150 to \$500 dollars per competition. But thanks to Grant Roszkowiak (Ros-Co-Wiak) and a few of his friends... which they call, "The Guardian Series", that wasn't the case on Saturday at Calvary Day School. Grant Roszkowiak/Tournament Organizer I have four kids. I went to a tournament in Hardeeville and it's just really expensive for my family. I have a four-year-old, a six-year-old, an eight-year-old and a two-year-old. It's like \$120 per kid. Traveling there and paying for food, it's just really hard for parents and families to be able to do jui-jitsu. Me and a group of friends said hey, we want to do something that kids love and promote the sport, so we made a completely free tournament. The turnout far exceeded expectations. We were hoping for 50-60 kids because we've never done this before. We ended up with 130 kids and 250 registrations. We had one of the founders of the sport in America come and spoke. It's just been an awesome thing and far exceeded my expectations. Medals were given out to the winners of each age group and weight class...but even those who lost...took home a win. Win or lose, you win. The meaning of that is if you lose - you may have won more. You got that experience of not getting what you wanted and then having to go back to your world and regroup and try it again. Now, you're going to grow. There are plenty of other benefits gained from competing in Jui-Juitsu tournaments as well. They work through anxiety and stress and being in positions that are uncomfortable. They learn how to process some of these things. It's also about meeting other kids. We do it in a way where it's fun and not I have to win, but rather I get to compete and be with friends. It's a really cool opportunity for kids to push themselves as far as they can and that will translate to school and other sports. They learn to say, "I can do things even though they are hard."	
5/27/2023	6:00:00 PM WKEND 6PM OD	JIUJITSU		00:01:54

5/30/2023 3:00:00 PM AFTERNOON BREAK OD MICHAELA: BOOKS TO KIDS SORT AND PACK Members of our team, including Sam and I, joined a group from Savannah- Chatham County Schools and United Way this morning in Port Wentworth for a sort and pack day. These are all the books that you've donated to our WTOC Books to Kids drive and we can't thank you enough. Volunteers shared their gratitude as well. 00:00:18

5/30/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SCCPSS SUPER FINALISTS They'll announce their finalist for the job tomorrow after about a month of interviews to find a replacement for Dr. Ann Levett. She announced earlier this past school year she would retire. The school system says close to 50 people applied for the position. Tomorrow they will hold a news conference on the steps of the Board of Education Central Office at noon. Once the finalist is announced, in about 2 weeks, the school board will take a vote during a public meeting. 00:00:28

5/30/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD WTOC STUFFS BOOKS WTOC is excited to put books in the hands of kids in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System soon! Check it out - we helped sort and pack backpacks full of books from our Books to Kids Drive. All the books we collected during that drive will be handed out to students. Volunteers with the school system and the United Way of the Coastal Empire all helped with packing process today at the former Port Wentworth Elementary School. WTOC will be delivering the backpacks and books to different schools next month. The first stop is at White Bluff---Tuesday, June 6th. 00:00:34

5/31/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD RH NEW HIGH SCHOOL 2025 The district says the new High School will have state of the art learning facilities, including a 2 story media center, stem labs, as well as new athletic facilities. It will be located off of Belfast Keller Road near the existing Richmond Hill Middle School. The District says it will open in the fall of 2025. 00:00:18



6/1/2023 MORNING  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 6 1 RH NEW HIGH SCHOOL 2025

the new Richmond Hill High School will open in the fall of 2025. the new High School will have state of the art learning facilities, including a 2 story media center, stem labs, as well as new athletic facilities. It will be located off of Belfast Keller Road near the existing Richmond Hill Middle School.

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BLUFFTON  
RIBBON CUTTING

Cheerleading is always on the back burner and Bluffton is trying to bring it forward for us and I love that. They can see that our girls are dedicated, not only athletically, but in school. We are here to lead, so I am glad that they are putting so much confidence in us to lead our school well. It's great to see that they recognize a sport that isn't as big as football. It is great to see that they care about the athletics of all students and aren't biased, or anything like that.

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HAYLEY:  
HINESVILLE  
YOUTH  
ENHANCEMENT

The City of Hinesville has hosted its Youth Enhancement Program for nearly 10 years. Organizers say it helps high schoolers learn important skills for their future careers. Thirty-one students have signed up for this summer's program, and it's the largest group they've ever had. Local businesses have partnered with the city to provide a look into how they operate.... Students also learn important life skills, like resume building and appropriate social media use. The program takes students through the whole job process, from an application and interviews to onboarding and orientation. Organizers say they hope students will take these skills with them far beyond high school. "It's important from the City of Hinesville's stance that we give back to our youth and that we prepare them for where they're going in the future. We hope this program is a part of that, and that all of our students are successful." LL TAG: This week was the first week of the six-week long program. In Hinesville HB WTOC NEWS.

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6/2/2023  
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DAYBREAK  
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SCAD  
GRADUATIONS

Also happening today- SCAD is having their commencement ceremony this weekend! It's happening at the Savannah Convention Center. There will be 2 ceremonies starting later this morning at 9 and this afternoon at 3:30 and it's taking place at the same time tomorrow. They'll also be live-streaming all ceremonies on Youtube. One school official said that this is their largest graduation class yet with 4-thousand graduates.

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6/2/2023 MORNING  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 6 SCAD GRADUATION  
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6/5/2023 5AM  
5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK OD NICK CHUBB CAMP  
OD "I think it is important to give back and tell everybody that whatever they dream of, they can do just like me as a kid. I was a kid going to camp and had dreams. I had people tell me that I could do it, so I am doing the same for them. I just inspire them in anyway that I can. Tell them to work hard, listen to mom and dad, and work hard on the field." Off camera... Chubb said a three-peat is coming for the Dawgs... 00:00:24

6/5/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD EFFINGHAM AG CENTER  
OD "One of the things that I was so happy about when the board purchased this, is just those opportunities that not only the kids that are in our ag classes get from purchasing this place, but all our kids here in Effingham County from Pre-K till they graduate high school." Leaders say the agricenter will begin construction in the next 2 to 3 weeks. They hope to have it all done by the end of February. 00:00:23

6/6/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SKILLED TO  
WORK

?(vo) For Brandon Atkinson, under the hood of a car is a second home. Back in the Spring, he got the opportunity to study abroad. (sot) I was just in here one day and Mr. McDaniel came in and asked me "do you want to go to Germany?". (vo) He spent almost a month there, working and studying at a Mercedes-Benz dealership and earning a certificate. He was one of three students to go there through a new exchange program with a sister school in Germany. (sot) Even in high-demand fields, experience like this goes a long way on a student's resume. School leaders say the exchange program helps students gain skills beyond the classroom. Skills that let them contribute to curriculum here. (sot) Those students came back and I'm sure they can bring it to the classroom and out to the industry. (vo) Brandon hopes his experience will help him get an automotive technician job at a dealership, preferably with Mercedes-Benz. (sot) ..I've worked on cars my whole life. Maybe I can walk in there and say "oh, I know how to do this." but they have a different way to do it. (vo) Dean Robinson says they'll have students visit here in the Fall and more local students will go there next Spring...helping all of them be Skilled to Work. Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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BOOKS TO KIDS  
DISTRIBUTION

For the last several months, our team here at WTOC has been collecting books for our annual Books to Kids Book Drive- and today, we were able to start giving out your donations to area kids. We collected around 8-thousand books in this year's drive- which will go to around 15-hundred kids. Kids from six different elementary schools received their books today- including White Bluff, Islands, Windsor Forest, Heard, Garrison, and JG Smith.

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6/6/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA TECH  
SUMMER  
PROGRAM "We really work with the community to identify what students are interested in. So we ask our parents, we ask our students, what do you want to learn about? Do you want to learn about robotics? Coding? or engineering? We take that information and work with our instructors and professors from Georgia tech and we design the programs here based on what students have said they want to see more of In total, the program is 7 weeks--- Mondays through Fridays. It ends July 21st. 00:00:28

6/6/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA TECH  
SUMMER  
PROGRAM Check it out! Georgia Tech-Savannah getting local students involved in different projects this summer. 2nd through 12th graders who are enrolled in their "CEISMiC" program are participating in fun science experiments, cooking, engineering, and gaming. Each week, students will experience different themed programs. The program director says this gives students the option to learn and explore in areas they are interested in. He also talked about how they develop these programs. 00:00:29

6/7/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JROTC  
CHALLENGE New at 6--- School is out for the summer-- but some high school students are spending their time at camp learning about leadership skills in the military. Hunter Army Airfield is holding its JROTC Cadet Leadership camp once again. Cadets are put into both physically and mentally challenging environments-- including obstacle courses. Cadets we spoke with say they are having a great time. 00:00:23

6/12/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MALCOLM  
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UNITED WAY "So I call reading rallies pep rallies just for reading. As an athlete, many people celebrated the touch downs or passes that I caught, but any time I finished a book, I heard crickets. I wanted to bring a different energy to reading, so that it incentivized students to engage with it in a fun and exciting way." WTOC will let you know when more details about the rallies are released. When it comes to the United Way - reading won't just be a focus for the fall. Their Read United program is year-round. 00:00:29

6/13/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD	BOOKS TO KIDS DISTRIBUTION	<p>?(sot) Another stop on this summer's WTOC Books to Kids tour..this time, at Hodge Elementary. (vo) Books and bags arrived this morning for the youngsters enrolled in the summer program. Grade by grade they came through and picked up bags of books sorted by their age or grade level. The books distributed are from the thousands donated by WTOC viewers. The drive puts books into the hands of students who might not have any leisure books at home. Educators say having "fun" books at home helps encourage and motivate students to use their reading skills. (sot) Even with A-R and other incentive programs where they do get to choose their books, it's different in the summer when we're here and it's a relaxed environment. (vo) WTOC started the distribution last week. So far, nearly 1,000 elementary school students have received 4-5 books apiece, inside a reusable mesh bookbag. . (sot) In Savannah, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:00:53
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6/16/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	EVANS MEMORIAL & MERCER PARTNER	<p>A handful of medical students will get hands-on training in one of our local hospitals. Evans Memorial announced a new partnership with Mercer University School of Medicine this week. The hospital will host 7 to 10 medical students each school year. The goal of the partnership is to give future physicians real-world rural health experience. The partnership builds on the school's footprint across Georgia - with campuses in Savannah, Macon, Columbus and Atlanta.</p>	00:00:28
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6/20/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD	DAL GOVERNORS HONORS	<p>(sot) For Georgia Southern, it's the chance to host roughly 700 potential students who'll soon be deciding where they'll go to college. (vo) High school juniors and seniors from across Georgia filed into the library as part of four weeks of academic, social, and cultural enrichment. Students apply for a spot in Governors Honors in a host of focuses, from academic subjects to the arts, and more. University leaders see this as a chance to make a first impression on "the best and brightest" and introduce them to Southern. (sot) They get to see what campus life - a vibrant campus life - is about. So, yeah, we're putting our best foot forward. (vo) Students learn, live, eat and play here for four weeks. This summer marks the first time Georgia Southern has been selected to host the program, with students and more than 150 faculty from around the state too. (sot) At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?</p>	00:00:52
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6/20/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SKILLED TO WORK	<p>Sohan Bolle knows his way around a kitchen. (Sohan) "I used to help my mom like since childhood cutting vegetables and stuff." But after high school he decided to get serious. (Sohan Bolle - Savannah Tech Culinary Gold Medalist) "I decided to join the Culinary Institute. A lot of things I was doing wrong, but learned the right way to do after coming here." Three semesters later, Bolle is gold-medal winner. In March, he won Georgia's Skills USA culinary competition in Atlanta. (Brandon LeGrand - Savannah Tech Culinary Instructor) "Any challenge that we've given him he's faced and tackled and just made us all proud that we have such a sponge on our hands." Bolle is Savannah Tech's first Culinary student to win the state Skills competition and compete at nationals. It's a five-hour cooking challenge. Competitors are given a basket of food items to create an appetizer, a soup, and two entrees. They're judged on their skills... as well as the finished product. (Sohan) "I have few ideas, but I'm just working on the techniques now, to like be ready for anything." (Brandon) "I've eaten some really good food over the past two months with him preparing dishes." Bolle's spent some time in kitchens in Savannah already... but has bigger plans once he finishes at Savannah Tech. (Bolle) "I just want to work in some good restaurants for like 5 or 6 years and then open my own restaurant." (Brandon) "Going into the national competition, he just has to shine again, because his star is bright and growing." While he may be shining in class and on the competition stage... Bolle says he's still the understudy in his mother's kitchen. "She's the boss in the kitchen. Yeah, she doesn't let me do anything new." Maybe another gold medal will change her mind. In Savannah, Kyle Jordan, WTOG News.</p>	00:01:36
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6/23/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BULLOCH COUNTY	<p>Southeast Bulloch High School could see new facilities to house at least two thousand five hundred students. The addition comes as the board prepares for projected population increases. The plans also allow for the school to hold double its current student population. Along with the expansion, the board also approved plans for a career academy for the district.</p>	00:00:22
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6/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	SCCPSS YOUTH CAMP BANQUET	<p>Special recognition for many Chatham County students today. The Savannah-Chatham Board of Education Police Department held a banquet to celebrate the last day of this summer's Operation 15 Youth Summer Camp. It teaches rising seventh through tenth graders leadership and character. Students in the camp take part in a variety of activities, physical fitness as well as conversations with community and state leaders. The camp uses a military-science model of education, working closely with Hunter Army Airfield and law enforcement organizations.</p>	00:00:33
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SCCPSS YOUTH  
CAMP BANQUET

"We had more camp members this year than anticipated. Only wanted about 25 but we had 39 register. So we went over that number, but the kids were just great. They responded well, I think they enjoyed themselves, and we had some new activities that we threw in there that made it really exciting." This is the sixth year that Operation 15 took place, and Lieutenant Guilford says a seventh is planned for next summer.

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?(sot) The proposed plan calls for, not expanding the current Southeast Bulloch High, but building a new one much larger. (vo) The district's plan is to build a school that would hold at least 2,500 students but could expand to 3,000...twice the size of the current campus. School superintendent Charles Wilson says they're adapting to the anticipated growth in the Southern part of the county due to Hyundai and it's supplier companies. Superintendent Wilson says building a new school is their best option. (sot) "Looking down the road, 2040...2050, because once we build that school...we'll have to focus our attention on other facilities in the Southeast Bulloch area as well as the rest of Bulloch County." (vo) Under the plan, Southeast Bulloch Middle School would move into the high school. The middle school would become an upper elementary for Brooklet, Stilson and Nevils and make those three lower elementary only. (sot) And we'll bring you updates as it develops. In Brooklet, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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6/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	JOE TURNER GYM DEDICATION	Woodville Tompkins High School held a dedication of the school's gymnasium in honor of former Coach Joseph J. Turner. A bronze bust was also revealed of the Savannah State football star turned versatile coach at Tompkins High School. Turner coached football, basketball and track in the 1960's and 70's and was named Georgia High School Coach of the year 7 times in his career. He later became the athletic director before retiring in 19-81. Woodville-Tompkins principal, Alfred McGuire, says the turnout of support shows just how big of an impact Turner made on so many lives... including his own.	00:00:36
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6/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	JOE TURNER GYM DEDICATION	"Having so many people being able to have so many people to come back and tell so many great stories. It really allows you to know and understand the role that educators and coaches play within the lives of people and for me personally, gave me hope and inspiration to continue to do my job just that much better because I know you can have that much of a positive impact on the lives of those who you work with." Turner was also a member of the Savannah State Hall of Fame and the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame.	00:00:30
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**ISSUE 9-SCHOOL NUTRITION HELPING TO PAYOFF EFFINGHAM LUNCH BALANCE THROUGH COMMUNITY DONATIONS, SOURCE: SCHOOLS, ETC**

5/23/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	EFFINGHAM LUNCH DONATIONS	"Thanks to a Facebook post and the Effingham County community for the Effingham County School District no longer has an outstanding school lunch balance." "It's amazing." Trish Nutting who helps run this 'Shop small/support local' Facebook group says she and other Marlow elementary parents got this message. It says in an effort to clear student lunch accounts, students with an outstanding balance will be given cheese sandwiches and sides until their credit is cleared. So, she made this post in the Facebook group with a goal of covering the county's outstanding balance of nearly \$2,900. The owners of Wright Wicks in Springfield, Josh and Heather Wright also shared the message. In hours they were able to raise about \$3,200 thanks to several people, including a generous, anonymous donation. "I spoke to a few parents that had given donations and they were grateful whether if it was for their children or just because they've been that kid before where they received the really simple lunch and it's embarrassing for them, so they were grateful kids didn't have to go through that." Effingham counties school nutrition administrator says they've received more than \$10,000 to go towards students, who have reached their charge limit as well as paying off negative balances. "And thanks to their efforts, the Effingham County School District will now accept donations for their school lunch program all year round. Camille Syed WTOC News."	00:01:26
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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**MINORITY ISSUES**  
**APRIL 1ST, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**60 MINUTES**

05/14/23

**“Yannick Nézet-Séguin”** – an interview with conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin. As the music director for three major orchestras: in Philadelphia, in his hometown of Montreal and at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, he focuses on works by modern composers which he hopes will draw a new, larger audience to the traditional art. Includes interviews with jazz trumpeter and composer Terence Blanchard, a seven-time Grammy winner and the first Black composer in the Met’s history; Latonia Moore, soprano singer; Serge P. Seguin and Claudine Nezet, his parents; and Pierre Tourville, his partner. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Kaylee Tully)

05/28/23

**“Sharswood”** – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently bought a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (The 02/12/23 rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 05/15/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/28/22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebroadcast: 02/12/23 on 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”)

**CBS SPECIAL REPORT**

On **Thursday, June 29**, a CBS News Special Report aired for 13:23 from 10:10:00-10:23:23am cnyt (Supreme Court decision on affirmative action) and for 16:53 from 12:46:52-1:03:45pm cnyt (President Biden’s remarks on Supreme Court decision on affirmative action), both live to all stations.

**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. GA MATERNAL MORTALITY INCLUDING BLACK WOMEN DYING AT DISPROPRIATE RATES, AUTISM AWARENESS DAY, BREAST CANCER SCREENING STUDY FOR BLACK WOMEN, AHMAUD ARBERY BDAY CELEBRATION, BLUFFTON HISTORIC CITES CONNECTED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA, EFFINGHAM CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM RACISM LAWSUIT**

"April is known as Autism Awareness Month. It really should be called 'Autism Acceptance Month,' because I don't see a whole lot of acceptance from the community." Furby says that intolerance can come from total strangers- Furby: "People walk up to me, walk up to the client, and make a comment about the child's behavior, how it's disruptive, how this parent needs to reprimand their child." Or even trusted family members. Part of the treatment kids receive at Grace Autism Services is a behavior plan. That can include intervening when a child is having an outburst.. but not necessarily in an authoritative way, like putting the child in time out. Furby: "When people have family members or friends come and they see that they're doing something different with their child than what is the norm, there's a lot of judgement with that." Furby says her clinic focuses a lot on preparing parents for those types of interactions. In some cases, Furby says the parents themselves may struggle with attention-drawing behaviors. It's her job, in those instances, to refocus treatment. Furby: "As a clinician, my priority might be helping this person to be safe in every environment, and interact with their peers, and be able to function in a classroom, and accept instruction from a teacher, that kind of thing. A parent might be more focused on some self-stimulatory behaviors their child might engage in. So it's baby steps. Bite sized pieces." All in all- Furby says it's important for everyone to make an effort to make sure that autistic people are treated with dignity, respect, and understanding. Furby: "From children, folks who work in the community, how to be aware, and really just seek to understand before acting."

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(nats) This is Venus Weickerson (WICK-ER-SON) "I'm just so grateful for her." She's 2-years-old but last year, her mom Monica McCleary, started noticing Venus wasn't talking much and "Lack of eye contact, that was like one of the main things." Last August, Venus was diagnosed with Autism. "It was really, really hard to get that diagnosis but it took me a while to kind of understand that this is not the end all, be all. It's not a bad thing." Not a bad thing at all and the disorder comes with tons of resources like what you see here. The Treetop Therapy goes from home to home offering Applied Behavior Analysis therapy. (nats) "They play with her with the blocks and help her with her fine motor skills." Behavioral Analyst Francine Jones says their sessions, often referred by a pediatrician, offer a range of services. "Tantrums that they're having, or their getting hyperfixated on things or mouthing things anything like that, we'll help come up with a treatment plan." Jones says often times people put those with Autism in one category. When in actuality, no two people with Autism are alike. "We might see someone who can have a full-blown conversation with you but doesn't know how to stop the conversation. They might have words and they can talk but they don't want to talk to you because you're a stranger." Because Autism can present in so many different ways, they both say it's important not to pass judgement, have patience and most importantly give others grace. "Just because they don't understand the way you understand, doesn't mean they don't understand. So just be graceful." "While Venus may learn differently, she can reach all the same possibilities. Camille Syed WTOC News."

4/7/2023 5:30pm  
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"Black women are three times more likely to die in childbirth compared to White women, according to the National Library of Medicine. The most concerning part, OB/GYN's say two thirds of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable." Dr. Reddick says there are several barriers stopping Black women from getting lifesaving care. Lack of insurance, limited appointment availability and a lack of maternity care specialists in rural counties, especially in South Georgia, all play a factor in the fact that Black women are dying at disproportionate rates. Dr. Reddick says a major reason many Black women report a lack of care is widely because Black women often feel like their health concerns while pregnant, giving birth or after labor are brushed off or ignored. "We need to have honest conversations (like) "You have high blood pressure, so these are those the risk. I need you to be in tune with your body. I need you to call me if you're having problems and we need to assure patients when you call us, we're going to listen. We're going to be your advocate and we're going to care for you." "While it's an extra step Black women shouldn't have to take according to doctors, they say if you aren't feeling heard by your doctor to find a new one and never stop advocating for yourselves. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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(sot) "That could have been me." Tamara Bean from Guyton now has a precious baby boy. But getting here wasn't easy. During her pregnancy she had to make a call to her doctor saying... (sot) "Hey, yesterday I was not feeling the best. I couldn't really get out of bed." Her doctors took her plea seriously and after tests they found out she had an incompetent cervix. "If I would not have spoken up for myself about what was going on and how concerned I was. I probably would've been sent home and had my baby at home." But statistics show a lot of Black women aren't as lucky as Bean. Black women are three times more likely to die in childbirth compared to White women, according to the National Library of Medicine. The most concerning part, Maternal Fetal medicine specialist Dr. Keisha Reddick says majority of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable. Reddick says many women feel their concerns are brushed off by their doctor. "We have to take the complaints and the concerns of the patient seriously and we have to address them. Even if we think that it is maybe a normal symptom that you may have we need to explain to the patient, this may be normal, a different symptom may not be normal." Another concern playing a role in these deaths... (sot) "Over half of the predominantly Black counties in Georgia have no access to maternity providers." Georgia has a lack of OBGYNs and midwives in rural areas to provide pre and post partum care or even care before getting pregnant. (sot) "If you don't have a doctor or someone nearby then those problems may go uncontrolled and you may go into the pregnancy with poorer health." Certified Nurse Midwife Angel Gilreath works at Memorial Health Meadows in Vidalia. She says if Georgia had midwives in every county, there's a chance the number of Black women dying would be lower. "I'm going to go the extra mile and if there's something out of my control, it won't be because I didn't do absolutely everything. If every county had someone like me to be there then this wouldn't be a problem any more and we can see such a change for these women." A change that could save lives. Camille SyedWTOC News.

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"It's really important that we create a culture of empathy and respect and tolerance and to encourage those who have the ability to use their voice, to speak up for injustice, that they do so. It's important to remember because, we're unfortunately, losing those people that are able to tell their stories on their own." Area students had the opportunity to submit work to the Sherry Dolgoff Holocaust Art and Writing Contest- which is now named for a Jewish community member who passed away last year. Contest winners will be recognized during the program. People of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to attend.

4/18/2023 5AM  
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"While Black women are less likely to get breast cancer compared to White women, they have a 40 percent higher chance of dying from breast cancer. That's according to doctors here at Candler Hospital who also say it's very important to get screenings as early as you can." The U.S. preventative services task force recommends women get screened at age 50. A study by JAMA Network on 400,000-plus women recommends that the age be dropped down to 42 for Black women because of the increased death rate. A radiologist here says Telfair Pavilion at Candler hospital offers 3D mammograms, whole breast ultrasounds and breast M-R-Is She believes every woman should start getting screenings as early as 40 and even earlier, depending on their family history. "We take these images to hopefully find breast cancers small and early before women are feeling these and so it's overall a great study, increasing people's knowledge, getting the word out there to hopefully help these women catch these cancers small and early." Because different breast screenings are so important, she says the FDA is making it mandatory that after a woman gets a mammogram she's made aware of her breast density report, which could be vital in catching cancer earlier. This was a measure the state of Georgia and South Carolina have been taking for years. Camille Syed WTOC News

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AHMAUD ARBERY BDAY CELEBRATI  
ON The Brunswick Community is celebrating the life of Ahmaud Arbery would have turned 29-years-old today. He was gunned down while on a jog more than three years ago. The three men convicted of his murder sit behind bars for the rest of their lives. Over the weekend, community and family members gathered to remember and celebrate Ahmaud. His father says it's important to celebrate the person he was.

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"His life is going to be celebrated every day because he was that kind of kid. Because this is kind of life he wanted. Because he always wanted to bring people together. He was loved. Ahmaud is a child you can't forget." Former Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson was charged with meddling in the police investigation. Attorneys for the men found guilty- Gregory McMichael, his son Travis McMichael, and William "Rody" Bryan filed appeals for their federal convictions back in March. You can take a look at all our past coverage on this case by heading to our website WTOC dot com.

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"The emotional distress that has been cast upon these female athletes, as well as the bus driver, has been significant." Liberty County Deputies say the Delaware State University women's lacrosse team bus was traveling in the left lane. The stop eventually turned into deputies searching their bags after a K-9 alert, which led to a complaint with the Justice Department. "Once the deputies got on to the bus and saw that these were Black students the attitude seemed to change." An internal search by the Liberty County Sheriff's Office found no policies were violated. Will Bowman says in part he's confident race no way motivated the traffic stop on April 20th. He also says in the Justice Department agreement he intends to reaffirm his commitment to fair and impartial law enforcement practices where all persons are treated with dignity and respect and will modernize the operations of their department. Attorney Greg Tarone says he and the NAACP are calling for an external investigation. "The Justice Department took the police department's internal investigation for it's word which I find dubious and cursory treatment of a very serious situation. This was not an external investigation." He says he will be filing a lawsuit on behalf the players seeking punitive damages and calling for the deputies to be punished or terminated. "The 4th amendment to the United States constitution which protects against unreasonable searches will be one cause of action and consideration. The other one will be a violation of title six of the U.S. code the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

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		SAV	"There's obviously no harm, you love who you love you are who you are. Whether you're	
		PRIDE: GA	trans, gay, anything.... it's ridiculous to me that they're making laws and passing bills and	
	5AM	TRANS	stuff that's harming the community." "I don't think that people should have to hide who	
6/5/2023	DAYBRE	CARE BILL	they are, especially hearing stories from when my dad was growing up back in the 1960s	
5:00:00 AM	AK OD	REAX	and 70s."	00:00:21

			The Garvin-Garvey House and the Historic Campbell chapel AME are both new additions	
			to the historic network. The national network connects historic sites specifically related to	
			the Reconstruction era. These sites provide education and research on the time period.	
		BLUFFTON	With this addition, the network includes 97 sites across the country. And if you're looking	
6/8/2023		HISTORIC	to visit more of those, the Fort Fredrica National Monument on Saint Simons island was	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	SITES	added as well.	00:00:28

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		TYBEE	Sot: (Edna Jackson - State Rep., District 165) "Some of us didn't even get to the water	
		WADE IN	but were pulled off and sent off to jail and were arrested, so it's because of that that	
6/19/2023	NOON	LIVE	these African Americans - and anyone now because it is a public beach - people can	
12:00:00 PM	OD	VOSOT	come out and enjoy the waters of the Atlantic Ocean."	00:00:15

			Let's show you what it looked like this morning as all these people honored the protesting	
			efforts of Savannah St students decades ago, who were fighting for the desegregation of	
		TYLER:	this beach. The scene today, much different than it was over 60 years ago... as that initial	
		TYBEE	protest was met with aggression... a stark contrast to the dancing and singing of this	
		WADE IN	morning. One of Savannah's recent mayors and a current state representative was a part	
6/19/2023	NOON	LIVE	of that original effort back in the 60's and was out here today. Listen to how she	
12:00:00 PM	OD	VOSOT	describes those protests.	00:00:33



6/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD RYAN HISTORIC PROPERTI ES The Campbell Chapel A-M-E Church and the Garvin-Garvey House are now part of N-P-S's Reconstruction Era Network. The two buildings, built around 1853 and 1870, had significance in Bluffton during the Reconstruction Era. The Church was one of the first houses of worship for freed African Americans shortly after the Civil War. The Garvin-Garvey House, which is one of the first houses built by a freedman in Bluffton, still stands to welcome visitors today. 00:00:27

6/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD RYAN HISTORIC PROPERTI ES "It's getting recognized now. And it should be, and I wish more school tours would come through here and the kids understood what the importance of this building around here, because it's massive that we kept this and kudos to the town and the county, they did a great job." 00:00:16

6/23/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD EFFINGHAM CO. RASICM LAWSUIT Today the American Civil Liberties Union filed a complaint in federal court saying the school system has allowed Black students to be subjected to slurs and hateful acts. It also says Black students are told to stay quiet about racist incidents against them. This comes after a previous lawsuit filed by parents of Black students was dropped. 00:00:20

ISSUE 11- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. REMEMERING MLK 55 YEARS AFTER ASSASINATION AND THE STRIDES HE MADE, INTERSECTION NAMED AFTER FLAUJAE JOHNSON WHO HAS ACHIEVED GREAT THINGS IN HER SHORT LIFE INCLUDING WINNING COLLEGE BASKETBALL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP AND APPEARED ON AMERICA'S GOT TALENT AND RUNNING THE KEEP SAVANNAH BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN AND GIVING 10K TO FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. YAMACRAW SCULPTURE OF REVEREND BRYAN WHO SOME THINK WAS THE REVEREND OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH. MAKING ONE HISTORIC AFRICAN NEIGHBORHOOD PUT ON THE HISTORICAL REGISTRY. REMEMBERING GATOR RIVERS, 100 BLACK MEN YOUTH THEATER PROGRAM, SAVANNAH UNCF LUNCHEON, JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS, PRIDE MONTH, HISTORICAL MARKER FOR ROBBIE ROBINSON, 1ST BLACK ALDERMAN IN SAVANNAH, CHEF JOE RANDALL RECEIVING JAMES BEARD AWARD, POLICY, EQUITY AND POWER BRUNCH  
 SOURCE: SSU, GULLAH ORGANIZATION, JUNETEENTH ORGANIZERS, ETC.

		5AM TYLER		
		55 YEARS	The chair points out that Dr. King spent time in our area pushing his ideals and change.	
	5AM	SINCE MLK	She says by focusing on education inequities and housing struggles, the civil rights	
4/4/2023	DAYBRE	ASSASSIN	leader made strides that are of extreme benefit to society today... but that work was for	
5:00:00 AM	AK OD	ATION	not if his messages are not continued.	00:00:18

			(Bridgette Frazier - Chair, Bluffton MLK Observance Committee) "Dr. King's legacy has	
		5AM TYLER	really just been by some romanticized and even kind of whitewashed in the sense that	
		55 YEARS	people forgot exactly what he fought for, and it wasn't just this grandiose idea of just	
	5AM	SINCE MLK	having a dream and you can kind of rest on that and stop working, it was more so	
4/4/2023	DAYBRE	ASSASSIN	encouraging people to want to continue the work and the legacy because things don't	
5:00:00 AM	AK OD	ATION	happen overnight."	00:00:22

		530 TYLER		
		MLK	Their first big opportunity for folks to get involved will come today at their Martyr Day	
		LEGACY	Luncheon and Banquet that starts at 11 am and will be held at the Rotary Community	
	5AM	HOW TO	Center of Oscar Frazier Park in Bluffton. The committee chair tells me that along with the	
4/4/2023	DAYBRE	GET	rest of the week, it's crucial to not just remember what Martin Luther King Jr. did, but	
5:00:00 AM	AK OD	INVOLVED	continue to push his mission forward.	00:00:23

"Soon this intersection here at Abercorn St. and West Montgomery Cross Road won't be just any intersection. It'll represent an LSU women's basketball championship, a rapper and someone who has represented our area well and given back, Flau'jae Johnson." SEC freshman of the year, Flau'jae has been making strides for years and her accomplishments are steadily growing. She's not just known for her skills on the court, but she can own a stage. Her father, well known rapper from Savannah known as Camouflage, was killed in 2003. She's shared positive messages through her rap lyrics On America's Got Talent for two seasons. But Representative Carl Gilliard, who wrote the resolution, says it's how much she's given back to the community that made the senate and the house vote to name this intersection after her. "I've watched her give back into her community from every element of going to talk to kids in schools when she was in school. I've watched her run the Keep Savannah Beautiful campaign. I've watched her giving to the Frank Culler Boys Club. Who can right a check for \$10,000." "A celebration for the renaming of the intersection is slated for this summer. In Savannah Camille SYed WTOC News."

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This is a small piece of the Springfield terrace neighborhood here in savannah. "a historic African American neighborhood that has been here for over 100 years." But according to Rebecca Fenwick it's currently not listed in the national register of historical places. something she and her team are hoping to change. "There are many black sites across the state that have been overlooked and really underrepresented in the historic narrative." Fenwick works for Ethos preservation and is the leader of the Georgias Full story project. She and her team are working to re-evaluate how the national register of historical places operates and evaluates sites and establishing new criteria. "Many sites have been overlooked. to be honest I don't think historic preservation in general has been equitable and the national register is just a product of that." in order to create new criteria and highlight diverse places they need your help. They want you to tell them about places you think are worthy of being written in the archives. Fenwick tells me Flipper Chapel AME in Springfield terrace neighborhood is the perfect example of the kind of place they want to hear about from you. "Things that you often heard about from your ancestors' things that have passed for maybe generation to generation those kinds of stories that have really stood the test of time. specifically, those that surround places whether it's a building or cemetery." All you must do is gather up your stories and maybe even some photos and fill out a quick survey online. "it's a very quick form, anyone can use it, it's really a way for us to be able to contact you and then there's an upload form and an open-ended option to just write and tell us a little bit more about what you're sending." one form you fill out can make a place special to you get the recognition it deserves. "We know that significance is not always defined by whether or not a building has its original windows."

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(nats) "His courage, his fearlessness." "This is one of the only depictions of Reverend Andrew Bryan the founder of First Bryan Baptist Church but a sculpture and several others are leading the effort to get a bust placed here of Reverend Bryan honoring his legacy in Savannah and across the country." Jerome Meadows and Bob Spell are two of the bunch hoping to get the newest edition to Savannah's newest square up for the public's eye. Born in Charleston, Reverend Bryan bought his freedom from slavery in the 18th century and built what many believe was the country's first African-American Baptist Church. This will be one of many sculptures Meadows has done on prominent Black leaders and says there's no denying Bryan's impact on our area. "Considering the time that he lived through, the blatant racism that he had to endure and his strength and his character, his perseverance." Meadows says his biggest challenge in this roughly 10 month long project will be using this one picture to create a bust of Bryan. But he says it's something that needs to be done so the history isn't forgotten. "We can avoid the erasure that happens in a lot of African American communities." Rev. Bryan and his congregation risked everything to hold church together. Now, Meadows and Spell are asking the community to help them reach their goal of 15 thousand dollars for this project in Yamacraw Square, since the city won't be helping foot the bill. "I think this is the perfect spot for that bust to be and hopefully that it will just peak interest more and people will spend some more time here in the square about the history in each of these plaques." Spell says the Metropolitan Planning Commission will decide if they can move forward with putting the bust here next week. Then, the Savannah City Council will have the final say. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Larry Rivers lived a life that took him around the world...but one that always brought him back to Savannah. nats of conversation? Some of his friends gathered in his office...sharing memories of the man they knew as "Gator" and bringing with them some of his famed basketballs. "He bounced these balls all over the world and the only thing he wanted to do was to bounce them here in Savannah." For longtime friend "Bunny" Bryan III...watching Rivers and the Beach High team win Georgia's first integrated basketball championship was a moment he'll never forget. "Nobody did it like Gator. Because he was a showman." Rivers went on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters...and was inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame in 19-99. "He lived his dream. He wanted to be a Globetrotter, he became a Globetrotter." After his time on the court...Rivers brought hoops to the Hostess City...opening a youth mentorship group called the Gatorball Academy. "Kids gravitated towards him with his ball handling skills at the same time he would develop character." "He wanted children to know, it doesn't matter where you come from, it's where you're going." Former on the court rival...but lifelong friend Edward Daniels says Rivers' struggles early on motivated him to help children. "His father died when he was young. His mother died when he was relatively young, so I think that made him really want to work with kids. He wanted kids to have a father figure, to have someone to look up to." From the basketball court...to county commission...Rivers continued his community service after being elected as Chatham County's District two commissioner in 2020. "He wanted programs throughout the summer. He saw a lot of idle facilities. Ball fields, gymnasiums not being used, but everyone still on the payroll." (BUTTED TO) "He attracted all people and that was the magic." The group now remembering Rivers as a basketball icon and community visionary. "It was devastating because I know what he meant to the city, what he meant to Beach High School, and what he meant to me." Larry "Gator" Rivers died Saturday after battling cancer. He was 73-years-old. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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They've found their element. And now they're stretching their range. "Sulka, she is very confident, she knows what she wants. She's like, to me, she's one of the strongest warriors. Sulka is one of the new characters - and Jada Banks one of the new actors - in the latest play by the 100 Black Men of Savannah's youth theater program, which has introduced some local teens to the stage and has refined the skills of some others. "I love it, it's great. It's so much fun to be able to go up on stage and do something that's totally not you and have so much fun with it. Tim Wright has written three plays for the program. The group of 12 high school students is now rehearsing 'Young Warriors' for a debut performance Friday night in downtown Savannah. "Basically, it's about the coming of age of some African teenagers and they have to face this great monster who could possibly kill them. The cast also gets to explore - and grow from exploring - group dynamics, self preservation and personal conflict. "it's a really fun environment. It's also a really educational environment too, since we learn about each other as well as learn about these characters and the world that we're putting them in. "it feels like these characters have been building on themselves throughout the shows. And it's just amazing to see how different characters and different people can change yet be so similar. And it's just kind of cool to see that process of building up. Edward Bradford is building his theater resume with the new group. He has performed with the Savannah Children's Theater for years, but is getting a chance to work as assistant director on Young Warriors. "I've learned, especially on the directing side, to use my voice more, to purvey what I'm trying to say to people ... it's a really great experience because I get to see a whole different perspective of acting in general. A local audience can see Young Warriors - and the next step for the 100 Black Men of Savannah theater program - Friday night at the Cultural Arts Center on Montgomery Street. "It's kind of a different perspective of shows in Savannah. Not only are they original works but they also bring a deeper meaning to especially people of the black community in Savannah. "Most of the shows I've done, there's always adults playing the characters, but it's also nice seeing people your age and having someone your age also be the assistant director and doing all the bigger stuff. It's really encouraging.

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			A room full of area leaders and people supporting the United Negro College Fund, a program giving Historically Black College and University students here at Savannah State an avenue to excel. "A mind is a terrible thing to waste and we are here to celebrate." UNCF Savannah committee member Earline Davis says their goal was to raise 80 thousand dollars during this event, and with sponsors and more than 200 people showing up for their 79th annual luncheon, they exceeded that number. UNCF awards more than 84 million dollars in scholarship funds to college students across the country every year. Davis says they also provide programs for students. As HBCU's across the country including SSU are facing financial struggles, she says giving back to these colleges is important "In addition to providing a quality education, it also provides that extra layer of nurturing that a lot of students need and it helps them in their future endeavors." "She says students can learn more about the United Negro College Fund scholarship by going to their Financial Aid office on Savannah State's campus. Camille	
5/16/2023		SAVN		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	UNCF	LUNCHEON	00:01:06
			Syed WTOC News."	

			"We have corporate sponsors and we have others who are interested in supporting the cause who purchase tables and that's what we're here today. We're filled to capacity. We're so excited cause we want to spread the news and to also show how important it is." UNCF awards more than \$84 million in scholarship funds to college students across the country every year. They also provide programs for students. I had the honor of serving as the MC for the program.	
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5/16/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD DAWN AT UNCF LUNCHEON A portion of the money raised today goes to help students at Savannah State and students from Savannah attending other Historically Black Colleges and Universities. UNCF Savannah says their goal was to raise \$80 thousand. They say they were able to exceed that number. 00:00:16

5/27/2023 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBRE AK SATURD AY OD GULLAH GULLAH FESTIVAL "I believe that we should embrace and celebrate everyone from all backgrounds and different cultures and the Gullah culture is such an amazing culture and we are presenting so much this weekend you guys have to come out." In addition to entertainment... there will be a vendor market and food court of traditional Gullah favorites. It's free to attend... but some of the workshops cost money if you want to participate in them. 00:00:25

5/30/2023	5PM OD	KIAH HOUSE SALE LATEST	<p>(sot) "Dr. Kiah, what she meant to our community was quite significant." Virginia Jackson Kiah made strides when founding Savannah's first African American museum. The Kiah house was bought and preserved by the Historic Savannah Foundation last year (nats) With it now on sale, what's next for the Kiah House is still up in the air but its future is important to many people living in this area. The notice posted by the Historic Savannah Foundation says they're seeking a preservation minded buyer with a minimum bid of nearly 99 thousand and six hundred dollars for the property. The home built in 1959 needs many repairs. Requirements for the bidder include having a clear plan for the use of the building and previous experience rehabilitating projects costing more than 500 thousand dollars. They also say applicants that propose public access and show the significance of the Kiah House in their plans should be prioritized. "The mayor says regardless it needs to be well taken care of." "Obviously there is some opportunity for some institutional use there. Certainly, the restoration of the house and the way that it's consistent with what it will look when Virginia Kiah was there I think is important, but I think it's more important to carry on the spirit of the Kiah house." One neighbor who knew Virginia Jackson Kiah tells me she the property remains a museum. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:21
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6/5/2023	5AM DAYBRE AK OD	PRIDE MONTH IN SAVANNAH	<p>"It's really special to the community to have that visibility and recognition. It's not something that's celebrated everyday and there's still a lot of hate toward it so to have a lot of people and companies, small buisnesses, come together and just tlak about it to spread awareness i just think it's great for the community." "I just think it's really important to be able to express who you are and not close off."</p>	00:00:24
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6/6/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBRE AK OD	SPD PRIDE BADGE	This isn't the first time the department has approved specialty badges. You probably see a lot of officers wearing green one's for St. Patrick's Day and Pink badges for Breast Cancer Awareness month. According to the police department, It's up to the officer if they want to buy one and wear them.	00:00:17
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6/10/2023 7:30:00 PM	WKEND 7PM OD	BLUFFTON PRIDE 5K	"We at Montage Palmetto Bluff are in the hospitality business. And hospitality extends to everyone regardless of color, creed. We love humans and so we are so excited that the community is here and showing up that love and support for all humans. Organizers say they were able to raise over \$3-thousand dollars today. That money will go to benefit Lowcountry Pride.	00:00:22
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6/10/2023 7:30:00 PM	WKEND 7PM OD	TELFAIR MUSEUM JUNETEEN TH	Juneteenth is a little over a week away... and the Telfair Museum is commemorating the end to slavery... and honoring African American History today! It was Family Free Day at the Jepson Center. Locals had the chance to see art and special performances celebrating black history. Organizers with the museum say this is their 17th year celebrating Juneteenth and it's a tradition they'll continue to honor for years to come.	00:00:25
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	11PM		"The support from our community has been amazing. "Montage Palmetto Bluff has been an incredible supporter of the community and diversity within the community and it just shows. Everyone has showed up for it." Organizers say they were able to raise over \$3-	
6/10/2023	WEEKEN	BLUFFTON	thousand dollars today. That money will go to benefit Lowcountry Pride.	00:00:19
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	7AM		The lowcountry showing some appreciation for the L-G-B-T-Q plus community *Saturday. Bluffton held its first ever Community PRIDE 5-K. Over 200 Runners and walkers headed over to Martin Family Park. They handed out different awards to the overall winners, top 3 in each age division they even handed out top dog awards. They also had food trucks... bounce houses... and more. Montage Palmetto Bluff organized the event and they say it was great to see the community out there!	
6/11/2023	DAYBRE	BLUFFTON		00:00:28
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	7AM		The Savannah Museum honors African American History and held events yesterday specifically for Juneteenth! It was Family Free Day *Saturday at the Jepson Center. Locals had the chance to see art and special performances celebrating black history. Organizers with the museum say this is their 17th year celebrating Juneteenth and it's a tradition they'll continue for years to come.	
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			TYBEE	The Tybee Juneteenth Festival has events on Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 7 at	
			JUNETEEN	Tybee Memorial Park on Jones Avenue. Expect to find vendors, musicians, dancers,	
6/12/2023	5:30pm		TH	speakers and more. The Wade In will be next Monday morning from 8:00 to 10:30. That's	
5:29:00 PM	OD		EVENTS	happening on the beach just off Tybrisa Street.	00:00:17

				Organizers of Statesboro-Bulloch County's Juneteenth observance say it's about	
				bringing community groups together to bring the most people together. (vo) Saturday's	
				event will mark the third year of an organized observance, but the first one to team	
				Bulloch County's NAACP and a local chapter of the New Age Black Panthers.	
				Organizers say this also marks a move to hold it in the center of the county in	
				Statesboro. (sot) We wanted to come together and work together. We felt like we could	
				make it bigger and better by working together. The idea is to get bigger and better each	
				year. (vo) Juneteenth helps commemorate the freeing of slaves through the	
			SBORO	Emancipation Proclamation in 1862. While only became a federally recognized holiday	
			JUNETEEN	two years ago, it was first celebrated in Texas in 1865. McCall sees it more of a chance	
6/14/2023	5:30pm		TH	to commemorate and educate. (sot) And it happens here at the Fair Road Park from 1 to	
5:29:00 PM	OD		PREVIEW	6pm on Saturday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:00:56

			PORT	Happening now-- Port Went Worth is holding its first ever Juneteenth festival. You're	
			WENTWOR	taking a LIVE look at the festivities now. They have African dancing, drumming, cultural	
			TH	activities, and food trucks. Guest speakers State Representative Carl Gilliard and State	
6/16/2023			JUNETEEN	Senator Derek Mallow are there. And a concert will start at 7. The event will go on until 9	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD		TH	tonight behind city hall.	00:00:23

			LINDSEY: MIDWAY JUNETEEN	"For me it's about the education, highlighting the importance of Juneteenth, it a sowing those seeds into our young people so that the legacy don't die because you have to continue to educate have to continue to highlight how important Juneteenth is and we did a great job of that in liberty County." Liberty County will also be having a celebration in Riceboro, on Monday.	
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			FLYNN: TYBEE JUNETEEN	The island's M-L-K organization holding its Juneteenth celebration today. The event features expanded vendors and live cultural performances this year. Organizers say the festivities are all about unity.	
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			FLYNN: TYBEE JUNETEEN	"This event is all about celebrating, honoring our ancestors that paved the way for us, honoring how far we have come, despite that odd that's been held against us. If you missed it today...the event runs again tomorrow at Memorial Park off Jones Ave from 11 a-m to p-m.	
6/17/2023	WKEND		TH		00:00:16
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD				

			RALPH MARK GILBERT MUSEUM JUNETEEN	A local museum is celebrating Juneteenth tomorrow. The Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum in Savannah will be open and free from 1 to 3 PM. They will honor Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert who was the father of the civil rights movement in Savannah as well as Eloria Gilbert who worked in the movement as a field secretary of the NAACP.	
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			That includes the NAACP of Liberty County -- and organizers say they had one of their biggest turnouts yest. The field in front of the historic Dorchester Academy in Midway was filled with vendors and participants were there to celebrate and remember the history of Juneteenth. They had everything from African food to worship bands... and traditional African clothing. Organizers say that it's all about keeping that history alive for generations to come.	
6/17/2023	WKEND	LINDSEY: MIDWAY JUNETEEN		
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			"This year was fantastic. We had over 2500 participants who walked over the historical grounds of Dorchester. It was absolutely fantastic." The biggest crowd they have seen in years, and possibly ever according to Liberty County NAACP Vice President Lisa Thomas. ((Lisa Sot)) "The beautiful thing about it is that people are understanding the importance and the significance of Juneteenth here in Liberty County plus they get a day off so it's a good thing but just to know that we are learning our history we are exploring our history it's just amazing." This year was held at the historic Dorchester Academy, a place that Lisa hopes will be too small for the next year's crowd. "Going forward, what do you hope for next year? Bigger and better!" While the day was full of good eats and entertainment Liberty County's NAACP President is hopeful that this will cross from generation to generation. "For me it's about the education, highlighting the importance of juneteenth, it's sowing those seeds into our young people so that the legacy doesn't die because you have to continue to educate have to continue to highlight how important Juneteenth is" A celebration of freedom in a community where ((sot)) "We are family."	
6/17/2023	11PM WEEKEN	LINDSEY: MIDWAY JUNETEEN		
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			Event organizers say this event is a healing one meant to show off all aspects of freedom. What does a Wade In look like? Tybee MLK says Gullah Geechee storytellers will be on hand for the event before a crowd of people walks knee-deep into the ocean. Event organizers say the first wade in on Tybee happened in 1961 involving Savannah State students with the goal of desegregating the beach. Now...they say today's event is a combination of celebration and protest commemorating all aspects of freedom.	
6/19/2023	6AM DAYBRE	TYLER: TYBEE JUNTEENT		
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 JUNETEEN Local leaders are scheduled to speak at a ribbon cutting before festivities start inside the  
 6/19/2023 6AM TH new center. The public is invited to attend the event on Abercorn Street which will feature  
 6:00:00 AM DAYBRE CELEBRATI Local Gullah Geechee artists and the McIntosh County Shouters. The center has  
 AK OD ON interactive exhibits that leaders say will highlight Gullah Geechee culture. 00:00:20

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 JUNETEEN "Many people who grew up Gullah Geechee, grew up with a lot of shame about their  
 6/19/2023 6AM TH culture. Many moved away and it was hard to celebrate. What we're realizing now, not  
 6:00:00 AM DAYBRE CELEBRATI just us, but the world is realizing there's so much value and rich history in the Gullah  
 AK OD ON Geechee culture. The center stands to preserve that." 00:00:18

(sot) "There were people, for thirty months, who died and died free but didn't know they  
 were free." (nats) Storyteller Lillian Grant-Baptiste at Georgia Southern's Juneteenth  
 celebration painting a pictures of slaves being set free. But she remembers a time when  
 celebrations were scarce in Savannah and many parts of the country. "It's amazing  
 because it used to be a point where you only had one or two Juneteenth celebrations."  
 But this year's celebrations in Tybee, Port Wentworth, Savannah and across Coastal  
 Georgia shows Grant-Baptiste how far the community has come in celebrating the last of  
 slaves becoming free. "It's important because it helps us to remember where we've been,  
 how far God has brought us but also to be very, very aware that the struggle continues."  
 Mayor Van Johnson also acknowledging there are struggles to tackle. But he looks back  
 and see progress his ancestors would be proud of. "They worked and some gave their  
 lives so we would have these types of days." and Chatham County Chairman Chester  
 Ellis sees even bigger celebrations in the future. "I look forward to all the different  
 entities that are having these celebrations all come together and we have like St.  
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			It's a day for joyful festivities - and for many - the promise to continue the fight for justice and equality in America. You're looking at video from the annual Juneteenth wade-in on Tybee Island. Today marks the day Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865.	
		SETUP:		
		TYBEE	They freed 250-thousand people still enslaved people - more than 2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. The celebration on Tybee also honors the protesting efforts of Savannah State students...fighting for the desegregation of the beach just decades ago.	
6/19/2023		JUNETEEN		
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			(sot) Organizers of Sylvania's inaugural Juneteenth observance say they hope they can start a tradition that grows every year. (vo) Folks arrived by the handful through the morning to take part. Organizers say they launched the plans a little more than a month ago. (sot) ..brought up the idea and we all said "let's go for it". It's our first time doing it and we want to see how many people we can get out here and get them involved. (vo) They say they'd watched as other communities had started observances, but wanted the pandemic to be over enough for people to feel comfortable coming together and share the meaning of the holiday. (vo) what do you hope people learn about this besides just that banks are closed and people are off work? (sot) I want them to understand that the most important thing is coming together...whatever our differences are, let us come together in one accord. (vo) For some, it also includes a call to action. Some volunteers helped people register to vote while others recruited people to various other ways to help the community. (sot) In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
6/19/2023	5:30pm	SYLVANIA		
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Standup: To some of you, Chef Joe Randall is known as the Dean of Southern Cuisine, and if you don't know him already, he has been part of the food and hospitality industry for over 55 years. He is being recognized around the world for his culinary influence. He says his main goal is to keep his heritage alive through his recipes. "I wrote the book in the 90s, and I started an organization called the Taste of Heritage Foundation and I was having African American chefs around the country do dinners." nat pop cutting "The point was to get people to acknowledge the contributions of African Americans in America." And today--- over two decades later, Chef Randall is being recognized for writing all those recipes down. Sot "It's a wonderful honor. You know the James Beard Foundation is the most notable food service organization that awards people. It's like getting the Oscars for chefs and restaurateurs like they do for motion pictures." And that is just one of his many accomplishments. Chef Randall's contributions go beyond the book. Back in 2016 Randall and other known chefs from around the world were recognized inside the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. Some of his items are on display there for people to learn about. Sot "So my book and colander is all a part of that." He said he used that colander to create his famous recipes for over 50 years. Sot "It's part of history. You know recipes are passed on either by verbal and that's the way African Americans did it for years. Because we weren't allowed to write we weren't allowed to write books. We were told people what write down what we said and put their name on it and take out contributions we were invisible in sense." But now, he says he finally feels seen and is grateful he can shine a light on all the culinary contributions of the people from his heritage. Sot "I can only say this if you live long enough work hard enough sooner enough someone will say something nice about you." In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC

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"Just after 5 this evening a blast ripped the Abercorn office of Savannah attorney and city councilman Robbie Robinson." December 18, 1989 is a day former Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson won't soon forget. "That was a sad day in Savannah." His friend...and fellow Alderman Robbie Robinson killed by a pipe bomb. "He paid the ultimate price for just trying to do the right thing." Robinson targeted by Walter Leroy Moody for his work with the NAACP. "Hate destroyed one of our greatest hopes. Hate took this man from us far too soon." Robinson was the first ever black Alderman in the 5th District...but made waves in Savannah long before that as his sister told WTOG in a 2018 interview. "he was one of the ones that volunteered to go to Savannah High he was the first black graduate he suffered a lot of abuse, but he just kept going and he just wanted to complete the struggle." Robinson would continue making change in Savannah working as both a Civil Rights Attorney and City Alderman...paving the way for those to follow him. "It is important for our young people to know whose shoulders they are standing on, because the rights and the privileges and the opportunities they're experiencing now did not come without a tremendous struggle." A struggle...a sacrifice that has inspired those who would come after him. "I'm loud because his work was loud. He was fierce, he was courageous and was not afraid." And now his work and that courage will never be forgotten. "3, 2, 1!" The City unveiling a plaque in his memory today "Let us honor Alderman Robison and continue building a Savannah that treats everyone equally." So, although it was hate that took Robbie Robinson...on this day we're reminded... "That all things still work together for good. So, although you can kill the man you cannot kill his legacy. Although you kill the man you cannot kill what he stood for. You can kill the dreamer but the dream still lives."

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The First City Pride Center is throwing its annual Stonewall Block Party. This year also celebrates the center's 6th anniversary. There will be music, food trucks, games and more. It's happening on Bull Street near the Pride Center's location between 31st and 33rd Streets. The block party kicks off at 5 p-m.

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			<p>nat sound It was a party on Bull Street. nat pop sot " we got a drag competition, we got an open mic night, we got the stardust pixies who are a circus performing troop." Everyone coming together for one purpose. sot "We're here to talk to the community and foster more of a sense of community here in Savannah." All while having a good time. sot "It's amazing and I love all the colors and I love the drag queens and I just love being here." Drag queens like Jess, who's stage name is 'amara- fyara' says events like these make her feel most like herself. sot" I think drag helps us understand a part of ourselves that we have not yet discovered and when we are on stage, we are like oh my God this is something new about myself and it helps you grow as a person.' Because she says no one should try to be someone they aren't. "All of us need to be accepted and loved for who we are and not for who people want us to be. It's important that we don't back down and have these events. To say, we are here we're queer and we are not going anywhere." And through events like these, she hopes people become educated. And most importantly, supported. sot "I just want to say to the people out there, especially the little queer kid watching I see you I accept you and I am going to fight for your right to be yourself and I want you to know you are loved no matter what." Because she says when one community feels support, it makes the world a better place. In Savanah, Michaela Romero WTOC.</p>	
6/24/2023	11PM WEEKEND	MICHAELA: STONEWALL EVENT		00:01:24

			<p>"We have the opportunity to have a new voice to move us in a new direction... and have new opportunities for our community. We are truly here to make a difference. "We know that our communities value resources. The best way to do that for our position is to create policy. We have to make sure we have our equity share, we're here to make sure we have our equity share for our community." This morning's meeting was held at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum in Savannah.</p>	
6/25/2023	6:30PM WEEKEND	ANNA: POLICY & EQUITY POWER BRUNCH		00:00:28

			ANNA:	More than 50 cities are represented within the group known as the Black City Councilmen of Georgia... This morning's meeting allowed the council men and women to share ideas about policies and initiatives that have and haven't worked in their respective communities.... Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens was also in attendance.Those who went to this morning's event say... they're looking forward to applying what they've learned from their expanded network back to their hometowns.	
6/25/2023	WKEND	6:30PM	POLICY & EQUITY		
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			ANNA:	A statewide network of black city council members gathered in Savannah earlier today for a Policy and Equity Symposium. More than 50 cities are represented within the group known as the Black City Councilmen of Georgia... This morning's meeting allowed the council men and women to share ideas about policies and initiatives that have and haven't worked in their respective communities.... Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens was also in attendance.Those who went to this morning's event say... they're looking forward to applying what they've learned from their expanded network back to their hometowns.	
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Even as a child, cooking was Chef Mashama Bailey's passion. SOT 1:24 "I had a lot of energy. I moved around a lot. I wasn't the best in school so it's a good opportunity for me to channel that energy positively and physically as well." Chef Bailey has been trained in the finest schools and restaurants in America and around the world with some of the greatest chefs. That along with many years of hard work HAS MADE her a force to be reckoned with. She was named 'The most important chef in America' by the Financial Times . She's also a 2 time James Beard Foundation Award Winner – bringing home the Best Chef Southeast and the Outstanding Chef Awards. "I think I am the first African-American female chefs to earn 2 James Beard awards. I am really proud and happy . I am excited that I have such a supportive team. I could not do it without the staff here." Most recently, Chef Bailey brought home Savannah technical College's Opportunity Award. " it is everything. It is so special. I love that I have had the ability to make such a huge contribution and impact on the city, especially younger folks here that are cooking. and I think that children who need a little bit more attention, they come to some fields like this because they get that tight knit family like atmosphere that help support their difference is there a different personalities creative strength, so I think it's a really great way to ....channel the positive energy." As we look back at her celebrated career, Chef Bailey says she wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the many women who influenced her career every step of the way. "you know the chef that introduced me to my business partner she's a woman. My mother, who really has that taste who can kinda tell me if something is too salty or if it needs to simmer a little longer. My grandmothers who raised children off of nothing. It is such a beautiful well that I can pull from I knew when I became an executive chef that I needed a safe place to pull from and I'm happy that I was able to channel that part of my life." She carries their spirit with her each day. "Really what's next for me and that next chapter is to settle in into what I've built and kind of pay it forward for the people who've been with me along the way and have committed so much it's almost like it rains to them and let them kind of run with it get a little bit of shine out here." Bailey hopes her success will inspire young people to achieve their goals. " as long as you give the time and dedication to something that you want to do and you practice that you research it you can have it. we are fortunate enough to live in a country where you don't have to come from means in order to create a good life for yourself/ all those things matter but really you have to love what you're doing and stay focused with it and it's going to it's going to bring you everything in life that you desire."

6/28/2023

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**APRIL 1ST, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 04/16/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Asa Hutchinson, former Arkansas governor, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (4); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Select Committee on Intelligence (6); Christine Lagarde, president, European Central Bank (7)  
7) Topics include: global economic recovery / recent bank failures / predictions that the U.S. could default on its national debt / competition between the U.S. and Chinese economies
- 04/30/23 **Guests:** Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (1); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former president, Goldman Sachs, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5) (7)  
1) Topics include: efforts to save California-based bank First Republic / big banks buying up little banks / poor management at Silicon Valley Bank / changes to the regulatory system and laws / confidence in Chair Powell and Mary Daly at the San Francisco Fed; debt ceiling  
4) Topics include: First Republic's likely sale / changes to the regulatory system and laws / FDIC insurance / bank regulators / Fed Chairman Powell's attempts to slow the economy down
- 05/07/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Nicole Sganga, CBS News homeland security and justice reporter (2); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (3); Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (4) (6); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (7); Governor Roy Cooper (D-NC) (8); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (9)  
6) Topics include: standoff over the debt ceiling  
7) Topics include: debt ceiling negotiations; failure of smaller banks / stability of the banking sector
- 05/14/23 **Guests:** Nikki Haley, 2024 Republican presidential candidate, former governor of South Carolina, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Oscar Leeser, mayor (D-El Paso, TX) (3); Dr. Victor Trevino, mayor (Nonpartisan - Laredo, TX) (4); Lael Brainard, director, National Economic Council (5); Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL) (6)  
2) Topics include: / using his vote to lift the debt ceiling  
5) Topics include: state of negotiations over the debt ceiling / "default is something that Congress knows how to avoid."; American banking system
- 05/21/23 **Guests:** Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Representative Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Eric Adams, mayor (D-New York, NY) (2); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL) (3); Robert Gates, chancellor, College of William & Mary, former Secretary of Defense, former director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, board member, Pfizer, former commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (5)  
4) Topics include: global repercussions of the debt ceiling negotiations;  
5) Topics include: medication shortage in the U.S. / how to ramp up domestic drug manufacturing / generic drugs;
- 05/28/23 **Guests:** Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Democratic Leader (1); Representative French Hill (R-AR) (2); Austan Goolsbee, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, former White House economic adviser, Obama administration (3); Brad Smith, president and vice chair, Microsoft (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Trump administration, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5)  
1) Topics include: this afternoon's White House briefing on the debt ceiling agreement with the House Democratic Caucus / his conversations with House Leader Kevin McCarthy over the debt ceiling

negotiations / expectation of Democratic support for the debt ceiling deal announced late Saturday  
2) Topics include: his confidence in securing enough Republican votes for the debt ceiling deal / opposition from the House Freedom Caucus / goals of House Republicans contained in the debt ceiling deal  
3) a discussion on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour debt ceiling deal, including potential consequences for the financial system and for the broader economy as a whole

06/04/23

**Guests:** Representative Garret Graves (R-LA) (1); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Brian Moynihan, CEO, Bank of America (4); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6)

1) Topics include: his role in negotiating the bipartisan deal to cut federal spending and suspend the nation's debt ceiling / goals of the Republicans who voted against the debt ceiling deal / spending reforms / getting rid of the debt ceiling / defense budget

2) Topics include: bipartisan deal to cut federal spending and suspend the nation's debt ceiling / Mountain Valley Pipeline, an energy project included in the deal;

3) a report from Atlanta on the good news about the job market and the possible economic headwinds on the horizon

06/18/23

**Guests:** William Barr, former U.S. attorney general, Trump administration (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); General H.R. McMaster (retired), CBS News foreign policy and national security contributor, former national security adviser, Trump administration (5); Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) (6); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (7); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (7); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (7)

**Guest Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (5)

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

4) a report from Atlanta on the 'mixed signals' state of the U.S. economy, as the Fed pauses interest rate hikes for the first time in 15 months

06/25/23

**Guests:** Ian Lee, CBS News London correspondent (1); Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (5); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (5); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX), co-chair, President Biden's re-election bid (6); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Program (7)

7) a discussion on the global hunger crisis and why more needs to be done

## 60 MINUTES

04/09/23

60 MINUTES (7:48 – 8:48p)

**“The Resurrection of Notre Dame”** – a report on the restoration of the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, France. Nearly destroyed by a 2019 fire, the medieval structure and historic monument is slowly being recreated with close to 1,000 workers involved in the detailed process. Includes interviews with General Jean-Louis Georgelin, Great Chancellor of the French National Order; Philippe Villeneuve, Notre Dame's chief architect; Agnes Poirier, journalist and author who lives across the River Seine from Notre Dame; and Danae Leblond, Mathilde Maire and Aude Massimi, restorers working on the cathedral. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman)

04/23/23

**“Healing and Hope”** – a report on the White Helmets, or the Syria Civil Defense. The volunteer organization is currently hoping to rebuild southern Turkey and northwest Syria after devastating earthquakes, while criticism of international humanitarian response to the situation continues. Includes interviews with Dr. Samer Attar, an orthopedic surgeon from Chicago who volunteers for the Syrian



American Medical Society; Amany Jaqlan, a SAMS nurse; Abdo Tarek and Sameh Fakhori, volunteers; Zainab Ali Al-Najib, who lost family to Assad's attacks; and Dr. Mufaddal Hamadeh, a Chicago oncologist and former president of SAMS. (See also: "The White Helmets", OAD: 12/18/16, Rebroadcast: 06/18/17) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)

05/07/23

**"Lithium Valley"** – a report on new developments in the manufacturing of electric vehicles. With a switch to lithium batteries, automakers race to find new sources of the metal. Includes interviews with Eric Spomer, CEO of EnergySource Minerals; Mark Stewart, head of Stellantis North America; David Deak, who worked for Tesla; Rod Colwell, CEO of Controlled Thermal Resources; and Frank Ruiz, the Audubon Society's local program director. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sara Kuzmarov)

06/25/23

**"Sportswashing"** – a report on sportswashing. As Saudi Arabia is being accused of attempting to cover up political repression and authoritarian rule through entertainment, its government claims to be diversifying the economy. Includes interviews with Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Saud, member of the Saudi royal family and motorsports enthusiast; Nick Kyrgios, Australian tennis player; Rasha Al Khamis, Saudi Arabia's first female certified boxing coach; Lina al-Hathloul, whose sister Loujain was imprisoned for leading the Saudi woman-to-drive movement; and Jerry Inzerillo, who was appointed as CEO of the Diriyah Gate Development Authority by the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon) The 06/25/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 04/09/23)

## **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT**

On **Friday, June 2**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden addressed the nation on averting default and the Bipartisan Budget Agreement) aired for 18:16 from 7:00:00-7:18:16pm cnyt, live to all stations.

## **WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 12-HOW THE ECONOMY AND OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE WEATHER, CONSTRUCTION,ETC ARE AFFECTING BUSINESSES. SAVANNAH HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY, BRYAN CO. TORNADO 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY, STILLWELL TOWERS BROKEN ELEVATORS VIDALIA ONION SEASON, ORANGE CRUSH, SAVANNAH HEARSE TOUR THEFTS, SAVANNAH IMPACT ON WRITER'S STRIKE, WEATHER AFFECTING MEMORIAL DAY PLANS, SYLVANIA BAKERY FIRE, SHRIMP SEASON TO OPEN. SOURCE: CITY OF SAVANNAH, US GOVERNMENT , BUSINESS OWNERS, ETC**

A snapshot of homelessness in Chatham County. This week...the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless' releasing the Point in Time count finding 441 people in shelters and 271 unsheltered people. Executive Director Jennifer Dulong says many of both the sheltered and unsheltered people...did not report being chronically homeless. "A lot of the people, even the unsheltered community members right now living in homeless in Chatham, Savannah, and places not meant for human habitation that this might one of the first occurrences of homelessness, or this is just an episode of homelessness." That's a key finding...says Dulong...to help officials tailor programs to fit the needs of those don't report being chronically homeless.. "Individuals that are considered or defined as chronically homeless often times can get access to programs and services a little bit faster because there are programs and services available." Union Mission is one shelter providing those services. Leaders there say the count is crucial. It tells us about the individuals that are out there, and what the needs are. The majority of the issue that we see is on the mental health side." Homelessness has plagued the City of Savannah...says Mayor Van Johnson who highlighted affordable housing initiatives and street outreach teams to address the problem. "The City of Savannah, under this administration has placed historic funding of creating opportunities to be able to address the issue of homelessness in the community." Still...Dulong cautions there isn't a one size fits all solution...but is optimistic in the area's ability to curb homelessness. "There are different supports needed for different homeless situations and circumstances. The type of investment that both the City of Savannah has put into homelessness as well as Chatham County, we can do this."

4/4/2023  
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SAVANNAH  
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COMMUNITY

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The fields and courts in Hendrix Park have a target completion date of June 2023. The replacement gym and concession stand are expected to be completed in 2024 or early 2025. Projects that have been completed are: - Baseball/Softball fields 5-8, including new fencing, dugouts, bleacher stands, lighting, and repair of the concession stand and bathrooms. -The turf field, including all new turf, fencing, goal posts, lighting, and benches. - 125+ new native trees have been planted. -The tennis and basketball courts, including resurfacing and installation of new fencing and lighting. Projects that are underway are: -Baseball/Softball fields 1-4 including plans to replace the two story concession stand in the middle. -Design plans for the replacement gym. -Repair for various outbuildings, concession stands, and pavilions around the park.

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"It serves as housing for the elderly and people with disabilities. Stillwell Towers is no stranger to problems with their elevators. Several times they've been out of service. The Housing Authority of Savannah says they're working on a solution." A \$1.4 million solution. Housing Authority Director Earline Davis says they've contracted with Otis Elevator Company to replace the three elevators inside Stillwell Towers. She says the building currently has two passenger elevators and a freight elevator, for moving equipment, that's not being used. She says technicians are supposed to respond if an elevator is down within two hours. The replacement project has been in the works since the middle of last year but Davis says there are reasons the elevators are taking a while to replace. "It's a slow process because they have to remove everything including the cables and rebuild and replace it all. Then they have to have a period for testing because you don't want an elevator that lifts people 20 stories to not function properly." "A date for when those new elevators will be up and running is not clear yet but we do know it should be done sometime mid next year. Camille Syed WTOC News."

4/11/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

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LL: You can see the charred remains of what burned at this factory over the weekend. Fire crews are on scene combing through the damage as the investigation into what started these fires continues. VO: This is what the Pinova plant looked like on Saturday afternoon. Glynn County officials say the fire started Saturday morning and was contained before reigniting later in the day. Two people were injured with minor burns and anyone within a half mile of the plant was ordered to evacuate. Those orders were lifted at ten P-M Saturday with 30 people spending the night at a nearby Red Cross shelter. The Savannah Fire Department helped fight the blaze. Fire officials say they're now inspecting the plant and remain on scene as a precautionary measure. Glynn County officials say Environmental Protection Agency air quality tests determined that the air did not show any public safety concerns. The fire was in an operational area. I talked to a couple who owns a business near the plant. They describe the situation as strange but are ultimately glad they can get into their store. SOT: "I smelled it and came outside to see what the odor was. Pretty heavy clouds had blocked off the sun. When we couldn't get to the business, the roads were blocked off, the police told us. People were lined up on the railroad tracks looking to see what was going on." LL: In the coming weeks Brunswick officials say they will meet with Pinova representatives to talk about the details of this fire and discuss any potential future inspections and preparedness measures.

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4/17/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD VIDALIA ONION SEASON BEGINS

It's officially Vidalia Onion Season. Today is the pack date for the regional crop. That means they'll start shipping to grocery stores soon. While the onions enjoyed across the country - they're only grown here in South Georgia. That's been the case since 1986 when the Vidalia Onion Act established both the growing region and trademarked the name. Remember - they're only available for a limited time, between April and September.

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4/17/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL THIS WEEK

Now that it's onion season - the official celebration is just days away. The Vidalia Onion Festival kicks off on Thursday and goes through the weekend. Country music singer Gabby Barrett was named as the headliner earlier this year. In addition, the Saturday Night lineup includes Drew Green, Nate Smith, and Josh Courson. We have more details about the festival posted on WTOC dot com.

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4/17/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD VIDALIA BUSINESS INCUBATOR

..put all the resources they need under one roof, provide them some exposure, some networking, some mentoring, and give them a place they can collaborate 24/7. The center is expected to open in Summer of next year.

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4/17/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD VIDALIA ONION SEASON BEGINS

(sot) Like a NASCAR pit crew before a race, farmers have been preparing for weeks to get ready for today when they can ship onions nationwide. (vo) Fresh Vidalia onions rolled down the pipeline as workers graded them by size and quality as they ship tons on this first day. McLain Farms and others prepare for this day and the entire season. (sot) We started about six weeks ago, just doing preventative maintenance anything that could save us downtime because time is of the essence. (vo) They started getting onions ready to leave the field last week. Only growers in a 20 county region can grow this variety of onions and call them Vidalia's. Those farmers work under a federal marketing order that gives them the rules that govern how they can grow them, and when they can ship them. It's all to put the best crop in stores and kitchens everywhere. (sot) ..we want to put out the best quality product we possibly can. It doesn't matter whether it's my brand or anybody else's, and that's most important. (sot) From here, the trucks will ship to the distribution for all the major grocery store chains, then to a store near you. In Toombs County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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4/18/2023 4:30AM VIDALIA  
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK ONION  
OD SEASON  
BEGINS

It's now officially Vidalia Onion Season. Yesterday was the pack date for the regional crop. That means they'll start shipping to grocery stores soon. While the onions are enjoyed across the country - they're only grown here in South Georgia. That's been the case since 1986 when the Vidalia Onion Act established both the growing region and trademarked the name. Remember - they're only available for a limited time, between April and September.

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4/24/2023 ORANGE  
5:53:00 PM CRUSH  
6PM OD FALLOUT  
FOLO

"11,500 vehicles on to a two lane road." "It wasn't a traffic jam. It was a parking lot." People reported being stuck for hours. (Sot) "It was all the way backed up, streets, highways, everywhere." But visitors say what appears to be a record-breaking turnout for Orange Crush was worth the wait. (Sot) "I definitely had a good time out here." Boardwalk Ice Cream was one of the few restaurants that remained open the entire time, welcoming the large crowds. "The reason we're open is to serve spring break college kids wanting to go to the beach and have a good time. So, for 99 percent of them it was college kids having a good time." Some business owners I talk to said they had to close early because their night crews couldn't make it. They tell me they were stuck in traffic for more than 3 hours. "Tybee did awesome but I think they could have used a little more help with the traffic." There were 18 crashes on Saturday alone. One of those happened after a road rage shooting left someone with non-life threatening injuries. Traffic was backed up all the way into Whitmarsh and Wilmington Island neighborhoods like you see here. People could also seen going the other way and driving in people's yards which residents tell me was frustrating. Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley says his officers worked 16-hour shifts doing what they could to control traffic, but crowds this size were unexpected. "We could have had more visual presence and I think that certainly is something we have to look at going forward but we can't anticipate accidents. We can't anticipate multiple delays for hours." As far as Tybee officials, there were 40 police officers, eight code enforcement officers and 13 fire personnel working the weekend. That's compared to the 40 to 50 thousand people on the Island. Georgia State Patrol assisted with 10 troopers originally and a sergeant tells me they called for about five more after Governor Brian Kemp requested more help. Hadley says CCPD was not asked to assist but he and the Tybee Police Chief did communicate throughout the week. He says they will be making adjustments in the future. (Hadley) "Whether it be coordination or communication or what not, this is an unprecedented event with unprecedented numbers. We just have to learn from what we experienced this weekend and do the best going forward."

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4/27/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD FLYNN: RICHMOND HILL HAIL

This is what it looked like yesterday evening as golf ball and tennis ball sized hail came down. That hail paired with strong winds caused damage in the Timber Trail and Harris Trail area. A lot of the damage we've seen driving around have been trees on top of houses...and dented cars and mailboxes from the hail . We spoke with members of Richmond Hill's Fire Department who say this storm knocked out power to several customers...but the electricity has been restored. They also say that there weren't reports of any injuries. Still...one firefighter who has lived in Richmond Hill since 1993 says she's never seen anything like yesterday's storm and describes the situation as weird.

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4/27/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SHELLHOUSE FIRE UPDATE

A Savannah restaurant will remain closed until further notice. That's after owners of the Shellhouse restaurant say a fire destroyed their kitchen yesterday afternoon. The popular eatery serves seafood right off of Highway 204 near I-95. You're looking at video of smoke billowing from the roof Wednesday. Firefighters were able to put the original kitchen fire out within minutes but then it spread to the attic. Only three people were in the building, and they were able to get out. WTOC will keep following this story, and let you know when the Shellhouse is back open.

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Russ Lee paints the batteries in his hearse ghost tour vehicles orange. It's now common practice at the company's lot...making the batteries easier to identify after Lee says about 10 have been stolen in recent weeks. "I'm mad. I'm mad and upset and emotional and I'm not sleeping well." Lee says the burglaries started last summer...but have increased in recent days. The thieves steal just about anything that isn't nailed down. "Batteries, microfiber towels that we get at the dollar store, I had a huge generator here thinking it was too big to move and they grabbed that." At 200 dollars each...Lee says the stolen batteries are hurting his bottom line. "Total estimate we're probably 11, 12-thousand dollars. That's the hurtful thing. They're putting this at risk by constantly stealing from us." The company has used the lot since 2020. Lee says an overgrown neighboring piece of land is drawing in criminals. "It's a factor it's definitely a factor. They're using the railroad as path and they're using the trees to climb over the fence." A Savannah Police report taken after a burglary just last week says metal poles used to secure the lot "seemed to have been bent apart allowing just enough space for someone to squeeze through them." The City of Savannah says the neighboring lot is a public right-of-way that Georgia Power uses. City officials also tell WTOC that S-P-D is help Hearse Ghost Tours secure the lot. Lee says police have several points of interest in the case He's also adding more barbed wire...flood lights and cameras to the lot and says employees now use the lot in groups...especially at night. Lee hopes that if the iconic ghost tour company is targeted again...it'll be the suspects last ride. "These people are going to mess up. And they always do. We're going to catch them." LL: It is worth noting that the founder of Hearse Ghost Tours wants to purchase the neighboring lot for expansion purposes. Lee says there is a five-hundred dollar reward for anyone that can provide information for who's responsible. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

4/28/2023

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TOUR  
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" We got all the alligators, snakes, everything is out here. You may not see them, but they are watching us, trust me." Marion Rollen Chalmers loves spending his time outdoors. "my title is a rice farmer and also a woodsman" He says growing grain is not an easy task. sot "Rice I would say is kind of a difficult crop to be growing. I flood rice the old way and you got everything that goes with this rice field. you got alligators, snakes, mosquitos deer flies, everything plays a role in this rice growing ." Chalmers follows 3 steps to get his heritage grain on our tables. sot "We are planting right now. The planting process is going on right now, then comes the flooding process and it will stay flooded during all the summer months until right about last August and we will start getting water off it." But the grain he grows is not what you will find in your everyday grocery store. sot "its nothing with all the chemical additives for long shelf life. All our products are cold mill products that we have in our store here in Levee, so it' a win-win situation when you eat this food." His goal is to provide the community with healthy food options. sot "These are things that have been here for hundreds of years. That's been growing in this area. A lot of these days you don't see it anymore it's almost like it's vanished. A lot of people have been asking us to grow a lot of these grains. They ask for it and the flavor because the main thing is the flavor of these grains when you actually cook it." He says nothing beats knowing that someone will be enjoying a fresh-grown and healthy meal from his hard work. sot "The Carolina gold to me goes good with everything, the Carolina gold to me goes good with everything. Carolina gold and a squash good yellow squash with the summer months really bring out the flavor of it. If you eatin' the Carolina gold rice grits get you a nice fresh trout to go with it and two eggs in the afternoon for dinner it's just hard to beat." But he says if you try his heritage grain he has to warn you... Sot "It's really hard to beat it is something I would advise anyone to try, it is addictive hahaha" nat pop In Hardeeville, Michaela Romero WTOC

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Local film industry experts are warning of the potential for "tremendous impacts" in the Hostess City...if the Writers Guild of America strike continues. Savannah Film Alliance Founder Charles Bowen says any project currently filming is most likely going to continue production. "But, as content runs out, that new content is going to dry up and disappear. So, obviously down the road, there is a potential for a tremendous impact." Bowen says even though the Peach State only has a handful of W-G-A members...he warns the strike "could" hamper the local film industry. "No matter where the production is being filmed, it was written by a writer. Obviously, if the writers continue to strike, it's going to have an impact everywhere." According to the Alliance...20-22 was a record year for film production in the Coastal Empire...with the industry bringing in more than \$440 million in economic impact. "When a production comes to town, they use every service in town. They use hotels, dry cleaners, bakers, everything you can think of, they need it when they're here." City leaders reacting to the strike...saying they haven't seen any widespread impacts yet. "As it persists, we'll find those challenges. Obviously being a union guy myself, I would like to see them work it out." The Film Alliance says this year's film impact is set to match 20-22's with several productions scheduled to film in the Savannah area through the end of the year. But...Bowen says those films...and the money they bring in...could hang in the balance...if the strike continues. "Anything that is set to film in Savannah that was still being written, that's not going to happen if this strike continues, so it could definitely have a major impact locally if this is not resolved."

5/10/2023 5AM  
 5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK  
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 ON  
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You heard us right. Last week, someone ripped Nina Gompbels' life-sized Ronald McDonald statue from a bench outside of her office in Thunderbolt and dragged him off. Here - you can see the scrape marks on the sidewalk and damage to the bench left-behind. Gompbels - a former longtime McDonald's owner recognized for her charitable work in the community over the years... says, they just want Ronald returned home safely. If you know where Ronald may be... you're asked to call Thunderbolt Police.

5/11/2023  
 12:00:00 PM NOON OD

RONALD  
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The owner says all she could do was watch as fire turned her bakery..into an oven. Donna McDonough fields questions every day about the fire at her bakery and deli. It happened April 16 on a Sunday afternoon. My son called-I thought he was joking with me. I said "ha ha, that's funny." He's a volunteer fireman. He said "Mama, I'm on the way. The bakery's on fire. (vo) She's been open just shy of 27 years and says other business owners started showing up to help before the fire was really out. (sot) ..everybody offered jobs to our employees, with the promise to give them back to us. (vo) She's been overwhelmed at the ways people have helped. (sot) Little Dippers and Grace Waits...she took our left over doughnuts that were in the freezer. She had a fundraiser one Saturday morning. We went up there and helped and got to see all our people. That's what we miss most is our people. (vo) She says she's beyond grateful to everyone who's pitched in during their time of need. (sot) She says she and her daughter are leaning toward reopening, but they're working with their landlord to figure out how and when. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

5/16/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SYLVANIA  
BAKERY  
FIRE FOLO

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The rain today has definitely dampened the mood on Tybee Island, with business owners and visitors alike frustrated by the weather conditions." Stingrays Seafood, like many other restaurants on the island, has outdoor seating, that manager Duane Watts says would usually be completely full on Memorial Day weekend. Today- the outdoor area was completely empty. "You'll have a crowd of 50 people or more, standing out there waiting to get in. And now you won't have any. And people are angry because it's wet and they're having to walk in the rain to get here. You gotta deal with bad attitudes." The frustration of visitors on the island was evident in the people I spoke to. Kids, who wanted to enjoy the first weekend of summer and go to the beach, instead- "Sitting inside. Going to restaurants, cold. Not being able to enjoy it very much." Adults, doing the same. "Well, it was a last minute kind of trip, and we've pretty much been set up in the hotel the entire time today." Some of the visitors I spoke to even found themselves buying sweatshirts and sweatpants from souvenir shops- the bathing suits they packed, not cutting it in the rain and cold. And almost everyone- from kids to seniors- asking the same question: Ganbrell: "He keeps asking, 'When's the sun coming out, when's the sun coming out?' I'm like, I don't know buddy." Shea: Be sure to stick with WTOC throughout the weekend, as our First Alert Weather team will have the latest about the current weather conditions. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

5/27/2023 11PM  
11:01:00 PM WEEKEND  
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WEATHER  
CHANGING  
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5/31/2023 5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM: TYBEE KAYAK BUSINESS	Documents filed in federal court show that Telfair Capital is looking to sell the property at 1 Old Highway 80 to Savannah Bar Pilots, with a closing date set for June 29th. The owner of Tybee Jet Ski and Water Sports, Freddie Barber, says that he's been told he has until then to vacate the premises- despite the fact that his lease isn't up for another six years. The documents state that Savannah Bar Pilots "is not assuming the lease and the property shall be sold free and clear of existing tenants". "I'm still in shock since I found out about it, and I'm just trying to keep face, wait on the court, and we'll see what happens. Barber says that his business has been on the property since 2009- and that he's had to fight through a recession and the pandemic- but feels that he just now got to a place where things are flourishing. The location, he says, is a big part of that success. Barber: "If we have to close down, we'll have to file bankruptcy. There's no other location we can go to. We have over 50 kayaks, 10 jet skis, we invested a lot, so we've got a lot of debts that we owe and it would be disastrous to get out of here, period." Barber says that he employs around six people, whose livelihoods all ride on being able to work at Tybee Jet Ski. The only thing left to do- he says- is let things play out in court. Barber: "We're going to fight with every drop of blood we've got to oppose it. That's why we signed a contract, a lease agreement, and we're looking forward to our day in court."	00:01:26
6/4/2023 6:30:00 PM	WKEND 6:30PM OD	EVANS COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE	Starting tomorrow- Evans County will be closing down Sunbury Road to make improvements. The road will be closed to traffic from U-S 280 to old highway 50 starting tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. You can detour through Daisy by taking 280 and Highway 250. The closure is expected to last until Wednesday.	00:00:18
6/7/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SHRIMP SEASON TO OPEN JUNE 20	A WTOC Update - the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will open the 20-23 shrimp season on June 20th. The date is based on recommendations from the department's Coastal Resources Division. That recommendation looks at a combination of things - including what most benefits shrimp populations. That's why state leaders say there's a short delay in the season this year. Once it opens - both commercial and recreational fishers will be able to bring in the local delicacies.	00:00:28

6/16/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	HAMPTON TRAFFIC CHANGES	Hampton Police are giving a heads up for drivers - the Watermelon 5-K will cause some traffic changes. The outside, eastbound lane of Highway 278 will be closed from Willard to Jackson Street East. That closure will start around 6 a-m and is expected to last until 9 a-m. Officers and first responders will be out to help. The festival runs from tomorrow through the 24th.	00:00:22
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6/20/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SHEA: SHRIMP SEASONS BEGINS TODAY	Some of that comes down to the cost of fuel. At the end of last season- we spoke to Captain Wynn Gale in Dairen who said that he was paying over five dollars a gallon for fuel for his boat- but as of yesterday- he payed 2.92 a gallon. That'll help keep costs down and profits up in a market that he says is flooded with non-local shrimp. One of Gale's big concerns, however, is keeping a crew on the boat.	00:00:23
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6/20/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SHEA: SHRIMP SEASONS BEGINS TODAY	"It ain't looking too good, because you can't hardly find a crew no more. Nobody wants to work. It's hard work. It's dirty, nasty, hard. And a lot of people just don't feel like doing it no more. A lot of boats are selling out, people getting out of it. Old timers are retiring. There's no young crew to come in and fill the shoes, you know." Gale adds that he wishes Georgia shrimping season had opened on the first of June, like it did in South Carolina.	00:00:26
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6/20/2023 6AM  
6:00:00 AM OD

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SEASON  
STARTS  
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The delay in the beginning to the season has meant that there hasn't been fresh local supply to sell to local businesses, though one tells us that it hasn't affected them that much. Maggie Rooads works for Skipper's Fish Camp, and she says that with the amount of fisherman they work with- it hasn't been a problem since federal waters have been open. She says that on a busy week, the restaurant needs around 700 to 1000 pounds of shrimp, with 400 on the weekends.

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6/21/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

SHRIMP  
SEASON  
OPENS  
FOLO

LL INTRO: The opening of Georgia's shrimping season means that shrimpers can now fish closer to Georgia's shores. I caught up with members of the state's Coastal Resources Division who are out on the waters surveying the state's shrimp population. "Walking out the back of the boat here, this is the wench that operates the trawl itself." I caught up with Eddie Leonard, a marine biologist with Georgia's DNR... over zoom today... while he's out on the ocean measuring and analyzing the state's shrimp. He researches groups of the crustacean... all along Georgia's coast. These are photos... taken today from his boat. Leonard says the salinity of the water is crucial to the well-being of shrimp... Last season, without heavy rainfall, the salinity of the water was higher, which isn't ideal for population growth. Now... Leonard says... things are looking good for the summer ahead. "In late April/May, we saw a dip in air temperature which slowed down the warming of water. So, if we continue to see the water warm up and we continue to get more rainfall, the numbers should continue to go up well into June and July." Leonard will keep surveying the waters into next week. LL TAG: Georgia's shrimping season typically lasts until late December or early January. In Darien. HB WTOC NEWS.

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		530 SHEA	It's a huge relief for Barber, who's been running the business since 2009.	
		TYBEE JET	He told me that after people started to catch wind that he was in jeopardy of	
		SKI	closing, he had customers from all across the region reaching out to him	
	6AM	WATERSPO	and even stopping him in public, asking what they could do. The future of	
6/29/2023	DAYBREAK	RTS SALE	the property is still uncertain- as it's still up for sale- but right now, Freddie	
6:00:00 AM	OD	OFF	is in business, and he says that he's been stunned to see how much the	
			community cared when it was looking like he might have to shut his doors.	00:00:30

		530 SHEA	"The community support was great, especially Tybee. The locals on Tybee	
		TYBEE JET	were amazing. Even some competitors on the other side, other businesses,	
		SKI	the yall reached out and asked how they could help. It just was amazing. I	
	6AM	WATERSPO	never saw nothing like that, never thought that would happen, but I'm glad	
6/29/2023	DAYBREAK	RTS SALE	that it did. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart, me and my staff,	
6:00:00 AM	OD	OFF	for their support."	00:00:23

**ISSUE 13-THE STATE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ECONOMY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT. BEAUFORT SALES TAX RATES TO CHANGE, CAT BUS GRANT, RIVER STREET TAX DISTRICT, CLEANER ENERGY TRUCKS FOR PORTS, GA POWER BILLS GOING UP, GOV. KEMP SAYS NEW NEW HYUNDAI PLANT IN BULLOCH WILL HAVE 160 NEW JOBS AND MORE THAN 40 MILLION DOLLARS, SPIKED INSURANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY, PROJECT TO ELIMINATE SEVERAL RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN CHATHAM COUNTY, BROADBAND GRANT, CAT BUDGET APPROVAL  
SOURCE: FED, STATE AND LOCAL GOV, PRES BIDEN**

			Over in Beaufort County- Starting May 1st, the county will be implementing a 1-percent green space local tax, making it the first in the lowcountry to implement this tax. According to Beaufort County, the Green Space program will preserve open spaces for the purposes of protecting natural resources, providing land for recreation, and allow the county to purchase land to protect it from development. The tax will last two years or until 100 million dollars has been collected.	
4/3/2023		WCSC:		
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	BEAUFORT SALES TAX RATES TO CHANGE		00:00:29

			The one point two million dollar Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation -- or SMART Grant -- will allow CAT to explore a new electric vehicle micro-transit project. It would provide a reliable, on-demand service for residents across Chatham County.	
4/13/2023	4:30AM	CAT BUS		
4:30:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	GRANT 645		00:00:16

			City officials say it would provide a reliable, on demand service for residents across Chatham County. Chatham Area Transit (CAT) is hosting a press conference to expand on the recent awarded SMART Grant, secured by U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock. The \$1.2 Million SMART (Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation) Grant will allow CAT to explore a new electric vehicle micro-transit project — which would provide a reliable, on demand service for residents across Chatham County. The press conference will be held at CAT Central located at 900 E. Gwinnett St., on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. The press conference will run from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. There will be a set time for questions following the press conference.	
4/13/2023	4:30AM	CAT BUS		
4:30:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	GRANT		00:00:41

			"We are in fact, or the nation is, as IRS data shows, seeing smaller refunds this year and less people getting refunds, and that's for a variety of reasons. But they're not smaller refunds if you look at two years ago. They're about in line with those." The deadline to file for an extension is also tomorrow. The extension deadline is October 16th.	
4/17/2023		TAX		
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	DEADLINE TOMORROW		00:00:20

			Logistics company Lineage officially opened the Savannah Fresh facility today. The 78-million-dollar processing site created 65 new jobs and will allow the company to transport 1.4 million pounds of produce each day. Officials say the facility will help handle growing demand of southeast shoppers more quickly.	
4/20/2023		LINEAGE		
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	LOGISTICS		00:00:19
		OPENING		

			(sot) One grower I spoke to thinks, if done right, this could put Georgia citrus in markets around the country. (vo) This week, Governor Brian Kemp signed into law the creation of a commodity commission for Citrus fruit. Georgia's Department of Agriculture will help the state's citrus crop through education, research, and marketing. Growers anticipate the funding coming from fees they'll pay in, based on their production. (sot) It opens the door...whether it's a penny per bag, a penny per pound, or 50 cents per box. Those are the kind of decisions that will be coming down the pipeline. (vo) He says the number of farms and acres of citrus in the state has exploded in just the last few years and a colaberative effort from growers and the state could help it expand nationwide. (sot) In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
4/20/2023		LOCAL		
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		SPEAKS		
		ABOUT GA		
		CITRUS		

			LL: Savannah's Waterfront Association says in order for the Community Improvement District or C-I-D to happen...a majority of commercial property owners representing 75 percent of the value on River Street would need to give the thumbs up. VO: Julie Musselman with Savannah's Waterfront Association says they're nearing the amount of support needed to start the C-I-D. It would be used to pay for public safety....beautification...and infrastructure projects along River Street. Initial approval would allow for a six-year term and would be governed by a seven-person volunteer board. Musselman says the C-I-D is projected to raise 500-thousand dollars annually. She says there are already 30 C-I-D's in Georgia and that this money would be used to help maintain River Street. SOT: "The riverwalk was dedicated in the 70's and not much has been done since then. So we have the ability to work to get improvements done faster and working hand in hand with the city who's only got so many resources and they only go so far." LL: City council must approve the C-I-D before it takes effect. Musselman hopes that approval comes sometime this summer. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	
4/21/2023		RIVER ST.		
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		DISTRICT		



The announcement means an estimated \$4 billion invested in cleaner energy trucks at the ports here and around the nation. (vo) Georgia senator Jon Ossoff and others got an up close look at the types of trucks that will become more common around the country. Some run on propane, some on electricity or other alternate fuels. The senator teamed with EPA administrator Michael Reagan to announce \$4 billion in federal spending. The money will be divided between upgrading vehicles and reducing other pollutants around the ports. Ossoff calls it a win on many levels. (sot) ..to improve our capacity to improve growth, to reduce air and noise pollution, and to insure that the continued development of ports like the Port of Savannah insure environmental public health for local communities. (vo) Savannah and other ports have until June 5 to submit input on how they can further reduce emissions at their site. (sot) At the Port of Savannah, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

5/5/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD DAL: OSOFF PORTS 00:00:56

"This is a 4-billion dollar program to upgrade ports nationwide." A major federal investment in ports across the country being announced at the Port of Savannah today. We'll hear more from the U-S senator from Georgia, Jon Ossoff.

5/5/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD TZ: OSSOFF PORTS 00:00:14

Under the plan...Georgia Power customers will see their electricity bills increase by 12 percent starting in June. It's an increase that energy assistance groups say could put an added strain on many low-income customers. PKG: "You're talking a significant increase for the most vulnerable populations in our community. Terry Tolbert helps run the Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah-Chatham County. The group provides hundreds of dollars in energy payment assistance for thousands of low-income seniors in our area. Tolbert worries that with recent rises in food and rent costs...the Georgia Power rate hike will only put more stress on the finances for those the group helps. "They may not be able to continue to pay their rent. They may have to give up some other things that are necessary for the household in order to maintain the energy consumption, and those people may have some health issues." The state Public Service Commission unanimously approved a plan that would raise the typical Georgia Power residential bill by nearly \$16 beginning in June. The company says rising fuel costs are partly why they need to collect an additional \$6.6 billion over the next three years. "We're not allowed to earn any profit on this portion of the bill. This is simply a recovery of those costs, of those higher fuel costs that we're seeing and what we expect for the next couple of years." Now with the increase set to take effect in the coming weeks...Tolbert says the amount of money that comes with assistance may not stretch as far in the future. "In some cases, if they have a disconnect notice, we may not be able to pay that bill unless they come up with the difference between what we can subsidize their utility bill for that period, or not." With the summer heat now approaching...and many turning to air conditioning to keep cool...both the EOA and Georgia Power recommend conserving energy to reduce costs. The EOA also points out that under this agreement...commissioners voted to raise fuel discounts for low-income seniors to \$9.50 a month...that's up from the 8 dollars a month Georgia Power initially agreed to. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

5/17/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA POWER BILLS GOING UP 00:02:08

			"That hot, humid climate in Savannah, we want people to be prepared for that to stay comfortable and still save energy. Your heating and air system, your air conditioners, you're using about half of the energy in your home, so if you can manage that thermostat to about 78, augment it with fans that use much less energy, that's gonna be a key. Make sure the air can flow freely. Change your filters. Make sure your vents and return air registers aren't covered say by furniture or frapes, to make sure your system is running as smoothly and efficiently as possible."	
5/18/2023	5AM	5AM TYLER GA POWER REP SUMMER ENERGY TIPS		00:00:33
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD			

			"Things are already pretty tight, I'll be honest with you. So if you have a large family and an electric bill, and you're on a set budget, I can imagine it's pretty difficult." "The price of everything is going up, and just, we're working hard already. Just raising? It's ridiculous."	
5/18/2023	5AM	530 TYLER CUSTOMER S REACT TO GA POWER HIKE		00:00:16
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			The rate increase will go towards paying that deficit off over a three year period. John Kraft, a Georgia Power rep, says that the 12 percent increase will cost the average customer around 16 extra dollars a month. He says in February- that number was looking like it would be 23 dollars instead, but forecasts for natural gas prices were lower than expected, so Georgia Power was able to bring that number down. Kraft says that despite having to implement a rate increase, Georgia Power is still working to bring costs down where they can- like using different fuel sources, which allows Georgia Power to utilize the most efficient option for their customers. Still, Kraft says he knows energy bills are a big part of household budgets- and says there are things to be mindful of to keep your bill as low as possible, especially heading into those hot summer months.	
5/18/2023	6AM	5AM TYLER GA POWER REP SUMMER ENERGY TIPS		00:00:51
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD			

		NEW BULLOCH CO. HYUNDAI SUPPLIER	Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announcing today another new facility will be built in Bulloch County to help supply the Hyundai Metaplant in Bryan County.	
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		NEW BULLOCH CO. HYUNDAI SUPPLIER	Governor Kemp says the plant is expected to create 160 new jobs and invest more than \$40 million dollars. Operations are expected to begin in May of next year. The chair of the development authority of Bulloch County says the community is honored the facility will be located in the area.	
5/23/2023				
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(sot) You can see prep work has already started for this plant. Industrial developers say they're excited for this announcement, not just for them coming to Bulloch County but also where they've choicen to locate. (vo) Hanon Systems will employ 160 workers for its \$40 million plant. The company will manufacture heater and AC components for Hyundai's electric vehicles that will be built at the plant along Interstate 16 in Bryan County. They're locating in the Gateway Industry Park that already houses Briggs and Stratton, Walmart Distribution, and more. (sot) It is helpful that Hanon is locating inside Gateway Industrial Park, closer to the city of Statesboro. It will be easier for some people who live in the city to get to a job at Hanon. (vo) Thompson says Bulloch County has now announced more than 4,000 jobs associated with the Hyundai plant since its announcement last May. (sot) And we'll update you on any additional announcements as they're made. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

		NEW BULLOCH CO. HYUNDAI SUPPLIER		
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REPORT "The speed at which those entities, Hyundai and the suppliers, hire in the back half of the year really will contribute a lot to whether or not we have just an okay year or a better than okay year." The report says the area's tourism industry led the region in modest growth with hotel and vacation rental tax receipts up about 5 percent. And as for Savannah compares to the rest of the Peach State - Dr. Toma says Savannah has outperformed Georgia's state economy for many quarters. 00:00:28

6/5/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SEN  
WARNOCK & Specifically, the Chatham Multimodal Community Improvement Project.  
OSSOFF ON Officials say it will eliminate 11 at-grade crossings and improve access to  
INFRASTRU an existing port facility in Savannah, Garden City, and Port Wentworth.  
CTURE LAW The funds come from the U-S Department of Transportation's Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program. 00:00:24

6/5/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SEN  
WARNOCK & Senator Warnock releasing a statement about the funds - saying in part  
OSSOFF ON quote, " These latest grants will help alleviate stalled trains that hinder  
INFRASTRU mobility, and allow communities to pursue alternatives that help our  
CTURE LAW children get to school safely and promote greater accessibility for all." 00:00:17

6/5/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD LINDSEY: SPIKED INSURANCE "Some companies are seeing an increase of 10% for auto and 10-15% for home insurance" The price of living is rising and insurance isn't always in the budget for everyone. "I have some friends who just take the risk." But those who choose to have coverage, are paying a prettier penny than before. In 2023 According to the Insurance Information Institute, GA's average home insurance premium is 1362, but the national average is 1272. James Hollands has been a homeowner in Savannah for 28 years and learned first hand when a storm hits, insurance is non-negotiable. "I mean I had the deductible for \$2000 when Mathew Hit and I mean who didn't have \$2000 worth of damage" He has been with his insurance company since the early 2000s and says he feels blessed not to feel the effects of insurance prices, but right down the road, realtor Sandy McCloud, a resident of Tybee Island, says they aren't so lucky. "Since I moved out here in '94, it's gradually getting more and more , but some companies stopped writing policies for east of 95" But the good news is that it could be looking up, the climb is slowing down. "It's not as steep as it was before." 00:01:06

6/7/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM CO. RAILROAD CROSSINGS PROJECT A WTOC update-- We're learning more about a federally funded project that will eliminate several railroad crossings in Chatham County. The county was awarded nearly \$2-million in grants. It's part of the U-S Department of Transportation's Railroad Elimination Program. Chatham County's project will eliminate 11 at-grade crossings from Gilbert Ave to Darling Road in Garden City. That's across from I-516 and near Louisville Road. The county says this will allow longer trains to enter the Port of Savannah. They say it will also help improve safety. 00:00:33

6/15/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SE GA COUNTIES BROADBAND GRANT In addition to the expansion, Pembroke Telephone Company will also be able to provide a monthly discount to eligible customers through the Affordable Connectivity Program. That's the program that offers up to 30 dollars a month off your bill. The senators call the expansion crucial because of how many groups it will impact. 4 educational facilities, 55 businesses and 120 farms will be covered under the expansion. 00:00:25

LL: CAT leaders say the goal of the fiscal year 2024 budget is to recruit more staff and boost ridership. PKG: As Chatham Area Transit continues its pandemic recovery...leaders hope this budget will help the system get more people onboard. "Our ridership has not fully rebounded since Covid, like almost every other transit system in the country is seeing that same thing. But our ridership is moving toward a positive end." C-E-O Faye DiMassimo say the 31 point 8-million-dollar budget pushes for better reliability, adding that service modifications are in store for the transit agency soon. DiMassimo also points out the budget provides funding for many initiatives in the system's master plan...including a new...electric vehicle...micro-transit project...which she says will help modernize the rider experience. "Getting them to the places where they need and want to go, when they need and want to go there from where they are and where they're trying to get is a very important part of customizing and modernizing transit service. And you're going to see that." From riders...to those behind the wheel...the budget aims to recruit and retain drivers and help the system overcome staffing shortages by adding longevity pay and a wellness program for employees. "We cannot expand without the manpower. The budget supports that, and as we move forward, we'll add more man power." LL: The new budget is set to take effect July 1st. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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**ISSUE 14-HOW CHARITABLE AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY. ENERGY ASSISTANCE, WTOC RECEIVES GREENBRIAR AWARD, STATESBORO HABITAT HOUSE, UNITED WAY DONATION IMPACT HOMELESS PROGRAM MONEY, ANIMALS OVERCROWDING SHELTERS NEED TO BE ADOPTED, BLOOD CONNECTION DRIVE, HYUNDAI DONATES TO CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SAVANNAH ENERGY EFFICIENT WORKSHOP SOURCE: NON-PROFITS,**

4/3/2023  
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RICARDO:  
ENERGY  
ASSISTANC  
E PROGRAM

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Cooling Program has opened back up for senior citizens this month. The program is to help residents in the Savannah-Chatham County area 65 and older help get cooling in their homes. The director of the program told us what people need to do once they got their appointment.

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			"We just need them to know that what they need to do is put in an envelope a copy of their ID card, a social security card. There will also need to be a copy of their most recent electric bill, and their 20-23 award letter. Place all of that in an envelope and place on the front of the envelope their name, their phone number, and their appointment time. That's all they need to do- put that in the drop box to 618 West Anderson Street and then we'll see them at that time. If you weren't able to get an appointment this month- don't worry, you can apply to get one next month as they're planning on opening up the program to the general public. Again- this is just for cooling and not heating, and you do not have to enter the building.	
4/3/2023		RICARDO: ENERGY ASSISTANC E PROGRAM		00:00:42
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD			

			"We also take this time to recognize the people who helped us through the year, who supported our efforts, and the work that we do, and so it's very meaningful to us that you believe in our work so much that you would support us in the way that you do. It's the first time the group has been able to hold their annual meeting in-person since the pandemic.	
4/5/2023		WTOC RECEIVES GREENBRIA R AWARD		00:00:20
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD			

			The group says more than 58-thousand-dollars were given in the form of things like insurance deductibles, gas cards, and rent assistance in the wake of the April 2022 storm. United Way says it signed formalized agreements with Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties earlier this year to host fundraisers like this one in the event of future natural disasters.	
4/5/2023		UNITED WAY DONATION IMPACT		00:00:22
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD			

			Meanwhile the United Way says all the money raised after the storm has been given out. The group says it distributed more than 58-thousand dollars in insurance deductibles, gas cards, and rent assistance. United Way says it signed formalized agreements with Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties earlier this year to host fundraisers in the event of future natural disasters.	
4/6/2023	6AM DAYBREAK OD	UNITED WAY DONATION IMPACT		00:00:23
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For Charles Sikes this is much more than just a cup of coffee. "You know it's something that everyone enjoys. Every morning she'd start the day with a cup of black coffee, so, just a way to remember her." With each sip, a memory. "My mother was, she was kind of like the glue for my whole family." But five years ago...Charles and his family got news that would bring their world to a stop. "My mother, in 2018, she was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's." And as they would quickly find out...the fight to beat it would not be easy. "There really is not a treatment available. There were some medications that we tried but they just weren't effective in helping her." The disease would slowly rob them of their mother and her of her memories. "It just felt like there was a lot of goodbyes. Every time we saw her, we were kind of saying goodbye to her again." As Charles and his family mourned the loss of their mother, he turned his attention towards finding a way to stop this from happening to anyone else. "I could have made a one-time donation which would've been great, which I did, but this is a way I continue to give going forward." What Charles did was start a business, Lasting Memories Coffee Company. "I thought it was something that had a broad interest." Inspired by his mom's love of coffee...and helping to fight the disease that took her from them...donating 10 percent of all sales back to Alzheimer's research. "My hope is that other families that have family members with Alzheimer's would have some resource, some sort of treatment. I thought supporting groups like the Alzheimer's Association, that are doing research on Alzheimer's, would ultimately find some sort of medication that would help them find a cure later." Although it won't bring his mom back...in a way it keeps her alive...each cup full of a little caffeine...a lot of hope and the belief that one day we'll all have lasting memories. "I think she would be proud. I think she'd be proud to know that I'm support Alzheimer's research and trying to make a difference."

4/6/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK OD	ALZHEIMER'S COFFEE		00:01:58
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"Today's event is going to raise over \$20,000. It allows us to keep the lights on, the doors open when you're a 24/7 operation and it's just a lot of fun because we're here. All the runners get to see where the money's going, see the mission, realize that we're 176 steps across the way from the children's hospital. It's a great day." Some of our WTOC crew members made it out there for the race as well! You see from right to left reporter Michala Romero, morning break producer Brittney Johnson, along with anchor Aria Janel and her dog all in good spirits as they supported the great cause.

4/8/2023 7:00:00 PM	WEEKEND 7PM OD	TYLER: RED SHOES RUN		00:00:34
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Looking ahead- This Tuesday the Effingham County Health Department is offering free, confidential S-T-D screenings. It's happening from 1 to 3:30 at their location on 802 highway 119 South in Springfield. Appointments are required and you can call the number on your screen to schedule one. The Coastal Health District will also be offering the same event this month in different counties. We'll have more details on our website- WTOC dot com.

4/9/2023 11:49:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	EFFINGHAM CO. FREE STD SCREENING		00:00:26
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<p>4/11/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>STATESBORO HABITAT HOUSE FOLO</p>	<p>This design combines concrete with a series of styrofoam blocks like we all played with as kids. The concrete mixer rolled in to Statesboro, bringing a new home, and a new kind of home, for Maria Lipsey. (sot) I'm excited to be the first. I've never really ever been the first to do something, so I'm excited. (vo) Habitat for Humanity is teaming with folks in the concrete industry to design these types of home. It's slowly picked up speed in the last three years. This marks the first home of this kind build by Habitat locally. (sot) It's easy. It's an easy system to pick up. It's volunteer friendly. It's quick so it's more cost effective and that can get more houses built. (vo) In addition, it will be energy efficient, storm and fire resistant. Jenkins says local volunteer crews learned the system to build the styrofoam molds and block in spaces for windows and doors. They hope to add more homes like this one in the future. (sot) It'll take about three days for the concrete to harden and they can move to the next phase of construction. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	<p>00:01:01</p>
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<p>4/14/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>BRYAN COUNTY ASK A LAWYER</p>	<p>The United Way of the Coastal Empire and Georgia Legal Services Program are partnering to put on the event. It's happening on April 25th from 10 A-M to 1 P-M at the Bryan County Senior Citizens Center. A list of civil issues attorneys can address are on your screen. Appointments are recommended but walk-ups are welcome. We have posed the number to call to make an appointment on our website WTOC dot com.</p>	<p>00:00:24</p>
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(sot) Excitement builds through the week as the rodeo brings fun for everyone and funding for a host of local causes. (vo) Crowds will pack the arena this weekend for the annual Kiwanis Rodeo. Anna Woolsey is the current Miss Rodeo USA and has already heard about this stop on the tour. (sot) They told me these guys would have me pretty busy and it's a great rodeo and a great town. So I had a little knowledge before hand. (vo) Cowboys compete for prize money and points on the tour. But the big winners for the weekend are the Kiwanis Club and all the local non-profit groups they sponsor with the money raised. (sot) We give to FFA, 4H, Boys & Girls Club of America. As a non-profit, anything we make over our operating budget goes directly back into the community. (vo) Organizers anticipate 5-6,000 between the two nights...and that's just fine with Anna. (sot) ..people come up and ask me what I'm doing and why i wear a crown and it helps us grow our sport and grow the community. (sot) And the fun happens Friday and Saturday evenings at the Bulloch Co. Ag Arena on Langston Chapel Road. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

4/25/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD STATESBORO CHARITY RODEO 00:01:03

We're getting an update on the construction underway for the new warehouse for America's Second Harvest Food Bank. You're taking a look at new video we got today of the project. The new space will be on Chatham Parkway. The Executive Director for the nonprofit had previously said this new facility will double their kitchen space, in addition to doubling warehouse space and creating more loading docks for trucks. The project is expected to be finished no later than the end of next year.

4/26/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SECOND HARVEST CONSTRUCTION 00:00:29

All money raised supports the mission of Tunnel to Towers -- a non-profit that helps pay off mortgages of first responders killed in the line of duty, and provide homes to injured veterans and their families. The tournament featured 122 golfers... made possible by a group of about 30 volunteers. Organizers say the day is all about giving back to those who have served their country and communities.

4/30/2023 11:01:00 PM WEEKEND OD TYLER: BLUFFTON GOLF TOURNAMENT 00:00:24

			TYLER:	"It's important that we support those first responders and the military that	
			BLUFFTON	take care of us. Tunnes to Towers, their motto is 'Let us do good.' and	
	11PM		GOLF	that's what we're trying to do, we're trying to bring Tunnels to Towers	
4/30/2023	WEEKEND		TOURNAME	awareness in and around the lowcountry." The 3rd Infantry Divison Color	
11:01:00 PM	OD		NT	Guard also took part in today's event.	00:00:19

				"It's an awareness campaign for folks to go visit our website at	
				our200club.com become a member to support us financially, or volunteer	
				and the second reason why we do this is to show respect and appreciation	
				for our men and women who are out here not for the money - they dont do	
				these jobs for the money - they do it because they have a significant desire	
				to help the community." The 1-mile course took runners from the Pooler	
				Parks and Rec. Department to West Chatham Middle School, as	
5/6/2023	WKEND			emergency personnel from all over our area gathered to support a cause	
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	200 CLUB		close to home.	00:00:33

				Now in its 9th year Wine, Women and Shoes has raised more than a	
				million dollars for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal	
			SAM:	Empire. That money goes directly to help the families of sick children have	
			RONALD	a place to call home in walking distance from the hospital. So, not only	
5/8/2023			MCDONALD	does the now two day event raise money but it also helps raise awareness	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	HOUSE		for how others can support them year round	00:00:23

<p>5/8/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>SAM: RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE</p>	<p>"You only know about our services if you unfortunately receive that call from a doctor or someone else that says something has changed dramatically in your life. So there's a lot of people that don't always know what you do, but then you get to have an event like this that's really engaging to the community and that community is really supporting it. I mean this event is one of the best charity event 5 years in a row and when we first started it 9 years ago, we were like "do you have something you always think you do". But for us, it's turned into something that I don't think anyone could have imagined." Although tickets are sold out for both the fashion show on Wednesday and the Wine, Women and Shoes event Thursday you can still donate to the cause. Head over to wtoc dot com slash king of sole to donate.</p>	<p>00:00:47</p>
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<p>5/10/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>HORIZONS SAV FUNDRAISE R</p>	<p>"We would just like to bring some awareness in the community to the services that we provide to youth and to encourage people who want to make a difference in the lives of students here in Savannah... Our summer program has three components: we offer a rigorous academic curriculum, we have social-emotional learning opportunities, and then we also teach swim lessons to every student that comes through our program every summer." Their Horizons Giving Day event is coming up on May 17th.</p>	<p>00:00:29</p>
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LL INTRO: This most recent funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow programs for those experiencing homelessness to continue here in Chatham County. According to executive director of the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Jennifer Dulong, the \$3.5 million is a renewal that will go toward the expenses of eight different programs in the area. That includes projects like City 54 which is permanent supportive housing for people with special needs, the Economic Opportunity Authority's Tom D. Austin House – which offers family housing, and Union Mission, which offers various housing options, among others. Dulong says funding for these projects is critical. "Sustainability is relevant, we absolutely cannot afford as a community to lose any funding for any of these projects. We need every single bed space available, we need every single permanent supportive housing unit available to help our citizens who are experiencing homelessness. When communities lose some of that money, there's a chance that they could lose some of that access to that housing and those bed spaces." The most recent data from the Authority – from January of this year – shows 712 people experiencing homelessness in Chatham County. Dulong says this funding... will help continue to meet the needs of the community – and they're seeing progress. "Just since January, 51 heads of household have been housed in permanent supportive housing projects and/or have been able to self resolve into a unit that was advocated by one of our local partners, and that matters." LL TAG: Dulong says while these grants are extremely important to these organizations, they only partially cover the entire operating budget or programs for those experiencing homelessness in Chatham County, which makes community partnerships all the more important. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS

5/11/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

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HOMELESS  
PROGRAM  
MONEY

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The organization tells us the money will go toward their new headquarters being built off of Chatham Parkway. The new building will allow for a warehouse twice as big as the current one... and have five times as many loading docks for suppliers to drop off food. Second Harvest's leader says this grant is a crucial to their plan.

5/12/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

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HARVEST  
GRANT  
MONEY

00:00:19

5/12/2023	4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	SECOND HARVEST GRANT MONEY	<p>"Being able to have this funding come directly in and help with that project, you know our goal is that we will build this project and we will not have any debt at the end of it. We've been working very hard, the entire staff has been working very hard value engineering and different things to make sure we're able to complete this project so this five million dollars is going to help with that." At today's meeting commissioners also approved the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery in the amount of five million dollars for Second Harvest, for that project.</p>	00:00:34
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5/15/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	WINE WOMEN SHOES TOTAL RAISED	<p>It's all thanks to the combination of the fashion show luncheon, Wine, Women &amp; Shoes night and the Shoe Guys. The 'Shoe Guys' brought in a little over \$38-thousand. That includes more than \$5-thousand from 'Prince of Sole' and WTOC's own Max Diekneite and our Sam Bauman raising about \$5-thousand as well. ALL the money raised goes toward helping them provide for families of critically ill children right here in the Coastal Empire.</p>	00:00:25
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5/24/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SECOND HARVEST TOPPING OUT	<p>Check it out! America's Second Harvest is one step closer to opening their new facility being built on Chatham Parkway. They held a ceremony today for topping out on the first phase of the \$40 million dollar construction project. Crews broke ground back in December. The executive director of the nonprofit says they are ahead of schedule and that the facility is expected to be done by December of this year. The food bank will have warehouse space, a volunteer center and agency marketplace, a kids cafe commercial kitchen and administrative offices.</p>	00:00:33
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			They held a "topping out" ceremony yesterday -- on the first phase of the \$40 million dollar construction project. Crews broke ground in December. The executive director of the nonprofit says they're ahead of schedule. The facility is expected to be done by December of this year. The food bank will have warehouse space, a volunteer center and agency marketplace, a kids cafe... commercial kitchen and administrative offices.	
5/25/2023	5AM	SECOND HARVEST		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	TOPPING OUT		00:00:26

			Chatham County is looking to fill a slew of roles - from lifeguards to sheriff's deputy recruits. They're hosting a job fair for the county's open positions this week. It's happened at WorkSource Coastal on Thursday, June First. That's from 10 a-m to 1 p-m.	
5/30/2023		CHATHAM CO. CAREER FAIR THURS		
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD			00:00:15

			Kayla Follett was an employee at Coco's Bar and Grille back when Mike Scarborough his wife, Iris, owned the property. She says that they both cared for the cats- but Iris in particular would help feed them and raise money to take them to the vet if needed. Follet says when Mike and Iris passed away a few years ago, she and Barber started taking turns feeding the cats. She says she's worried about what might happen to the cats when the property is sold- and feels a responsibility for them after years of taking care of them.	
5/31/2023	5AM	530: FERAL CATS		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD			00:00:31

6/1/2023 10:00:00 AM	CBS CUT- INS OD	CHATHAM CO. CAREER FAIR THURS	Also happening this morning- Chatham County is trying to fill several roles - from lifeguards to sheriff's deputy recruits. They're hosting a job fair for the county's open positions this week. It's happening at WorkSource Coastal this morning from 10 to 1 p-m.	00:00:15
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6/1/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HYUNDAI DONATIONS	Hyundai also made a donation at Children's Memorial Hospital of Savannah today. Hyundai's hope initiative donated \$25-thousand dollars to the hospital's Safe Kids Savannah program. The program offers free car seat safety checks around the community, as well as offers training on how to properly install a car seat. It can also help new parents identify the best car seat to fit their needs. The new funds will help the program continue to provide free car seat checks, as well as provide car seats for families that need them.	00:00:31
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6/2/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SBORO HOMELESS RELIEF EVENT	We give them clothes. We give them encouragement. We encourage them. Then we feed them. The food and drink is all free of charge. It happens tomorrow from noon to 4pm at Wisdom Tire & Brakes on Northside Drive in Statesboro.	00:00:13
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6/7/2023 MORNING UNION  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 6 MISSION  
7 GALA

"Tonight is about raising hope. It's about helping those in our communities that really need the assistance, that don't have a place to go on a nightly basis and tonight's program we support our emergency housing programs. Right now we have 124 beds for people we are serving on a nightly basis and so this is very important to us because we don't get a lot of funding for emergency housing programs outside of private donations and so the assistance we get from the public, and from companies and individuals really makes a huge difference."

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6/7/2023 MORNING  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 6 TIM: LB3  
7 GOLF CAMP

It's an unconventional golf lesson instructing kids about things well outside the game. "The concept of this golf program is to teach life skills. We use golf as a vehicle. And the LB3 Foundation is driving growth in the community again by introducing kids from the city's summer camps to a sport many had not played before at a private club most had never seen. "Anybody can learn, they just need to be exposed. And that's what we're doing at the LB3 Foundation, we're exposing them to a great facility like the Savannah Golf Club, teaching them life skills. "It doesn't get any better than this, to get those kids encouraged and motivated and basically put the though in their mind to take respect from here and apply in it in their community. In its seventh year, the LB3 camp is partnering with First Tee Savannah, which shares the mission of changing young live through golf and has some unique techniques for delivering that message. "We call it First Tee Baseball ... and basically played a game of tee ball basically with a golf club. Amarya Burkes was one of the more experienced players at the camp. "I've played mini golf, I've played at family reunions, my dad takes me to play sometimes ... But even those seeing a course for the first time could have been hooked by the unique approach. "It's fun, learning how to play golf and getting better at it ... It feels real good. I might ask my mom can I come back. LB3 will be back at Savannah Golf Club every Monday in June, each week teaching a new group of kids about golf -- and what it can do for them. "Golf is a game where people cut deals on the golf course. So, it a networking. You can network, you can meet a lot of good people who can lead you to other things. "You don't have to be great. It's a social game, lots of business is done on the golf course ... to be completely honest, I don't play the game that well, but it got me here. And on Mondays this month, it will have local kids imagining where it can take them. "That's the whole thing, I can do it too. I can someday be a member at Savannah Golf Club. I can someday be a golfer."

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(nats) Crouton playing with his friend now but not long ago he was on a list to be euthanized. While he was rescued, many dogs in Chatham County aren't as lucky. In fact Chatham County Animal Services is at full capacity and sending dogs to area rescues. "I think the biggest thing is we just have a lot of animals coming in and not as many going out." Dr. Jake Harper says there have been fifty less adoptions this year compared to last year. "And when Chatham County Animal Services is at full capacity, dogs like Crouton and puppies like Tetrabyte are taken in by Renegade Paws Rescue but even they are full, taking care of about 500 dogs." Cody Shelley with Renegade says right now 30 percent of dogs that go into the Chatham County Animal Services are euthanized. "These are not sick dogs, these are not dogs who have behavioral issues, these are animals that are healthy, could be adopted out and we aren't able to keep them alive because we don't have the space." This rise in surrenders and lack of adoptions skyrocketed in mid 2022, according to Shelley. "We see a lot of folks without the financial capacity to care for pets coming out of the pandemic. Inflation is really bad. The economy is rough for folks." So what would help this issue dogs are facing? Shelley says they need more people adopting and fostering these furry friends. Renegade will cover food and medical costs for the pet while you foster them. She says it could be a life saving measure worth a try no matter your work or school schedule. "It is better for that pet to be crated and chill during the day while you're at work then to die in the shelter alone so please reach out to us. Consider opening up your home." Another thing to consider...spay and neuter your pets. Shelley says this is a bigger solution to this life-threatening problem for dogs and they offer the service for free. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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Don't forget - the City of Savannah is helping folks save a few bucks by offering energy efficiency workshops. The dates for June are on your screen now. The programs are for income-qualified Georgia Power Customers. They help you make minor upgrades to your home that can happen in a day...and not only make your home more comfortable, but the city says the changes also help lower monthly energy bills. You just need to bring your bill to the workshop to get help applying.

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The Savannah Ogeechee Canal Museum and Nature Center had been using a tarp as their roof for several months- when a man named Harold Porterfield took notice while driving by. He pulled into the museum, asked about the roof, and then put in a phone call to RPI Homes and Roofing. Within weeks, contractors were out at the museum taking measurements and preparing to install a roof, completely free of charge. It's the kind of thing that the President of RBI says is a big part of their mission.

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			<p>"We're always looking for initiatives like this, because part of our mission statement is to positively influence our employees, our vendors, our customers, and our community so we saw this as an opportunity to benefit the community." "It means everything because we have very historic artifacts in our building and we've been worried about the weather. We want them to know we appreciate everything they've done by going around and getting all these donated materials and doing all this work." The roof shingles were donated by one of RBI's suppliers- and RPI themselves donated the labor. They installed the roof today- which they say should be good for about 20 years.</p>	
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**ISSUE 15--HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE A GREAT ASSET TO NON PROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY. MAKE A WISH VOLUNTEERS, RBC HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS, ORGAN AND BLOOD DONORS**

**SOURCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.**

			<p>A wish granted for a little girl battling sickle cell anemia. That's what Make-A-Wish Georgia did today for 8-year-old Anela Curry in Pooler. The foundation grants wishes for children who have critical illnesses. Anela was surprised with this purple and pink princess unicorn room. Crews with Corcoran Austin Hill Realty and Make a wish volunteers spent the weekend decorating and painting. Today was the big reveal and as you can see, it was all smiles! Her parents say she has always wanted to be a princess.</p>	
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...in the type of person, I don't give up, my wife can tell you that I don't quit.  
As a 25 year Army veteran and 4th degree black belt -- Cosmore Suttle  
was used to a fight. For the last two years, he's been in a fight for his  
life... and it all came to a head late last year. "My cardiologist came in and  
he told me, 'Well, this is it now. You need a transplant. There's nothing else  
that we can do.'" The 60 year old's heart started failing two years ago...  
when he noticed swelling... and weakness. His family noticed it too.  
(Britney) "He just declined. He was not talkative. He was just always  
sleeping. He didn't socialize anymore. (Ellen) "He didn't even do his karate  
anymore. He just had no life in him." His doctors in Savannah tried  
medications... but soon Cos had another problem. "Some of the meds  
affected my kidney and that's what caused the kidney failure." By the  
time he traveled from Pooler to Charleston... and met with surgeons at the  
Medical University of South Carolina... few options were left. (Dr. Arman  
Kilic / Surgical Director of MUSC Heart Transplant Program) "He was in a  
situation where he was hospitalized and in bad enough dual organ failure  
that he wasn't leaving the hospital unless he got something." And he'd  
need both -- a heart and a kidney at the same time. On New Year's  
Day... he went under the knife... not once, but twice. "As soon as they  
came and told him 'Hey, we're gonna roll you out, it's time for you to go,' It  
was scary because I didn't know if he's gonna come back." Doctors  
Arman Kilic and Joe Scalea performed rare combination of heart and  
kidney transplants at MUSC. (Dr. Joe Scalea - Surgical Director of the  
Kidney Transplant Program) "This was particularly exciting because, not  
only did we get to perform two transplants at the same time and help Mr.  
Suttle, but we did it using a combination of very cool technologies that  
weren't even available a few years ago." The heart and kidney  
transplant combo has only happened about 3,000 times according to data  
from the United Network for Organ Sharing. To make this surgery even  
more remarkable... Cosmore's heart came from a donor who died a  
circulatory death... or DCD. Only about 20 other people have ever gone  
through this exact combination. "When he was in the ICU and this  
machine's hooked up, I held his hand. And I said so you're gonna tell me if  
you can hear me please let me know if you can hear me. Just wiggle your  
toes squeeze my hands while your eyes whatever he did all three of them."  
Winner After hours in the operating room... and days of recovery...  
Cosmore Suttle has emerged with a new heart, a new kidney, and a new  
perspective on life. "With this opportunity, I just want to live life, do better,  
and enjoy my family."

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"As Memorial Health staff got together to honor the lives of those who have donated their organs, they're also highlighting the need for organ donors in our community." A donate life flag raised for the selfless act of organ donation. "You can't put a price on that. That's a life-saving gift." A gift that many people don't have yet as 3,300 people in Georgia are waiting for an organ. Memorial Chief of Trauma Dr. James Dunne says the Savannah area has more organ donors than other communities. "I think the whole country needs more donors. We're very fortunate here. We have a very aggressive and very involved community from an organ donation standpoint." In fact, Memorial Hospital's CEO received an award from LifeLink nonprofit for providing assistance to families donating their loved one's organs. "It turns a bad situation into something that's good. They're losing their loved one but their loved one has the opportunity to save as many as eight lives." Tammy Wilkes with LifeLink says when signing up to be a donor, you can pick what you would like to donate. There are organ, tissue and eye donors. Memorial Health does not perform transplants, so they partner with LifeLink who recovers organs for transplants. "We are talking with families at the worst possible time, when they've lost someone they love." She and the Memorial Health staff here encourage people to sign up for organ donation when getting their driver's license before tragedy occurs. That way their families aren't burdened with that decision. "So that when we do come in and have that conversation with them and start presenting them with their opportunities for donation, it's a matter of carrying through with what the wishes of their loved one is." "More information on how to sign up to be an organ donor is on our website WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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Vo Volunteers Nat Ball hit Vo Are all over the Harbour Town Golf Links Nat Wait for the rope to go down please Vo While the golfers get all the attention for their play, none of it would be possible without the folks in these yellow shirts... like Donald Jones. Nat "I'm a co-captain here on hole number 1." Vo It's his 12th year here keeping crowds under control. Nat Quiet please Vo but he's only been a hole captain for the last few... meaning a whole bunch of extra responsibility. "Our organizational part of this starts months before the tournament." Vo Going above and beyond the normal responsibilities at the course, as it almost becomes a part-time job leading up to when the golf world comes to Hilton Head. Sot "We're getting the list of volunteers that are assigned to us. We have to look at what their shift preferences are, when they're available." Vo All of that without pay, as he and hundreds of others... volunteer their time for this tournament. The guy looking over each and every one of them, saying the RBC Heritage simply doesn't happen without people like Donald. "They're thanking me and it should be the other way around I should be thanking them because again, we can't do it without them and they're just ecstatic to be in the environment." Vo Our favorite mustached hole 1 co-captain, explains why he feels exactly that way. Sot "I think it's the enjoyment of being around, being inside the ropes, being with the players, being with the other members of the team."

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Laughing out on the tee box of hole 10 Nat Vo Or yelling when everyone else is quiet. Sot: (Alan Perry - Mayor, Hilton Head Island) "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the 12:22 tee time. Please welcome from Scotland, Russell Knox." Vo Alan Perry is just one of 1500+ volunteers this week. A slightly more incognito role than the one you may know him from, although he tells me a lot of folks out here aren't buying it. Sot "I've got a lot of questions, are you really the mayor or is that a self proclaimed thing?" Vo Of course, he really is the island's elected leader... but he's actually been volunteering out here at the Heritage significantly longer. Sot "My dad used to be out here announcing as well and he brought me in when I was a young kid, so he was out here for about 38 years so he brought me out and now I'm still filling his shoes after he's gone." Vo He says being out here means a lot on the family front, but also just as a member of this community... as Perry believes the mayor should be involved in the town's biggest events. He also says being this close to the action Nat Vo Isn't too bad of a perk as well and one of the reasons he's back for an 18th year of volunteering during his first one as mayor. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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"It means a lot to me. You know my dad was a Vietnam Veteran so for me it's really personal to give back and serve our veterans. It's very core to me. I enjoy giving back, volunteering my time, making an impact in the community that they need." They also built smaller structures that will go to families of veterans with kids to use as play houses.

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DAY More than 300 volunteers from nonprofits in our area worked together to frame walls for new homes, make raised dog beds for service animals and take the first steps in building new therapy spaces for veterans to gather. Those who worked on the project noted how rewarding the build was. 00:00:17

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NT The tournament featured 122 golfers... made possible by a group of about 30 volunteers. All money raised supports Tunnel to Towers -- a non-profit that helps pay off mortgages of first responders killed in the line of duty, and provide homes to injured veterans and their families. 00:00:17

Alma Mikell feeds the hungry - and fuels their hope. "It's the heart of God. Whatever I have, I share it. Sometimes, I give my last. Several times each week, Mikell shows up at Savannah's Baker Street Park with food for whoever needs it, preparing hot home-cooked meals for many of the homeless on Savannah's west side. "Sometimes there's 10. Sometimes there's 40. It varies. You have people coming from all over. She provides those meals with her own limited means and through her new ministry, "Use What You've Got." "Use what you've got is simply use whatever you can afford, whatever you can place your hands on, whatever God gives you - use it to help yourself and help others. Not having a lot hasn't stopped Mikell from helping. 10 years ago, she was recognized as a WTOC Hometown Hero when she was volunteering at the Homeless Authority while homeless herself. Now, she is giving again from a similar situation. "I am homeless again. I did find a home that I was renting to own and then I lost it. But now I'm living with family. But I was in the midst of the extended-stay hotels with all the other people. Yet, she still delivers food - and encouragement - for people to get out of a situation she hasn't fully escaped. "Many people would say how can you give your all to others and I would say it's not about me, it's about helping others. And that's the way God is. He's a giver. "That's where her heart is. Her heart is with God. She has the heart of a shepherd. So, this is why she's out there and she's helping. "The ultimate goal is to end homelessness and there's multiple resources to do it but it hasn't been done. For now, Mikell will continue to be one of those resources. She funds her ministry and the meals she delivers with occasional donations and by selling inspirational acronym t-shirts. But she makes it work with her compassion. "what I cook, they eat. When it's cold and I can put them up in a motel temporarily, I do that. When they're sick, I do the same thing. I just use what I have.

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"Next week, we're really hoping to see 40 donors on World Blood Donor Day, June 14th. We have national blood donor month in January a great time to raise awareness, but now, during the summer, June 14th, we're really trying to raise awareness. Get people out. If everyone donated blood twice a year, we'd never have a blood shortage, and you'd never hear from me again. Again, WTOC and the Blood Connection are holding that drive next Wednesday. Coming up on THE News at 6 - hear from the Blood Connection on why the need is so great right now.

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Looking ahead--- You have a chance to save up to three lives and get a 70-dollar gift card in the process. WTOC and the Blood Connection are teaming up for a blood donation drive this week on World Blood Donor Day. It's happening Wednesday at the Farah and Farah Office on Abercorn Street. We, along with our partners at the Blood Connection have set a goal of getting 40 donors.

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**ISSUE16 DELEVOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND TOURISM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. RBC HERITAGE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, HIGHLANDS PARK DEVELOPMENT, GULFSTREAM EXPANSION, PINE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT, VIDALIA ONION SEASON, GHOST PIRATES TO USE 90,000 SQ FT IN PORT WENTWORTH, BULLOCH CO. ZONING FREEZE EXPIRING AND COUNTY PLANNING ON INFRASTRUCTURE, STATESBORO REVILITIZATION, SPRINGFIELD NEW BUSINESS CENTER, BULLOCH CO. FUTURE VISION, STATESBORO CREEK DEVELOPMENT, BEAUFORT CO. UPHOLDS PINE ISLAND LAW, QUAIL RUN LODGE EMINENT DOMAIN, NEW I-5/I-16 RAMP, LAWSUIT WITH HHI LADY OVER HER PROPERTY, METTER AGRIBUSINESS, PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF SAVANNAH BUILDINGS, PEMBROKE DEVELOPMENT, NEW MEMORIAL HEALTH KIDS OUTPATIENT FACILITY**

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

			With Hilton Head's biggest week of the year now just days away, preparations all around the island are in full swing. Sot: (Steve Wilmot - Tournament Director, RBC Heritage) "We have 5000 plants that were delivered, we had Hilton Head regional health care center their unit was delivered, we've got Palmetto Electric working with Hargray, we've got concessions being built, we've got fences going on... so there's a lot happening but it's exciting. It's a true team effort and a great time of year." Vo He says there's an electric atmosphere around here this week, with much of the buzz around the amount of top players on their way. Sot "Our field is as strong as some majors, I mean we've got a major field. We have 23 of the top 25 in the world right now, 28 of the 30, 44 of 50... I can go on and on." On cam tag "WTOC's coverage of the RBC Heritage presented by Boeing is just getting started. Next week we'll have everything you need to know from local business impact to who's leading come Sunday. For now though reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	
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			People living in the Savannah Highlands area are looking forward to a new park. Today - city leaders talked about their plans for the project. Those include a half-mile recreational trail, lighting and greenery on the 30-acre lot off Benton Boulevard. The first phase will cost the city 1-point-2 million dollars. The city says there will be several more phases after that... that include building more trails and a baseball field.	
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"I think that either way, no matter what happens Monday the county will be going to court." Vo Thousands of people on Saint Helena have signed petitions against the potential change that could allow development in the area. One group leader telling me they'll fight a decision against them as hard as possible. "We'll go as far as the Supreme Court if they allow us to do." Vo On the other side are potential developers, who Greenway believes will sue the county if their plans are thwarted. Sot "If anyone submits for any type of golf course facility inside the CPO if this amendment gets adopted of course the staff would then turn that down." Vo He says if the compromise to this protection document is in fact adopted, developers would still have options... just not a resort, gated community or golf course. Sot "The developer still has the right under the current zoning to place 168 homes out there." Vo The people I spoke with don't want anything built and say it's about protecting the one thing passed down from their ancestors, who were freed slaves. Sot "Us being Gullah Geechee people this was the only thing our family had to leave us was land, it's all we had." Vo Dr. Gibbs gives tours at the Penn Center, a museum showcasing one of the first educational facilities for freed slaves in the country. It's a national historic landmark that she feels represents the importance of the area perfectly, saying if anything were to be built on Gullah land, it should be for the people that have been here for generations. Sot "You can't just destroy our lives which we've had forever." Vo The center's director saying they'll do anything to make sure the land stays protected. "That's the way I see it, as a battle and it's a do or die battle."

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The City of Savannah is celebrating progress on a million-dollar project. You're looking at video of what's been accomplished at Highlands Park so far. This is all part of phase-1 of the project. It includes a walking trail with lighting and a parking area.

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"Any and all jobs you can possibly imagine, we're hiring. So your friends, you neighbors, send them our way. We can hook them up with Savannah Tech and others to get them trained. And I'll end on this: We're hiring."

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Today's announcement pushes forward a long history for the company in Savannah. In 1958, the Gulfstream 1 became the world's first purpose-built business plane. The company relocated to Savannah in 1967. Defense company General Dynamics purchased Gulfstream Aerospace for US\$5.3 billion in 1999. In 2022, the latest Gulfstream, the G800, made it's first flight. The all-new plane boasts a range of 8,000 nautical miles.

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The area's largest private employer is about to get even bigger. Aircraft company Gulfstream announcing 16-hundred jobs coming to Chatham County. That's on top of the 11-thousand-plus area workers already employed at the company. "Any and all jobs you can possibly imagine, we're hiring. So your friends, you neighbors, send them our way. We can hook them up with Savannah Tech and others to get them trained. And I'll end on this: We're hiring." Economic officials applauding the announcement. "1,600 new jobs for the Savannah community. Very very well paying jobs, I might add. Aerospace is top of the market when it comes to manufacturing." The company also plans on expanding manufacturing facilities and building a new customer service center...in all totaling 150 million dollars in investment. We choose to be here because you are such good partners and this such a great community." Gulfstream has been in Savannah since 19-67 with the Georgia Department of Economic Development saying aerospace products are the state's number one export.

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(sot) The market opened to huge crowds. Now managers want to keep that going through out the season. (vo) Saturday morning kicked off the 2023 season. The Main Street Farmers Market gives local businesses - from produce farmers to ranchers and others a place to sell. (sot) I would say this was our record market of all time. We had 53 vendors in attendance. We had almost 2,400 guests who showed up. (vo) This marks the second full season in the new indoor venue. Farmer says the vendors faired well, doing roughly \$36,000 in business collectively. That averages to about \$15 per visitor. They hope with more vendors, additional access from the new boardwalk, and weekly programs they can keep attendance steady and avoid ebbs and flows in the season. (sot) ..students, local residents, people coming to visit...and finding ways to offer something for everybody. (vo)

STATESBORO FARMERS MARKET FOLLO

She says produce farmers made up nearly half the vendors and that contributed to the turnout and the volume of business. (sot) The market continues every Saturday at 9am at the venue behind the Statesboro Welcome Center. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"I think for the restaurant business and for a lot of businesses, it's fantastic everyone's coming. And I think it's an honor to have them here. I think it's great especially if you're a golfer." "I love golf. I'm a golf junkie so there's a lot of golf courses here to play and the tournament with the PGA tour is something I enjoy going to. I've actually caddied for the pro-am's there in the past which was a lot of fun for me. So i just enjoy going to the tournament and harbour town and Sea Pines is an absolutely gorgeous area." Residents also say to keep traffic in mind because the Island will be busy all week long. Tournament play kicks off Thursday and runs through Sunday.

RBC HERITAGE WEEK DAY 1

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Hilton Head Island's sometime sleepy PGA Tour event got an early wake up this year. "cannon" The traditional RBC Heritage opening ceremony welcomed the PGA Tour back to the Lowcountry. But the volume at Harbour Town had been turned up even before the cannon blast. "As relaxing and special as it always is, it's even more exciting with these big-name players here to honor the game. The 55th Heritage could be the biggest yet. It was made one of the Tour's new designated events for 2023 - with a \$20 million purse attracting most the world's best players and perhaps the largest Tuesday crowd Harbour Town has ever seen. "A lot of names are coming out this year that you wouldn't ordinarily see. The tournament got bumped up to being one of the premier events, so it's going to be packed this year. And it will be charged with a unique energy even before the tournament begins - with an every-day sellout announced three weeks before Heritage Week now getting to watch a field that includes 33 of the top 40 players in the World Golf Rankings going head to head. "All in all, the elevated events are just more challenging when the players overall there is more depth and more of the top 50 players in the world. So, it becomes harder to win, harder to top 10, but the whole point is to get everybody playing together as often as possible. All those players and all those fans have Year 55 shaping up as an all-time Heritage. "We've had a time share here for 40 years, so this is so enjoyable to witness this for all these years and especially this year with all these big names here. It's pretty exciting.

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Nat Razor Nat This mobile shop can do it all Nat Brush Vo From the reigning champ... "Got a great cut here" Vo To staff and fans... Nat Mr. Devine here is getting a skin fade with a hard part Vo Over 80 people have gotten their haircut right on site here at the RBC Heritage. "It's been a really cool experience cutting the players they've all been real polite, just on and off the course they're gentlemen through and through." Vo One of those players... Beau Hossler who stopped in before his round in the Pro Am. "Went a little two on the sides, just an inch off the top, line it up on the sides... dialed." Vo Barber Paddy Myers knows that a lot of times golf, comes with a hat... so he's got his fingers crossed these pros will look after their cuts. The golfers meanwhile are, well... maybe more focused on the game. Sot "I didn't even look when he did it, I trusted him so what do you think has it come in ok?" Vo I'll let y'all be the judge if that, but no matter your opinion on the haircut... the mission it helps is undeniably cool as Barbers of the Lowcountry is planning to use their collected autographs in an annual fundraiser... thinking this star power alone could help get them to a milestone they've been chasing for a while. Sot "We're going to auction that off with a silent auction for our tournament this year and we're going to break that \$10,000 goal this year."

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		CONSTRUCT	website WTOC dot com. The president of the group, Tripp Tollison, says	
		ION JOBS	they would like to partner with as many local groups as possible.	00:00:17

4/13/2023			A WTOC Update - opening day at Hendrix Park will be rescheduled for a	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	HENDRIX	later date. You may remember - Bryan County was set to celebrate the	
		PARK	start of baseball and softball season tonight. It was supposed to mark the	
		OPENING	opening of several new fields after they were rebuilt in the wake of a deadly	
		DAY DELAY	tornado last year. You're looking at video our crews took last week - one	
			year after that storm. The weather quashed tonight's fun...but the county	
			says they'll pass along the new date when the schedule it.	00:00:29

4/13/2023		CITY	The project - originally slated to only last a few months and cost 11 million,	
11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	COUNCIL:	208 thousand,888 dollars. It ended up costing the city a grand total of 13-	
		BROUGHTO	million, 330-thousand, 395 dollars. City manager Jay Melder says that	
		N	discrepancy comes from pausing construction during the holiday season at	
		STREETSCA	the request of business-owners on Broughton Street, as well as challenges	
		PE	the city faced during the project.	00:00:24

4/14/2023			Liberty Transit is asking for your input as they update their transit	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	LIBERTY	development plan. It will be the third plan since they launched fixed route	
		TRANSIT	service in 2010. Part of the plan is to re-evaluate transit needs in the	
		SURVEY	Hinesville area. As a part of that - they're asking people to take an online	
			survey. It's open now through June 6th. Liberty Transit says the results	
			will be used to guide the project's goals and what gets recommended.	00:00:26

PKG: From the packed opening ceremonies... nats of cannon? ...to the final putt... nats of fans? ...it was one of the biggest years the RBC Heritage has ever seen. "We decided to wait until Sunday to catch the final results. Great time, everything is looking good, weather's phenomenal, golf's been great as well." For the first time...the Heritage was a designated PGA tour event...meaning more prize money and top players in attendance...like Scottie Scheffler and Masters champ Jon Rahm. "Loved seeing Rahm come out and play after winning the Masters. Thought that was awesome." Englishman Matt Fitzpatrick took the tartan jacket...defeating last year's winner Jordan Spieth in three-hole playoff round. Despite the high stakes...fans say the Lowcountry was a relaxing backdrop at this tournament considered to be one of the calmer events on the PGA tour. "We went to the PGA Kiawah and it was like walking 15 miles. This was a lot easier to get around for sure." "This more mellow." The crowds still sold out this year...bringing an economic boost to Hilton Head...with the tournament announcing 50 million dollars in donations since 1987. "The bottom line is giving back to charity. We hope through all this and what we've been through that we're going to be able to do that as we count the dollars and pay the bills." Now...focus shifts to next year's event with organizers hoping to keep the high-profile momentum going into 20-24. "It's a good problem to have. We're looking forward to taking this challenge on and elevating things as we move forward." LL: For the final round...tournament leaders started the final round earlier and increased the number of golfers to speed things up ahead of any weather disruptions. Unlike earlier in the week...the weather held off. Play went uninterrupted. Fans ultimately excited they got to see some great golf in Harbour Town this weekend. Reporting on HHI...FS...WTOCN.

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"We are a growing community, very diverse. I want to thank god for our leadership that understand the value in partner shipping with people. I just think that this is going to be a great opportunity for the city. Each and every day that we all wake up with our eyes open is an opportunity to create change." You can see the rendering of the 90,000 square foot practice facility there that leaders called a "Ice sports winter wonderland" today. It's set to house 2 nhl sized sheets of ice that will allow them host tournaments with teams from across the country, leagues for adults and kids, curling, and figure skating... and the rest of the building is supposed to have a sports bar and pro shop.

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GHOST  
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4/18/2023	5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	TZ GHOST PIRATES ANNOUNCE MENT	<p>"We are here today to announce our next step in our long term plan of continuing to share out live not only of hockey but of community with you guys. And in that plan includes a \$25 million dollar commitment to build a state of the art facility, that will not only be the practice facility for the Savannah Ghost Pirates but also an ice sports winter wonderland to share with the community." The Ghost Pirates making that exciting announcement in Port Wentworth today... Coming up on The News at 6 - WTOC's Tyler Manion is LIVE with more details on the new space.</p>	00:00:33
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4/18/2023	5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	BULLOCH CO. ZONING REAX	<p>(sot) Back in the Fall, commissioners passed a six-month freeze on zoning change applications for this part of the county. With that expired, they say they're bracing for the volume of growth and the speed it could come. (vo) The moratorium covered the southern part of Bulloch that's expected to see development from the Hyundai plant just miles away in Bryan County. County chairman Roy Thompson says they're trying to plan for infrastructure like roads, water, public safety and more. But much of that will depend on where developers buy land and begin to build subdivisions, stores, and more. (sot) "If anybody tells you they 100% know what's going to happen, I'd question them more. Because I don't think they will know. I'll readily admit I do not." (vo) He says they have not received any rezoning applications yet for that area, but believes they'll start coming in soon. (sot) Thompson says ultimately, the landowners who don't want development hold the cards as they decide whether or not to sell their land. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?</p>	00:01:01
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4/19/2023	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	VIDALIA ONION FESTIVAL PREVIEW	<p>"Our community worked really hard years ago to set our onion apart based on the soil type and what our onion is and being a sweet onion, being from this part of Georgia and really branding that well, and the onion festival is really been a way for us to continue to promote that product that's so important to our economy here each and every year, it's just a fresh reminder of what the Vidalia onion is." And don't worry - festival organizers say they plan this event so there's onions on hand each year. They say come ready to eat onion rings and more. The Vidalia Onion Festival goes tomorrow through the weekend.</p>	00:00:36
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(sot) Organizers of this meeting say it's a chance to get everyone on the same page for what the community wants from its downtown. (vo) A quick glimpse around downtown and you see a range of storefront styles, and some empty storefronts too. Sylvania's mayor hopes to see improve. (sot) Downtown Sylvania is very viable for the city and for the whole county. It's the economic engine for our community. We're proud of our town. We're concerned for how it looks and how it will be moving forward. (vo) Sylvania's Downtown Development Authority has partnered with professors from Georgia Southern University and the University of New Orleans to gather feedback on what people want to see from downtown merchants and what merchants need too. They say grants and tax breaks could make revitalization easier than some might think. (sot) We already have a business survey out there to see what are the needs for existing businesses but also the needs for future businesses. (vo) This first meeting will let people give feedback on what they want from downtown and allow organizers to update the public on how they can help. (sot) For those who miss the meeting, you have 30 days to give your input online. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"Nothing changed in 18 months, except that the city council authorized the city manager to come up with a purchase and sale agreement for the city council to approve. That's it. There was nothing about the form, nothing about the function, nothing about the details of the plant itself that residents would be engaged." Mayor Johnson says the public will be able to give their thoughts on the project once a development agreement is finished. The 66-acre site off of Meding Street is set to be developed in five phases, the first of which will provide 64 new affordable housing units for seniors.

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"Especially to my seniors or juniors who are thinking about joining the military, I think sharing this experience with them will maybe inspire them." // "I'm not nervous right now. I'm very excited. It's just an unbelievable feeling. I'm just honored to even have this opportunity." You can catch the Blue Angels at 3:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. General admission for the air show is free! You can bring your own blankets and chairs. For a full schedule, head to our website WTOC dot com.

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And ahead of the event, a few local educators got the chance of a lifetime to be a passenger in one of their jets. That includes Laura Marshall, a counselor at May River High School. She has been nominated for councilor of the year in Beaufort County and hopes to inspire her students by participating in the flight. 00:00:18

4/20/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GHOST PIRATES TRAINING COMPLEX  
LL: This field is where the new multi-million-dollar practice facility will be built. Area leaders are hoping the complex will be an economic driver that will benefit not only team members but also those who live nearby. VO: Since Tuesday's announcement...we're learning more about how the complex will be paid for. It's set to be built off Monteith Road near state route 21. Port Wentworth city manager Steve Davis says the city gave the Ghost Pirates three and a half acres to build on. The team will also receive a six and a half million-dollar loan to be used during construction according to city officials. Davis says the Ghost Pirates will be covering everything else. The practice facility will be part of a larger Port Wentworth athletic complex that will include soccer and football fields plus an indoor gym. After construction...Ghost Pirates leaders say they'll receive a million-dollar grant from Port Wentworth to fund youth outreach programs. SOT: "Hockey and skating is not a cheap sport for kids to play. It's not soccer where you get a ball and a field and you're all set. So, we want to be able to make sure that kids, no matter what their income levels are at, can play and can learn to skate." LL: Ultimately...team leaders say they picked Port Wentworth because they liked the idea of being included in a larger athletic park. As for the practice facility itself...it's set to have two ice rinks...a pro shop and more. Construction is expected to be completed by summer of 2025. In Port Wentworth...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:30

LL: James Touchton brings years of development experience to Port Wentworth. He'll now be responsible for hearing from both businesses and residents about how the city should grow. It's a conversation that has already hit a tipping point for some. PKG: \*nats of ribbon cutting?\* As Port Wentworth welcomes its newest industrial business...the city is hiring new leadership...aiming to manage future investments. "We want to have good, long-term, quality growth, planned development, that businesses then will look at and say this is why we want to invest in this community." James Touchton has been tapped as Port Wentworth's first director of economic development. He comes at a time of growth for the city...with thousands of housing units expected in the coming years. "Three thousand in the next three years and then five thousand in five years, already permitted from start to finish, we're looking at five years." Port Wentworth is no stranger to growth and the business boom that comes with it. Last year...the city put a pause on industrial rezoning applications so officials could rewrite the zoning ordinance. In recent months... longtime residents say they feel pushed out by industrial building..a concern that Port Wentworth's city manager says officials take into consideration.. "The biggest challenge that we have is dealing with the traffic. We've got multiple state highways that run through Port Wentworth. So, it's making sure we can accommodate all of the increased traffic in that." Still...Touchton is optimistic saying he looks forward to bringing together the city's businesses and residents. "I'm a big believer in respecting the past and embracing the future. So I think there's a way to blend that. It doesn't exist without partnerships. It doesn't exist if we operate in those silos." LL: It's been a busy first few weeks for Touchton. Of course, the Ghost Pirates announced a new practice facility in Port Wentworth this week. Among his priorities...Touchton said he wants to help bring more entertainment and public transportation to the city. Reporting in Port Wentworth...FS...WTOCN.

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(sot) Weeks and months of preparation for the annual Vidalia Onion Festival now turn to days of breaking it all down. Organizers say they're pleased with things..especially on what's traditionally an "off" year. (vo) The week long festival kicked into high gear for the weekend as they celebrated their world famous onion crop. Festival planners estimate as many as 15,000 or more came for at least one event or more. (sot) Arts & Crafts was packed all weekend at that venue. Concerts were packed out every night and our downtown was packed the whole weekend. (vo) The concerts and many other events happened downtown and organizers say that introduced the city to lots of first-time visitors. (sot) We love that we were able to spotlight the revitalization of our downtown to people who would have otherwise not walked through the streets of our downtown center. (vo) He says they traditionally see larger crowds on the years they feature an airshow, but crowds this weekend were at that level. The airshow is back next year and will feature the return to Vidalia of the world famous Blue Angels. He says they'll take a couple of weeks to catch their breath, then start planning for next year. In Vidalia, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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4/25/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD DAL: STATESBORO REVITALIZATION

?(sot) City leaders say help could be on the way for one of Statesboro's most needy neighborhoods. But they say they'll need your help. (vo) The Whitesville neighborhood became an annexed part of the city back in the 1990's. The city could soon apply for a Community Development Block Grant worth up to \$1.2 million. It could help rehabilitate some homes as well as improve water, sewer, drainage, or other issues. The city will host a public meeting Thursday night to get people's feedback on what the neighborhood needs. (sot) We want to make sure we're really able to address the needs of the people in that community versus those of us who "go to" that community and take a look around. (vo) He says the more input and feedback from the community that goes into the grant proposal, the better their chances of getting the funding to improve housing and the parks in the neighborhood. (sot) The meeting Thursday will be at the Whitesville Full Gospel Baptist Church. A second meeting will happen next Tuesday at city Hall. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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4/26/2023 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK OD 4 26 MICHAELA: GLAMPING

Stand up: Have you ever wanted to disconnect from the world? Well, now you can here at Skidway Island State Park with their newly installed yurts, let's take a look inside. As soon as you walk in, you will realize you won't be roughing it in these upscale tents. Sot " They are air-conditioned, here in South Georgia, everybody loves that. In the winter months, they also offer heat and ceiling fans, and comfortable bed linens are provided." Jeri Nokes, the park manager, says it's the perfect place for anyone to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. sot "whether it's a girls' trip or families with young children, and they're just wanting to enjoy that experience with all that work of having to bring tents and things like that." She says what's so great about these glamorized tents is that the moment you step outside, the world is your backyard. sot "We have 6 miles of nature trails, we have a variety of programs bird hikes, full moon hikes, this summer we have junior ranger camps that are coming up." And after a long day exploring nature, Nokes says she hopes the yurts give their guests peace and comfort. sot " The word yurt means homeland, or just simply home, and the state of Georgia I imagine that's what they had in mind when they put these yurts here and here at Skidway Island State Park just when you stay with us you feel at home." In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC

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"It's a development that entrepreneurs here in Springfield are grateful for. This Co-op Business Center houses 13 different business. The owner says it's pivotal to Springfield's growth. Come take a look." vo Owner, James Carlson says the businesses making up Springfield's newest addition are the Springfield chamber of commerce, a boutique and shipping shop called ship it, attorneys, and more. He says it took two years to get this place up and running, but less than two weeks to fill all 13 of the office spaces. He believes this shows how big of a need there is for an all in one place for business owners to work and serve their customers. sot "And there was a professional need for professional office space, not just retail, but professional office space in this area. A lot of our businesses did not just relocate. They're new businesses that have come outside of our county that have now moved here into Effingham County and in to Springfield." There are still some final touches in offices needed then.... (camille) "Carlson says a grand opening is slated for next month. Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:04

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 CAMILLE:  
 SPINGFIELD  
 NEW  
 BUSINESS  
 CENTER

(sot) State leaders say Bulloch County's uniquely positioned to grow from the Hyundai development, but the preparation must start now. (vo) Construction at the Hyundai megasite might be the most watched project in Georgia. State leaders told a group of business people that Bulloch and the other partnered counties on the megasite will likely see unprecedented growth. (sot) The structure put in place here in Bulloch County over generations has them well suited for what we thinked is coming up I-16 from Hyundai and all their suppliers. (vo) One concern is the traffic on an already-congested Interstate 16. But they say some help is on the way. (sot) There's a new interchange going in on I-16 just east of the Hyundai site, and a major renovation at the current Hwy 280 site. (vo) All say they're already working with local schools, and Ogeechee Tech in workforce development to help Hyundai and the supplier companies. State representative Jon Burns also used the meeting to announce major funding from the Georgia D.O.T. for the Creek on the Blue Mile project. (sot) ..that's \$6 million for the replacement of a bridge on Highway 301 and \$2.65 million dollars for some planning on the Creek Project. (vo) The meeting is part of Morris Bank's ongoing Building a Better Bulloch series. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:16

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(sot) This drainage ditch may not look like much right now, but folks from The Creek on the Blue Mile project say they're excited to have state funding to help turn the viaduct into a walkway underneath the road to link up commercial properties on both sides. (vo) They're getting more than \$8 million from Georgia D.O.T. to replace the culvert and road with an elevated overpass. Underneath will be sidewalks. It has nearby business owners excited. (sot) It excited us. Really, any of these projects that have to do with renovation along this area, we want to see revitalized. (vo) It intersects Statesboro's Blue Mile..a long term streetscape improvement. Board members for the Creek project say some of the funding comes because this will help with storm water drainage in the area. (sot) ..with that, we create an area of entertainment, restaurants, shops, places to go. (vo) She says they want to build on what South Main Street looks like now, and give people even more reason to come here. (sot) She says you'll start seeing progress on the project in 2025, in Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"I'm in total opposition for the new Track K." According to a petition against this Track K development bringing hundreds of homes to the Berwick area, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved a Master Plan that would allow a developer to build 112 town homes and 179 single family homes. The Southbridge HOA, a Track K development leader, Chatham County Commissioner Dean Kicklighter and an HOA attorney explained the proposal for residents in Southbridge. Their main concerns... "They would not have to pay HOA fees but they would have access to the same roads that we use everyday and that would just be an increase in traffic, an increase in the environmental issues that already exist like flooding and things of that nature." Gwen Aikens says majority of the residents she's spoken to are also opposed to additional homes. The homes would be going on a 65 acre piece of land near the intersection of Southbridge Boulevard and Woodland Creek Road. Howard and Carol Gay say they are also worried that the congestion will bring environmental concerns. "The big deal for me is the drainage. The drainage, what are they going to look like." As many residents had questions about drainage issues, presenters said a study will be done about how the addition of homes may affect the area. "They have to, one, maintain the flow consistent with what comes through Southbridge now. In addition to that, we're also concerned about the volumes so we're having a detailed look at the volumes are coming of it."

CAMILLE:  
SOUTH  
BRIDGE  
DEVELOPMENT  
MEETING

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		They'll celebrate the end of an expansion project at the Dean Forest Landfill tomorrow. The 28 million dollar project has been in the works since 2018. The mayor says expanding the landfill adds about 10 to 15 years of life before it gets full. The site has been in use for the last 17 years and still sits on the 130-acre plot Sanitation Services started on in 1984. This latest expansion is one of several over the years.	
5/2/2023	DEAN FOREST LANDFILL EXPANSION		00:00:25
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		(sot) This empty storefront in the Statesboro Mall could soon be the birthplace of the Boro's newest boutique or business. (vo) It's called the American Dream Project. Would-be business owners pitch their idea for a storefront. You have until Saturday to apply. The winner will get the space for 12 weeks and even get \$1,000 to go toward marketing or building out the decore to their needs. Folks from the mall's parent company, Hull Property Group, say it's a way to find a start up or a young business and give them a spot to grow and fulfill their dream. (sot) It's a huge step to take to say "I'm going to open a storefront." because it's no longer you at your kitchen table until midnight. You're taking on overhead. You're taking on employees. (vo) She points to the success of two local businesses that have become mainstays in the mall. She says another benefit of the contest is possibly finding the next long-term tenant. (sot) After the deadline on Saturday, the company will look through the applicants, choose some finalists and ask for more info. Then they'll pick a winner who'll open up October 1. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
5/3/2023	DAL: ENTREPREN EUR CONTEST		00:01:05
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		HHI Hilton Head Island Mayor Alan Perry released a statement. He says in part quote, "This purchase is directly aligned with Town Council's Strategic Action Plan to implement the Workforce Housing Framework as one of its highest priorities."	
5/4/2023	WORKFORC E HOUSING PROPERTY PURCHASED		00:00:14
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		WORKFORC	Hilton Head Island Mayor Alan Perry released a statement. saying quote,	
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5/5/2023	DAYBREAK	PROPERTY	to implement the Workforce Housing Framework as one of its highest	
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			"While Pooler city leaders are looking at ways to beautify highway 80 going through downtown, residents living in this area and around Pooler say they want more sidewalks like this one and bike lanes in the area." VO The plan is broken up into three districts. The gateway district, main street district and commercial residential district. This presentation by consultants show the gateway district may see a shopping center and a medium to high rise residential complex. Meanwhile the main street and commercial/residential district, may see small businesses and housing. In a survey with 170 responses, residents asked for parks that are easily accessible, sidewalks with larger buffers, more crosswalks and other safety precautions "We're looking at ways to slow the traffic down, whether it's a lower speed limit, whether it's stop signs or whatever it is. Yes it's a highway but it's also the backbone and the staple of the community." "She says they have no plans of asking anyone to relocate in order to make this plan come to fruition. She says the city council will hear the final plan sometime in September. In Pooler, Camille Syed WTOC News.	
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		PROJECT		00:01:08

LL: Tribble Park has been closed since late last year for lake repairs and other improvements. Now...work is almost finished as the city gets ready to welcome people in the coming weeks. VO: On Monday...the park will reopen to the public...six months after it closed for repairs. City leaders say in addition to Monday's reopening...there will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony here on May 31st at 10 A-M. Then on June 3rd...the park will host a Southside celebration day. This all follows approximately \$2.5 million in park repairs which include the construction of a clay wall to prevent lake breaches...improved walkways and a new mountain biking trail. District Six Alderman Kurtis Purtee says he hopes the park continues to grow. He says there are plans to add another dock here and restock fish in the lake. He also says there are talks to potentially add a new community center here...but nothing has officially been announced. Purtee hopes the improvements will make this park a gathering place...calling it the gem of Savannah's Southside. SOT: "It's huge for our youth, for our seniors, for anybody that wants to come out here and walk around the lake, that wants to play a sport, that wants to come out here and have their kids play on the playground. It's a community meeting place. It's vital that we have a place like this in our community for folks to come together and meet."

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FS: TRIBBLE  
PARK OPEN  
TO THE  
PUBLIC

LL:Alderman Purtee says he and other city leaders hope to use the improvements at the park to expand recreation in Savannah's Southside. In Savannah...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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GRANT  
CENTER  
GYM  
RIBBON  
CUTTING

A new gym opened today in Savannah! The more than 10-thousand square-foot gym is located on West Street and Barnes Drive on the West side of Savannah. It replaces the existing Grant Center Gymnasium. The city says the building also includes locker rooms, public restrooms, a snack bar and more.

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HYUNDAI DEBUTS NEW EV MODEL  
"Electric vehicles are going to be important across the U-S. We are really committed to the South region, and particularly here in Georgia. We have committed to a plant nearby here, so it's the perfect place honestly." The Hyundai plant is expected to begin commercial production in the first half of 2025. You can see the progress so far in drone video our crews show last week. The project will create more than 81-hundred jobs in the area. 00:00:26

5/11/2023  
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BEAUFORT CO. UPHOLDS PINE ISLAND LAW  
A WTOC update-- A big win for the Gullah Geechee community on St. Helena Island. Beaufort County Council voted not to allow new developments on the island. This means no golf courses, gated communities or resorts will be built. It all comes after a company proposed to build a golf course on the land. St. Helena is part of the cultural protection overlay which has been in place since 19-99. Several residents voiced their concerns and encouraged council to reinforce those protections. The coastal conservation league helped with that process and says it couldn't have been done without the determination of the community. 00:00:37

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BEAUFORT CO. UPHOLDS PINE ISLAND LAW  
"Through the adoption of the CPO in the late 90's to the adoption of this clarifying language that makes it crystal clear that the intention has remained true through out time. I think there's just a spirit that is living and breathing on St. Helena and that really helps guide and motivate and keep the community dedicated." According to the conservation league, St. Helena has the largest Gullah/Geechee community in Beaufort County. 00:00:26

5/11/2023	6PM OD	BILBO CANAL EXPANSION PROJECT	This is a project that's expected to cost five point eight million dollars. What crews will be doing is widening the Bilbo canal by 800 linear feet south of President Street. The city says that will allow the canal to achieve a 100 year conveyance north to Normandy Street. There will also be maintenance road improvements to give better access to the site...as well as other structural upgrades. City officials say the projects are essential given Savannah's proximity to the ocean.	00:00:29
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5/13/2023	WKEND 6PM OD	DAL: ONION FESTIVAL	(sot) This weekend marks Tattnall County's biggest, and sweetest, weekend of the year. (vo) Thousands filled downtown Glennville to check out the fun. Vendors packed the street as people celebrated the world famous vegetable. Crews cooked up onion rings and blooming onions all day long. Organizers say it's a great time to bring people to town as they celebrate the community and the famous onion crop. (sot) There're onion sheds close to Glennville. A lot of them like to go out there and watch them pack the onions. Tattnall County is the largest grower of Vidalia onions, well over 50 percent of the entire crop. (vo) The morning started with a 5k and the downtown parade. WTOC streamed the parade like on our digital platforms. After tonight's street dance and live entertainment, they start planning for next year. (sot) In Glennville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:00:50
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"This debate is over these 40 acres of land in south Effingham County. Now tonight, the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, they approved for more than 200 town homes to be built right here on this property. Or did they? We'll have more on that twist later. But first, we did hear from a resident tonight who lives right by here. He says he's very upset that the commissioners would even consider this. He says he moved out here to live in the country and this will change things." "Have you ever had anybody in Effingham County ever tell you that they want a townhouse subdivision put in next to their house?" Michael Maddox - an organic farmer who built a sustainable living community \*right next door years ago - opposes this development. "I built a subdivision in the country, and after this is built I won't live in the country any more." After Maddox spoke, with a 5-1 vote, the commission approved the project. But hold the phone. In a late twist, an hour after that vote, commissioner Phil KEEFER Kieffer said per county rules... since the vote was NOT unanimous... the commission would have to wait until the NEXT meeting, to vote on it. The county's lawyer confirmed... that yes, the technicality was legit. All of it... over a fence. District 2 Commissioner Roger Burdette was the lone 'no' vote. "I think those people who have already been there need some kind of protection with a fence or something to keep people from bleeding over. Just give them something, and not put the burden on the people who are already there." Burdette admits, he expects the measure to pass at the commission's next meeting on June 6th. "There's a definite need for higher density areas, we just have to be very selective on how we do it, and make sure we have infrastructure in place for them." "I talked to the man behind this proposed development. His name is Matt Byrd. He declined to go on-camera, but he told me off-camera that they've been working on this project for about three years now. He says he's done everything to try and work with the county. He did not have anything to say to upset residents. We'll continue to follow this potential development in Effingham County. In south Effingham, MD, WTOC News."

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(sot) Come Saturday, this town of 200 or so folks hopes to host many, many more to their picturesque trees and quaint small town. (vo) They'll hold everything in the blocks that surround the park and the train caboos that help highlight Register. Tonya Boyd says they've been throwing around the idea of a festival for a few years, and decided to launch one. She says they decided to name it for the pecan trees that fill the neighborhoods that make up Register. She says the response to an inaugural event has been surprising. (sot) It's been wonderful and unexpected. We didn't expect to get this much support. But we're excited about it and looking forward to seeing all the vendors and food trucks come out. (vo) She says folks here love to visit neighboring places and explore festivals and hope people will come here to do the same. (sot) All the fun starts at 10am Saturday. In Register, Bulloch County..Dal Cannady WTOC news.

REGISTER  
PECAN  
FESTIVAL

5/18/2023  
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5/19/2023	5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	SPLASH IN THE BORO TO OPEN	<p>(sot) As they prepare to open Splash in the Boro for the season, staff members say they're as excited as the visitors who come week after week, year after year. (vo) They open the gates Saturday morning and anticipate a capacity crowd just like always. The county recreation department has been preparing since March for the opening. They say they're ready to open. (sot) We are excited, especially since we've been getting calls "are y'all open? are y'all open?" Now we can say yes. We just hope everyone will come out and have fun. (vo) Last summer, they saw more than 140,000 visitors. After almost twenty years, it's become a regional attraction. (sot) We have people come from South Carolina. We've had people come from Virginia to come down for the water park. So, we get a big turnout. (vo) This year, they're adding more cabanas for families to rent for added privacy. They've added some extra concessions, and even a way to order from the main stand..from your phone to reduce your time in line. Jada says they hope the additions make guests more comfortable and eager to come back over and over. (sot) They'll open for the weekend, then reopen next Saturday and be open seven days a week through the summer. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:01:11
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5/19/2023	5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	HYUNDAI ANNOUNCE MENT 1 YR LATER	<p>Savannah's Economic Development Authority President released a statement. He said, quote... "A lot of progress and good news for this region has happened in the past 365 days and we look forward to th future."</p>	00:00:12
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5/19/2023	7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	HYUNDAI ANNOUNCE MENT 1 YR LATER	<p>Savannah's Economic Development Authority President and CEO released a statement on the one year mark. He says quote, "A lot of progress and good news for this region has happened in the past 365 days and we look forward to future."</p>	00:00:14
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(sot) Hyundai's announcement brings an internationally known company to the region for the battery component of their electric vehicles. (sot) Hyundai Motor Group and LG Solutions are jointly building this \$4.3 billion, 3,000 job facility. (vo) The announcement of a technology partner for Hyundai's electric vehicles moves the metaplant another step toward fruition. The battery facility is one part of a facility that will include manufacturing and assembly. (statement) The multi-county Joint Development Authority issued this statement on the announcement. ""Today Hyundai Motor Group and LG Energy Solution announced they would be partnering together on the joint venture battery manufacturing facility that was announced by Hyundai Motor Group on May 20, 2022. We welcome LG Energy Solution to Bryan County and the Savannah region and look forward to working with them and their partners." Senator Ossoff sees these jobs as a benefit to the region and the state. (sot) ..these are good paying jobs that continue to establish Georgia as a world leader in advanced energy manufacturing and innovation. (vo) The entire facility is expected to employ roughly 8,000 to 9,000 workers, with other supplier plants setting up nearby in Bryan, Bulloch, Chatham, and Effingham Counties. (sot) The battery plant and the rest of the facility is expected to open by the end of 2025. In Bryan County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:22

5/26/2023  
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BATTERY  
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"My manager spent the last two weeks literally crying herself to sleep because they're tearing down a building and a business that she was part of developing for the last 29 years." Connell's manager isn't the only one upset that building 400 has officially been torn down. It's an urgent reminder to everyone that lives at the Lodge- that they only have until July 1st to be out of their buildings. But for many of the long-term residents at the Lodge, finding new housing is a challenge. "I've been retired probably for the last three years, and now I'm having to go back to work because now I'm having to pay a higher price to live now. I gotta do what I gotta do." Saxon isn't the only one returning to work. David Dennis, who's 68 years old, says he's lived at Quail Run Lodge for the last 18 years.. but to afford to find a new home.. he's going back to work full time. But even with the possibility of a new job, he says just finding somewhere to live is tough. "There's just not much available in the 25-mile radius. There's just really nothing available and the prices are outrageous." According to Connell, the monthly price to stay at Quail Run Lodge is around 900 to 1,000 dollars. According to the ApartmentList.com, which analyzes rental data nationwide, the average rent in Savannah is around \$1,900. Connell says he knows that his 65 tenants, many of which are on fixed income, will struggle to find other housing. He says Ideally, he would like to be given enough money to buy another hotel and move his tenants there- but he's not going to get that without legal action. Connell: "I'm not somebody standing in the middle of the runway, making them all go around me, but I just think there should be a better way to handle the situation than to let it go to a jury trial and go through all this drama. It's not something I'm looking forward to, but what choice do you have?" 00:01:48

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QUAIL RUN  
LODGE  
EMINENT  
DOMAIN

6/2/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD TYLER 530: RAMP SET TO OPEN

GDOT says the project construction started in January of 2020 and we sent out the WTOC drone yesterday to give you a view of what it looks like now... three years later and nearly complete. The communication director for GDOT says the big change is that drivers will have to make a quicker decision to go east or west on I-16 at the ramp. He also says for folks out driving this weekend, they're trying to keep as many reminders of the change along the roads as they can.

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6/2/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BULLOCH CO. BRIDGE WORK

(sot) Spend just a few minutes here on Pulaski Road near the Candler County line and you'll know how many people use this road. Over the next few weeks, it will alternate between being the quickest way to get between Statesboro and Metter....and not the quickest. (vo) Cars zip across the three bridges from both directions now. Starting Monday, it will be only one lane at a time. A high speed chase in August ended with a car hitting the concrete rail and flipping into the creek. The county has had caution barrels here ever since. (sot) It has to be repaired because you don't want someone going off the side and getting hurt... (vo) Construction crews will alternate traffic through from one direction then the other. County leaders want drivers to beware. (sot) We want to get the word out so people can plan ahead for traveling in that area and plan their route. You could expect to sit in traffic a few minutes. (vo) He figures some people will pick an alternate route - like Highway 46. It might mean more miles, but a faster drive. Lisa says she hopes they can get it fixed as quickly as possible because.... (sot) ...it's probably going to add another 15, maybe 30 minutes on my travel to the interstate...which I do 3-5 days a week. (sot) They hope to have this repaired within two weeks, weather permitting. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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			Omega Construction says they've broken ground on a new Woodspring Suites right off Chatham Parkway. The hotel is part of chain that focuses on longer-term stays. Omega says part of the draw is the location - which is a short drive from many employers in Chatham County. The hotel is expected to take 11 months to build.	
6/2/2023		WOODSPRING SUITES		
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			"I noticed that everybody was exiting off the exit that stated 'Savannah/Macon', and I kept going because I knew the next exit was where I would exit." That is- where she used to exit. Sims tells me she was driving into Savannah this morning, as she does every Sunday, but this time.. the commute took a little longer. Sims: "I got to the exit, I arrived there, it was already blocked off. So it caused me to go down to the Pembroke exit, and it took me 30 minutes out of my way just to get to church this morning." Sims found out the hard way about the new wind turbine ramp from I-95 South to I-16 East. The new exit replaces the old "clover leaf" style exit. It safer, GDOT officials say, but it requires drivers to make a decision to exit much sooner- much like when the other wind turbine bridge at 16 west and 95 south opened. "Having both these in service, this is kind of what we've been advertising as a unique solution for this interchange. It's only going to make things much better, but it will take adjustment for a few days since it is brand new." Collins says something big to remember is that it might take a few days for GPS apps to update. Collins: "We're doing our best to get those kind of ready to go to showcase this new operation, but as often does occue, some of the services might take a few days to update. There'll be plenty of mounted signage and digital signage." Overall- Collins says to pay extra attention during the morning commute- and drive safely. For WTOC News, I'm Shea Schrader.	
6/4/2023	WKEND	SHEA: NEW RAMP NOW OPEN		
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Nat Watermelon cut Nat Oh my heavens Nat Kid eating watermelon Vo It doesn't get more Hampton County than the watermelon festival... Nat Juicy Vo thousands of people come out for events like kids' day in the park Nat Yay Vo A special few, though draw extra attention. Nat I'm the Hampton Vo Miss festival walks around taking pictures and kissing babies Nat Kiss Vo Like a celebrity Sot: (Zoe Mccrary - Co-chairwoman, Watermelon Festival) "Little girls like my daughter look up to them all through their childhood and just can't wait until they can wear a crown one day so they can do the same thing." Vo That's exactly how it went for this year's queen... Nat Oh! Hey Vo Miriam Reynolds...Who's had this as a goal for her entire life. Sot: (Miriam Reynolds - Miss Hampton County Watermelon Festival) "I was like four or five like real little like little girl with my little bangs and little cut I was like that's what I want to be." Vo Now that she's here, the week is filled with cheerful greetings... Nat Hey Vo And not so competitive games. Nat Your turn Vo But most importantly it's bringing generations together... you see Miriam's grandmother wore this crown decades ago. Sot "She was one of the first queens when the Hampton County Watermelon Festival first started because it's only the 81st year." Vo These events have history just as this festival does within her family... Making it mean even more to this queen, and the one she grew up with. Sot "When she found out that I was this she like almost started crying. She was so excited. It literally meant so much to her. Probably that is what made it worth it - like winning - like I was excited but then seeing how excited my grandma was for me like really did it for me."

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WATERMEL  
ON  
FESTIVAL  
QUEENS

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Developer Bailey Point Investment Group filed a suit against Wright last month over the location of her home's back porch, which they say encroaches upon the land they are building on. Wright's granddaughter said they already paid thousands of dollars to remove a satellite dish and storage shed before being sued over the porch. Wright says her home is a key gathering place for her family, which includes 40 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

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6/22/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	HHI LADY PROPERTY FIGHT	"This property is more than that, as far as our family is concerned, it's like a sanctuary, you know, we come to grandma's house for holidays, you know, fellowship anything, funerals, barbecues, you know, to try to take that way is taking it away from our entire family and all our descendants, and I think it's just in poor taste." Wright is being defended by civil rights attorney and former South Carolina state legislator Bakari Sellers, who says the developer did not respond to his requests for communication.	00:00:30
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6/22/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	METTER AGRIBUSINE SS MONEY	<p>(sot) Starting a business, particularly in agribusiness, can be challenging. Sometimes the toughest step is knowing where to go for help. (vo) Dozens of new and potential business owners packed the Georgia Grown Innovation Center to learn some of the ins-and-outs of financing a business that has ties to agriculture. Alex Cloud says it can be an uphill climb. (sot) It can be challenging, very challenging. You have to have the right people around you to support you in the right areas. (vo) The Georgia Department of Agriculture and Department of Economic Development helped host the workshop. Cassie Justen is a lender who deals primarily with agribusiness loans. She told the group today that they have to do their homework from the beginning. (sot) ..projecting income and expenses, and understanding what you need to know to even come in and pitch it to a lender like me. (vo) Organizers say Georgia has traditionally looked for ways to help industry and manufacturing, but have begun broadening to help companies that offer products or services tied to the state's biggest industry - agriculture. (sot) So, whether you're making a jam or jelly, making a beef jerky, or making jeans or shirts from Georgia cotton, you're an agriculture company whether you're growing it, manufacturing it or providing support for the whole industry. (vo) They hope the options shown today can help develop new businesses across the area. (sot) In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:01:24
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6/23/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD	HHI NEW LAND	The point-52-acre site cost 350-thousand dollars. This is the town's second purchase of property that includes Broad Creek marsh front views- just earlier this month they also voted to enter a contract to purchase 3-point-4 acres of property at Shelter Clover Lane for 3-point-9 million dollars. Officials hope to close on both properties in August.	00:00:21
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6/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JAMIE: WILDLIFE REFUGE CENTER The Savannah Wildlife Refuge was established in 1927 just remember that when it comes to infrastructure. Levees, canals, ditches, and water control structures are critical to keeping saltwater out and freshwater in. 90 years later- hurricane Irma destroyed the Diversion Canal- impacting 70% of the impoundments. So in 2020- the \$18 million dollar project began and trail here closed for safety. 00:00:24

6/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JAMIE: WILDLIFE REFUGE CENTER "The whole point of the wildlife drive is providing habitat for wildlife and helping us move water. It's kinda like growing a garden but we're growing food for wildlife, and we need to have the ability to manage the water flow on those three thousand acres." 00:00:15

6/27/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MEMORIAL KIDS OFFICE The \$35 million dollar outpatient facility will be located right next to the Dwaine & Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital. The building will have different services. That includes pediatric oncology, hematology, endocrinology, general surgery, pediatric primary care and more. The CEO of Memorial says it will be great to have all pediatric services under one roof. He says there number one goal is to make it easier for families. 00:00:26

6/27/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MEMORIAL KIDS OFFICE "We understand that pediatric healthcare issues can be quite traumatic for families. It's a tough time. No one likes to see a child that's ill or sick or is dealing with healthcare challenges. So anything we can do to make that a little bit easier for our families especially those from outside of Savannah." The CEO says they are hoping to have it done by next July. And they believe they can reach that goal. 00:00:24

6/28/2023  
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PROPOSED  
DEMOLITION  
OF SAV  
BLDNGS

The three owners of five buildings near Forsyth Park's southwest corner on Whitaker Street and West Park Ave...wanted to demolish the buildings. I spoke with one of those owners early today who said the plan was to tear down the properties so they could build a new office complex there with underground parking space. He said that the complex would give downtown business much needed office space and would help alleviate parking concerns near Forsyth Park.

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DEMOLITION  
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"This area of the park has been tragically underdeveloped. When you go two, three blocks away, there's not much. We feel that by putting economic activity and opportunity here that it will help the folks that are here and the folks that want to invest in this neighborhood. Much of the argument during today's meeting centered on whether these buildings were contributing resources -- meaning they should be protected based on their historical significance. Ultimately the committee said these buildings should be saved...including one that houses Campbell and Sons...a funeral home serving Black Savannahians.

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PROPOSED  
DEMOLITION  
OF SAV  
BLDNGS

"The combination of the significance and uniqueness of these structures and their rarity, and how many we've lost, the public comments, and the fact that denying the demolition of this building doesn't preclude all of the potential that it could hold to satisfy the needs of our community."

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New town homes on Warnell St. in Pembroke, just one example of several homes being built across the city. And new businesses are also making their way here. "A Family Dollar coming in, Huddle House, and an O'Reilly Auto Parts." The Family Dollar will be the first to go up on Highway 280. City Administrator Chris Benson says the Hyundai Manufacturing Plant that's underway is playing a large role in their growth. "We're patiently waiting. We're looking forward to really trying to attract more opportunities to our downtown community." "Even new local businesses are popping up downtown like Haunted Grounds Coffee." "We love it here. Everybody's been super nice. We have a couple more shops coming open. We have the sugar store door is going to be a bakery and we've got a lot of houses and communities coming up." Haunted Grounds has been open for about two months and will be celebrating this weekend with a ribbon cutting. Co-owner Sarah Cook grew up here and has seen many improvements over the past five years. "Options we had back then was Dairy Queen and we just got McDonalds not too long ago, so we've stepped up in the world. It's offering that small town feel but it's also getting bigger where we can actually have options so we don't have to go outside out community for groceries or boutiques and stuff." And there's only more growth to look forward to in the future. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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**TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY  
APRIL 1, 2023 – JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 04/02/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former personal attorney (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS legal analyst (5); Preet Bharara, former U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York (6); John Bolton, former national security adviser, Trump administration (7); Emma Tucker, editor-in-chief, *The Wall Street Journal* (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)  
8) a discussion on last week's detainment of American *Wall Street Journal* reporter Evan Gershkovic in Russia
- 04/16/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Asa Hutchinson, former Arkansas governor, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (4); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Select Committee on Intelligence (6); Christine Lagarde, president, European Central Bank (7)  
3) Topics include: / red flag laws; his trip to Ukraine / evaluating Ukraine's request for F-16s  
6) Topics include: scale of damage caused by the leak of classified material by suspected Pentagon leaker 21-year-old Jack Teixeira / systematic failures which gave the suspected leaker access to classified material / praise by some Republicans for the suspected leaker; classified documents found at the homes of President Biden, Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence; access granted by the White House to the classified after action report on Afghanistan
- 04/23/23 **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (4) (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Quinton Lucas, mayor, Kansas City, MO (7); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4) (6)  
1) a discussion on Saturday's evacuation of government personnel by U.S. special forces from Khartoum, Sudan  
2) Topics include: conditions in Sudan / Saturday's evacuation of U.S. nationals from the embassy in Khartoum / American citizens still in Sudan; IRS agent seeking whistleblower status regarding the Hunter Biden investigation / his confidence in Attorney General Merrick Garland
- 04/30/23 **Guests:** Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (1); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former president, Goldman Sachs, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5) (7)  
3) Topics include: situation at the border as the health emergency restriction - Title 42 - is set to expire on May 11<sup>th</sup> / upcoming House vote on a border bill / his vote to lift the debt ceiling, despite the cuts to customs and border protection / detaining families who cross the border illegally  
6) a report from Dnipro, Ukraine, as Russian forces launched another deadly offensive into Ukraine; preparations are underway for Ukraine's spring counter-offensive
- 05/07/23 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Nicole Sganga, CBS News homeland security and justice reporter (2); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (3); Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (4) (6); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (7); Governor Roy Cooper (D-NC) (8); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (9)  
2) a report from Laredo, TX, as South Texas prepares for the end of Title 42  
3) Topics include: Saturday's mass shooting in Texas; end of Title 42 on May 11<sup>th</sup> / Biden administration's

preparations and programs / criticism from Arizona's governor and senior senator / immigration reform / his criticism of the bipartisan solution proposed by Congress

4) Topics include: recent bill introduced to grant a temporary two year authority to expel migrants / immigration crisis in Arizona / criticism of the Biden administration

5) a look back at what the late Senator John McCain had to say about immigration on FACE THE NATION in 2007

9) a report from Dnipro, Ukraine as Russia launches airstrikes ahead of Ukraine's planned spring counteroffensive

05/14/23

**Guests:** Nikki Haley, 2024 Republican presidential candidate, former governor of South Carolina, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Oscar Leeser, mayor (D-El Paso, TX) (3); Dr. Victor Trevino, mayor (Nonpartisan - Laredo, TX) (4); Lael Brainard, director, National Economic Council (5); Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL) (6)

1) Topics include: migration crisis at the U.S. southern border / need to view the current conditions as a national security issue / separating children from their families

2) Topics include: video from his recent visit to a Customs and Border Protection facility in El Paso / need to focus on legal immigration / building relationships with the countries people are fleeing / partisan fighting / immigration reform

3) Topics include: aid and resources from the federal government to deal with the end of Title 42 / impact on city and health services in El Paso / assistance given to migrants

4) Topics include: current conditions in Laredo with the end of Title 42 / health situation for the migrants / immigration reform / immigration crisis an "American problem"

6) Topics include: "recent death of two unaccompanied migrant children in U.S. custody

05/21/23

**Guests:** Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Representative Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Eric Adams, mayor (D-New York, NY) (2); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL) (3); Robert Gates, chancellor, College of William & Mary, former Secretary of Defense, former director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, board member, Pfizer, former commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (5)

1) Topics include: current state of the negotiations as the U.S. heads closer to the debt default date of June 1<sup>st</sup> / differing viewpoints regarding June 1<sup>st</sup> as a 'hard deadline' / national and global risks and repercussions for the United States / sticking points for House Speaker McCarthy and President Biden

2) Topics include: migrant crisis in New York City / insufficient federal help received by the city / busing migrants elsewhere in New York State / need for comprehensive immigration reform;

3) Topics include: migrant crisis in Miami / lack of federal help received / new Florida law making it a felony to knowingly and willfully transport an undocumented person;

4) Topics include: criticism of the White House for being 'slow' to send weapons to Ukraine / importance of supporting Ukraine / Russia's unlikely use of a tactical nuclear weapon;

05/28/23

**Guests:** Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Democratic Leader (1); Representative French Hill (R-AR) (2); Austan Goolsbee, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, former White House economic adviser, Obama administration (3); Brad Smith, president and vice chair, Microsoft (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Trump administration, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5)

5) Topics include: discovery of malware from a state-sponsored Chinese actor embedded in U.S. critical infrastructure / China's hacking capabilities / vulnerability of the U.S. infrastructure; support for a new federal agency to oversee A.I. / regulating artificial intelligence

06/04/23

**Guests:** Representative Garret Graves (R-LA) (1); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Brian Moynihan, CEO, Bank of America (4); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6)

6) Topics include: war in Ukraine; Ukraine's NATO aspirations / American support

06/11/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (2); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (3) (6); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (4); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White



House and political correspondent (6); Amy Walter, *Cook Political Report* (6)

**Guest Moderator:** John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent

5), his promise to visit the southern border if elected and the values he feels America needs to return to

06/18/23

**Guests:** William Barr, former U.S. attorney general, Trump administration (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); General H.R. McMaster (retired), CBS News foreign policy and national security contributor, former national security adviser, Trump administration (5); Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) (6); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (7); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (7); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (7)

**Guest Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (5)

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

5) Topics include: messages China is sending through their aggressive actions by the People's Liberation Army / Secretary Blinken's trip to China / how the U.S. relationship with China is "worse" than the Cold War relationship between U.S. and Russia

6) Topics include: the merger between the PGA Tour and the Saudi Arabian-backed LIV golf league / Senate investigation into the PGA-LIV merger / national security implications

06/25/23

**Guests:** Ian Lee, CBS News London correspondent (1); Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (5); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (5); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX), co-chair, President Biden's re-election bid (6); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Program (7)

1) a report from Dnipro, Ukraine on the uneasy calm in Moscow after a deal was struck between Russia, the Wagner mercenary group and their leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, who will head to Belarus and will not be charged after their rebellion

2) Topics include: Wagner group's rebellion against Russia / Russia's nuclear stockpile / Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin / impact of the uprising on Russia's war in Ukraine; his diplomatic trip to Beijing / China's relationship with Russia

3) Topics include: Wagner rebellion / U.S. intelligence community's awareness of the conflict between Prigozhin and Putin / impact of the uprising on Putin's control of Russia; relationship between China and Russia;

4) a report from Johannesburg, South Africa on Wagner group head Yevgeny Prigozhin, his rise and where Wagner's off-the-books mercenary group soldiers have started showing up around the globe

5) a discussion on the Wagner mutiny, the march toward Moscow, and the deal between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Wagner group chief Yevgeny Prigozhin

## 60 MINUTES

04/02/23

**"The Secretary and the Border"** – an interview with homeland security secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. He discusses his own family's fleeing from Cuba, immigration reform and attacks from those who have called for his impeachment. Includes interviews with Karina Breceda, executive director of a women's shelter at the border; Guadalupe Vazquez, who is attempting to get an appointment to legally enter the U.S.; and Christina Coronado, who runs a food program in Juarez, Mexico. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Andy Court)

05/21/23

**"Price Gouging"** – an interview with Shay Assad, who served as Director of Defense Pricing for the United States Army. He feels the Pentagon and American taxpayers are being taken advantage of by U.S. defense contractors, claiming the systems accountability is lacking. Includes interviews with Chris Bogdan, Retired Air Force Lieutenant General; and Julie Smith, Mark Owen, and Kathryn Foresman, who are part of the downsizing. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sam Hornblower)

05/28/23

**"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, an 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)

06/18/23 **“Please Let Me Die”** – a report on the thousands of Ukrainian prisoners of war being held captive by Russia. Three women soldiers who served in Mariupol and were recently released discuss their time as POWs in camps that the U.N. condemned for torture. Includes interviews with Sergeant Iryna Stogniy, Captain Mariana Mamonova, and Sergeant Anastasia Chornenka, recently released prisoners of war; and Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic) (OAD: 03/05/23)

**“Taiwan”** – a report on Taiwan. As the nation prepares for a possible Chinese invasion, tensions continue to rise. Includes interviews with Admiral Lee Hsi-min, former head of Taiwan's armed forces; Wang Ting-yu, a parliamentarian from southern Taiwan; Morris Chang, TSMC's founder; Jack Yao, a Taipei coffee vendor; and Enoch Wu, a former special forces soldier. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Jacqueline Williams) The 06/18/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 10/09/22)

06/25/23 **“Convoy Of Life”** – a report on Russian attacks on Ukrainian hospitals and its effect on children with cancer. Includes interview with Roksolana Semeraz, Zhasmin Alkadi, refugees; Dr. Lesia Lysytsia, who specializes in eye cancer; and Dr. Marta Salek, of St. Jude who helped organize the triage center in Poland. (Includes footage from Scott Pelley's September 2022 interview with Ukraine's First Lady, Olena Zelenska.) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Kristin Steve, Nicole Young) (OAD: 12/18/22)

## **CBS SPECIAL NEWS REPORT**

## **WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 17--OUR MILITARY FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. HAPPENINGS AT FORT STEWART, PARRIS ISLAND AND HUNTER, 3RD ID NEW DIVISION LEADER, PARRIS ISLAND PROTECTION ACT, BLUFFTON COUPLE STUCK IN SUDAN, VETERAN'S BENEFITS, PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FORT STEWART AND LIBERTY CO. AIRPORT, PARRIS ISLAND ELIMINATING THE ALL WOMEN FOURTH RECRUIT TRAINING BATALLION, FIRST LADY JILL BIDEN ATTENDS PARRIS ISLAND MARINE GRADUATION, PARRIS ISLAND RECRUIT DIES, SOURCE: MILITARY OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ETC.**

4/6/2023	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	3RD ID NEW DIVISION LEADER	Fort Stewart's Third Infantry division has a new top leader. You're looking at video from the ceremony that marks the change in responsibility. Outgoing Command Sergeant Major Quentin Fenderson passed the torch to incoming Command Sergeant Major Johnathan Reffeor. Reffeor is taking the reigns as Fenderson retires following 29 years of service. Before he came to the Third I-D, Reffeor served as the Operations Sergeant Major for U-S Army Europe, Africa and Germany.	00:00:28
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4/7/2023	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	PARRIS ISLAND PROTECTIO N ACT	This protection effort comes after the military looked at creating a new training base for both men and women. Historically, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island enlisted women for boot camp, while male recruits from the western side underwent boot camp in San Diego. The Marine Corps has said in the past neither base are able to "optimally train recruits in an integrated environment." All this coming after a law signed in 2020 put time frames on the Marines to integrate training. They have until 2025 to figure out a solution for Parris Island under that law.	00:00:34
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4/24/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD

TYLER:  
BLUFFTON  
RESIDENTS  
STUCK IN  
SUDAN

"If you get this just know you've got all of Bluffton and all of the state is going to support and try to get you and your other friends out." Vo The couple has told those close to them that explosions have gotten louder in recent days, as they look for ways out of the country. The leader of their town back home, giving an insight into why they're there in the first place. Sot "So this couple from Bluffton traveled to Sudan for humanitarian purposes. They're close family friends, they both have had an influence in my children's lives, they've had an influence in a lot of people's lives in Bluffton, and we need to help them." Vo She says the best way to do that is reaching out to national leaders, like congresswoman Nancy Mace who we reached out to today. In a statement to WTOC, Mace says the State Department is in contact with the Bluffton residents in Sudan. She went on to say... GFX Our office is keeping a close eye on the situation, and we remain ready to assist any South Carolinians in any way we can.

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5/2/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BLUFFTON  
COUPLE  
RETURNS  
FROM  
SUDAN

"We get a security alert from school saying stay at home seek shelter do not leave." Sot "I was sleeping, the whole building shook." Sot "Once you heard it, you can't unhear it." "I was up on the roof with a buddy of mine and then I heard a bullet whiz right over our head and I was like 'we gotta go.'" Vo The Bowers... caught in the middle of a civil war... at the time, their country saying there would be no evacuations for civilians. Sot "At that point I felt hopeless, I was like oh my gosh we're stuck here. We are stuck here we're not getting home." Vo Denise was teaching at the International School in Kharthoum, and she says they had been assured when she took the job there were protocols in place to get them home safely if need-be. They had been there peacefully for months before the war intensified. After more than a week of living near explosions and gunfire the school sends them a text... we have a way out, meet up in an hour. Sot "I don't think I've ever been as scared as I was then, like I was shaking from head to toe, because this is your one opportunity to get out and to get home but you're going into the fire." Vo Two buses would take dozens of school employees on a five-hour ride out of Sudan's dangerous capital. Nat "We pray that we do not get stopped or robbed" Vo They would be stopped multiple times. Nat "An armed man came onto the bus" Vo The couple made it through each of the inspections safely, keeping their family back home in mind every step of the way. Sot "Our youngest son is getting married this summer, we kept saying we have a wedding to go, this is not how it ends we have a wedding to go to." Vo In total it took more than 50 hours by bus, 14 hours by plane and five by ferry to get them here... back in the Lowcountry where they first met. Through surviving their unimaginable journey, Denise - an educator with classroom experience all over the world - says she's learned something invaluable about herself. Sot "This taught me that I'm more resilient than I ever thought and I'm definitely stronger than I ever thought." Vo She says this won't stop them from exploring, but they'll look to go somewhere without even the slightest hint of civil unrest in future travels... maybe with Asia at the top of their list. For now though, the couple that has been together for three decades, is taking a deep breath and appreciating what they have. Sot "I'm just glad to be home, glad to be out of there."

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(sot) Veterans from across our area can attend one of three simultaneous meetings to discuss veteran benefits and one of the hottest topics these days. (vo) The VFW's second annual Day of Service will provide local veterans with valuable information, including the PACT act and any medical benefits extended due to military service at Camp Lejeune and medical complications. State VFW commander Dean Rakoskie says many veterans don't know that they can use the organization versus outside groups to file for compensation or benefits. He says the three meetings will be open to veterans and free. (sot) You don't have to be a member of the VFW. You don't have to be a member of the American Legion. Veterans, their families, anyone who's interested in the PACT Act, Camp Lejeune, or just interested in general with what's going on with the VA and VA benefits are welcome to attend and there's no cost. (vo) He says they're grateful to Georgia Southern and its Military and Veterans Services office for sharing a place and a platform to deliver the information. (sot) You can attend either in Statesboro at the Military Science building, on Armstrong campus at the Student Union building, or in Hinesville at the Liberty campus. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

5/3/2023  
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DAL:  
VETERANS  
HEALTH

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Today's signing reaffirms the partnership between Fort Stewart and local area governments so that this airport can remain in use by both the public and the military. Located in Liberty County – the Midcoast Regional Airport and Wright Army Airfield... is operated jointly by the City of Hinesville, the Liberty County Board of Commissioners, Liberty County Development Authority and the U.S. Army. Leaders from each group... gathering today. "This agreement is a great example of the symbiotic relationship Fort Stewart has with the surrounding communities. This right here is a great example, because this facility is dual use, it's got a civilian component, but we also use it for military training." The original agreement dates back to 2007... it's something that local and military leaders say is beneficial to the military installation and the surrounding community... by allowing for expansions and repairs. "It's expanded the civilian component of it because of all of those repairs, but it's also expanded our military component, because it's allowed us to conduct that much more training. With the pooling of our resources, we're able to provide a much better facility than it was, let's say 20 years ago." Now – all hangars in the civilian portion of the airport are in use, with a waitlist to get in. "If we had the capability, we'd build 20 more hangars, and still have a waiting list. Demand is amazing." While Wright Army Airfield... serves as a backup option... during runway maintenance at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. "This has always been looked at as a secondary, alternative location for Hunter Army Airfield if we needed it for that." A strong partnership.... That local leaders say they're excited to continue. LL TAG: Col. Ramirez says there's a busy summer of training ahead... right here at the airfield. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

5/4/2023  
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LIBERTY  
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AIRPORT

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MORNING: The ceremony is happening at 8 on Cottrell Field. Major General Christopher  
4:30AM CHANGE OF Norrie is taking over for outgoing commander, Major General Charles Constanza.  
6/1/2023 DAYBREAK COMMAND Norrie commissioned into the Army back in 19-93 and has since served as the  
4:30:00 AM OD CEREMONY Director of the People First Task Force and Department of the Army at the Pentagon. 00:00:19

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5:00:00 AM OD CEREMONY Army at the Pentagon. 00:00:20

LL INTRO: This morning's ceremony marked a change of command here at the 3rd Infantry Division as Maj. Gen. Charles Costanza passed along the post to Maj. Gen. Christopher Norrie. It's a ceremony full of tradition... Marking a new era... for the 3rd ID. \*\* Maj. Gen. Charles Costanza has served as commander of the division for the past two years... which includes overseeing the division's most recent deployments to Europe to support the country's NATO allies. Fellow military leaders... honoring his service today. "What Charlie has done over the past two years is make sure that he took care of people and warfighting. If you look at everything that happened, everything that was accomplished, it goes back to him and CSM Fenderson. He would say it was all of those dogface soldiers, but it was him, and it started with those two." The now former commander... addressing his soldiers today. "I've been blessed to have the opportunity to serve with you the past two years and see the incredible things that you have done, not only for the division, but for our army. Thank you for your selfless service to this division." Now, taking command is Maj. Gen. Christopher Norrie. He brings 30 years of experience to the position, and he previously served at the Pentagon as the director of the Army's People First Task Force. Norrie—recognizing the work of his predecessor, and looking to the future. "This team has achieved remarkable successes, and added another distinguished chapter to the history books written by all former dogface soldiers. We're excited to build on this legacy and continue the proud traditions of this division." With the Army song... sending Maj. Gen. Norrie off on a busy summer ahead. LL TAG: Maj. Gen. Costanza is not retiring after today, his next position is yet to be announced. On Fort Stewart, HB WTOC NEWS.

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ISLAND  
PROTECTIO  
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LL INTRO: The closing of a chapter and a new beginning here at Parris Island, as the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion was officially deactivated today. An emotional ceremony... honoring a sisterhood of Marines... "It's a bond. It's a bond that no one can take away from us. It's a bond that no one can explain or ever understand unless you're one of us. Then you understand." Veterans from various generations of Parris Island traveled from around the country to be here. "It means closure, but it also means progress, because this is something that's been needed for a long time for us women marines to be validated more, I think the integration was necessary." According to the Marine Corps, the integration of men and women's training... meant it was time to deactivate the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion – which served as women's only training facility for the Marines... for decades. It's something that members of former leadership say... is a step forward for women. "Side by side with her male counterparts, nothing is going to tell her she's different. She's going to earn the eagle, globe and anchor just like everybody else. The training has come to par where it's the exact same thing. That to me is progress. Back when I came in, you could see distinct differences, and you can't see that now." It's with incredible pride... and camaraderie that these women... said goodbye to their former training battalion... but there's a bond they'll always carry with them. "It's hard to put into words. We try to define what it is, but it's something you can't put into words. I don't know how to explain it." \* Song... and cheers... sending off the battalion... in its final day. "This is not just female history... it's Marine Corps history." LL TAG: Now, the Marines will be redistributed among the other training battalions here on base. On Parris Island, HB WTOC NEWS.

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6/15/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD FT  
STEWART: "Well my first goal is to make sure that I get out and reach out to one- the community  
NEW inside of Fort Stewart and then reach out to the community outside of Fort Stewart.  
GARRISON Because I believe building those relationships is very important to not only Fort  
COMMAND Stewart but to the U.S. Army in itself." 00:00:17

6/15/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD FT  
STEWART: New at 7- Fort Stewart welcomed a new Garrison Command Sergeant Major earlier  
NEW today at their change of command ceremony. Command Sgt Major Ely (EL-LEE) G.  
GARRISON Capindo is taking-over for Command Sgt. Bryan Buchanan - who's retiring. Sgt.  
COMMAND Major Capindo has served in the military since 2000. He shared with us some of his  
goals as he takes on a new leadership role. 00:00:21

6/15/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD BO: PARRIS  
ISLAND This comes after the military looked at building a new training base for both men and  
PROTECTIO women. Up until now, women have trained at Parris Island and men have trained in  
N ACT San Diego. The Marine Corps has said in the past that neither base are able to  
optimally train BOTH. This all comes after a 2020 law gave the Marines until 20-25  
to come up with a solution. 00:00:21

6/16/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM FT  
DAYBREAK STEWART: Command Sgt Major Ely (EL-LEE) Capindo takes over for retiring Command Sgt  
OD NEW Bryan Buchanan (BU-CANNON) after a change of command ceremony Thursday.  
GARRISON Sgt Major Capindo has served in the military since 2000. He shared some of his  
COMMAND goals as he takes on a new leadership role. 00:00:15

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	5AM	ISLAND	both men and women. The Marine Corps has said in the past that neither base are	
6/16/2023	DAYBREAK	PROTECTIO	able to optimally train BOTH. a 2020 law gave the Marines until 20-25 to come up	
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			Continuing coverage after the Marine Corps says an 18-year-old Private died this	
			week at Parris Island. Few details have been released at this time. The Marines say	
		PARRIS	Private Marshall Hartman died from a non-training incident Monday. The cause of	
		ISLAND	death is currently under investigation. They say Hartman was on Day 6 of recruit	
6/16/2023		RECRUIT	training at the time of the incident. The Marines say they don't have a photo of	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	DIES	Private Hartman to share at this time. Hartman is from Prescott, Michigan. WTOC	00:00:32
			will update you if more details are released.	

			Members from the 3rd ID at Fort Stewart are getting ready to deploy to Europe.	
		CASING OF	Before taking off, a changing of command ceremony was held today. U-S Army	
		COLORS	Colonel David Key gave command of the third division sustainment brigade over to	
6/22/2023		CHANGE OF	Colonel Jennifer McDonough. The brigade also cased their colors for their upcoming	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	COMMAND	deployment.	00:00:20

6/22/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CASING OF COLORS CHANGE OF COMMAND "What colonel key has done has been tremendous. he has set this brigade up to be successful in Europe and that is why I feel so confident that these soldiers are ready to go." The Unit will head to Europe this summer as a part of a NATO mission to work with allies. 00:00:15

6/23/2023 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD But before they leave -- a changing of command ceremony was held. On Wednesday U-S Army Colonel David Key gave command of the third division sustainment brigade over to Colonel Jennifer Mcdonough. The brigade also cased their colors for their upcoming deployment. the unit will head to europe this summer as a part of a nato mission to work with allies and deter adversaries in europe. 00:00:23

6/29/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JILL BIDEN COMING TO SC BACKUP LIVE SHOT This is one of her initiatives as First Lady... to support military spouses and children with things like employment, education, and mental health and wellness support.... It's also part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Armed Forces being a fully voluntary force.... Dr. Biden didn't take questions from the media.... But she did have a quick meet-and-greet with local leadership here at Air Station Beaufort... as well as the city's mayor. Beaufort Mayor Stephen Murray says he's looking forward to showing off his city. 00:00:31

6/29/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JILL BIDEN COMING TO SC BACKUP LIVE SHOT "It's the first time I've ever met a sitting first lady. My responsibility as mayor is not only to work on daily operations for the city, but also to carry the message of the Lowcountry to our state and federal officials. Any time we have the opportunity to show how great we are, show what our priorities are, show our needs when we're asking for resources from the state and feds I think is important." Dr. Biden will start her day with a graduation ceremony at Parris Island tomorrow... where she's set to speak. 00:00:30

LL INTRO: The First Lady's visit goes beyond the graduation ceremony.... It's also 50 years of the United States having an all-volunteer force... something Dr. Jill Biden says... is worth celebrating. These nearly 200 recruits... now earning their eagle, globe and anchor of the Marine Corps.... after completing three months of training here at Parris Island. Each new Marine... has their own reason for joining.... "There's a couple of goals I have with the Marine Corps that helped me make up my mind into joining the Marine Corps. For instance, I want to be a drill instructor in the future." This year – makes five decades.... Since the end of the draft, meaning all servicemen and women... elect to serve in the military. "The choice to serve your country. The choice each of you has made, is a sacred one.... One of sacrifice... and selflessness." Dr. Biden... reflecting on how her own life... has been shaped by her father's service in the Navy. "His service defined his life. Actually, it shaped mine as well as I grew up in the middle class." A life-changing decision to serve... that's helped shape these new Marines.. into the people they are today. "All the challenges I've been through, I persevered, I pushed through, the mental and physical adversity." LL TAG: Following her remarks, the First Lady was able to watch and even take part in the rest of the graduation ceremony. We'll have a full recap of her visit ahead on The News at 6. On Parris Island, HB WTOC news. 00:01:24

6/30/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD JILL BIDEN PARRIS ISLAND VISIT

LL: When you attend graduation for the Marine recruits here at Parris Island, you hear a lot about transformation. It's a transformation that's evident for both the graduates and their families." PKG: For the hundreds of families watching the Marines graduate...it's the moments following the ceremony that they say are the most important. nats of crowd running? "I have a herniated disc, I cannot walk very well, but when they said we could go to the Marines, I ran, I couldn't believe it, I couldn't feel no pain. I ran all the way hear to catch my son." Once the last speaker leaves the podium...it's a mad dash for relatives to find their newly graduated Marine. nats of crowd running? "That first hug, that first embrace, I'll never forget that. That was the most touching thing I've ever experienced in my life." These moments are a reunion of sorts...as the 200 recruits have gone through intense training here over the past 11 weeks that tested them both physically and mentally. It's that kind of training Drill Instructors say transforms recruits into made Marines. And it's apparent for many families. "I want him to realize and, I'm sure he does, how much of a different individual he is from what he did 13 weeks ago when he shipped out." "I feel like I stand a lot taller and I've got a lot more confidence." nats of crowd running? And with help from the First Lady of the United States...these recruits relieved to finish training and continue with the next step of their career. "Every mile that I run, every obstacle that I hop over -- these past 13 weeks have been an obstacle and I've successfully hopped over it and came back in one piece and that's all that matters."

6/30/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD PARRIS ISLAND CEREMONY GRADS LL: Our coverage of the First Lady's visit to Parris Island continues on THE news at 6. Ahead...the message Dr. Jill Biden had for graduates today. Reporting from Parris Island...Flynn Snyder...WTOCN. 00:01:49

**ISSUE 18: HOW THE MILITARY IS HONORED AND REMEMBERED. 750K GRANT DONATED TO THE MIGHTY 8TH AIRFORCE MUSEUM, STAND UP FOR AMERICA PARADE HONORING VETERANS AND THOSE WE HAVE LOST, HONORING THE MILITARY, MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES, K9 BATTLE BUDDIES, A LOCAL NON PROFIT TRAINS RESCUE DOGS TO BE SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS SOURCE: VETERAN ORGS,, ETC**

4/13/2023		MIGHTY	The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation donated a 750-thousand dollar grant to the	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	8TH	museum for the project this week. The foundation says it honors the former Coca-	
		MUSEUM	Cola C-E-O by focusing on work that improves the quality of life in Georgia. Their	
		DONATION	gift pushes the Mighty 8th's campaign close to 9 million dollars. But there's still a	
			ways to go - their goal is 12 million for the project.	00:00:22

4/29/2023	WKEND	TYLER:	You might have seen the parade on our streaming platforms, hosted by our very own	
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	STAND UP	Dal Cannady, as over 50 entries went through the city. Someone who has been	
		FOR	involved with the parade for it's entirety explains what it's all about -- honoring the	
		AMERICA	area's veterans and active duty military.	00:00:17

4/29/2023	WKEND	TYLER:	"We started it back when there was some dissension about the war in Vietnam and	
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	STAND UP	we wanted to get people involved and be thankful for what we have and honor our	
		FOR	soldiers that we have lost in combat and the ones that have returned so we started	
		AMERICA	the Stand Up For American Parade then." He says its lasted for five decades	
			because of the area's appreciation for that mission, and pride in our military service	
			men and women.	00:00:24

5/1/2023	4:30AM	TYLER:	All money raised supports the mission of Tunnel to Towers -- a non-profit that helps	
4:30:00 AM	DAYBREAK	BLUFFTON	pay off mortgages of first responders killed in the line of duty, and provide homes to	
	OD	GOLF	injured veterans and their families. The tournament featured 122 golfers... made	
		TOURNAME	possible by a group of about 30 volunteers. Organizers say the day is all about giving	
		NT	back to those who have served their country and communities.	00:00:24

5/1/2023	4:30AM	TYLER:	"It's important that we support those first responders and the military that take care of	
4:30:00 AM	DAYBREAK	BLUFFTON	us. Tunnes to Towers, their motto is 'Let us do good.' and that's what we're trying to	
	OD	GOLF	do, we're trying to bring Tunnels to Towers awareness in and around the lowcountry."	
		TOURNAME	The 3rd Infantry Divison Color Guard also took part in the event.	
		NT		00:00:19

			TYLER:		
			BLUFFTON	The tournament featured 122 golfers... made possible by a group of about 30	
	5AM		GOLF	volunteers. All money raised supports Tunnel to Towers -- a non-profit that helps pay	
5/1/2023	DAYBREAK		TOURNAME	off mortgages of first responders killed in the line of duty, and provide homes to	
5:00:00 AM	OD		NT	injured veterans and their families.	00:00:17

				The parade made its return for the first time in three years due to COVID	
				cancellations. You might have seen the parade on our streaming platforms, hosted	
	MORNING		STAND UP	by our very own Dal Cannady, as over 50 entries went through the city. Someone	
5/1/2023	BREAK OD 5		FOR	who has been involved with the parade for it's entirety explains what it's all about --	
9:00:00 AM	1		AMERICA	honoring the area's veterans and active duty military.	00:00:22

				"We started it back when there was some dissension about the war in Vietnam and	
				we wanted to get people involved and be thankful for what we have and honor our	
	MORNING		STAND UP	soldiers that we have lost in combat and the ones that have returned so we started	
5/1/2023	BREAK OD 5		FOR	the Stand Up For American Parade then." He says its lasted for five decades	
9:00:00 AM	1		AMERICA	because of the area's appreciation for that mission, and pride in our military service	
				men and women.	00:00:24

				According to the historical society, Savannah was the home of the southeastern ship	
				building corporation in World War Two. It focused on building liberty ships which	
	6AM		PINE	were used to support home front efforts during the war. The society says thousands	
5/12/2023	DAYBREAK		GARDENS	of those workers came to Savannah and built the Pine Gardens community. The Eli	
6:00:00 AM	OD		HISTORIC	Whitney School was eventually built there.	00:00:22
			MARKER		

				It's called the Marne Innovation program. It allows the 3rd ID to identify were they are	
				falling behind in technology. Then the Army works with industry and academic	
5/18/2023			MARNE	partners to develop solutions of all kinds	
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD		INNOVATIO		00:00:12
			N CENTER		

5/18/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MARNE  
INNOVATIO Lt. Chris Aliperti OUTCUE: "to fight better on the battlefield such as a tethered  
N CENTER drone." 00:00:05

5/18/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MILITARY  
LUNCHEON "These folks are so important to our economy. They provide a workforce for our  
employers but in addition to that, they are out defending the freedoms that we all love  
to enjoy, particularly here in Savannah, such a great region of the country. We've got  
a lot of economic opportunity this year and the military is such an important piece to  
that so we want to make sure we recognize that." Today's luncheon was held at the  
Marriott along the Savannah riverfront. 00:00:27

5/18/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MILITARY  
LUNCHEON New tonight-- The Savannah Area Chamber honoring the brave men and women  
who fight for our country. 00:00:06

5/18/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MILITARY  
LUNCHEON Today, they held a military appreciation luncheon. The CEO for the chamber of  
commerce says the military footprint is very important culturally, socially and  
economically. He says this is the chance for them to pause and say thank you to  
those who are serving our country. 00:00:16

"I hadn't been Christmas shopping in about five years because I just couldn't handle the crowd ... There was a lot missing from John Rowan's life during the years he suffered with PTSD. Until Molly filled those voids and the service dog changed the Army veteran's life. "We bonded and after that, she's just been my one true love. Rowan found the help he needed within minutes of his Hinesville home, at K9 Battle Buddies, a local non-profit that trains rescue dogs to be service dogs for veterans. "They have to have PTSD or TBI, they have to have a letter to support it and when they do, our program is free of charge. It doesn't cost the veteran anything ... Then they have to come to training every Sunday. That's their job. They work for their service dog. They just don't pay for it. Battle Buddies has placed more than 1,000 dogs in homes since 2015 and has had more than 200 veterans complete training with a new service dog from their shelter. "It's good to use the rescue dogs because the rescue dogs have problems themselves. If a dog was dumped, they might not want to get into a car. And how do they overcome that? With exposure therapy the same way the veteran will work on his triggers ... We like to use the motto "we rescue one and save 2." Rowan says he saw how Molly could save him from PTSD the first time they entered a WalMart together. He had been unable to go to the store alone previously. "we walked down the aisles, she looked down both aisles to make sure everything's good for me. And we'll walk and shop and now we'll spend half a day in WalMart and it doesn't bother me ... Just after that, we became the best of friends. She's gone on cruises with me, she's gone on a train ride with me. She goes everywhere with me. Rowan has had Molly for six years and is now a member of the K9 Battle Buddies board of directors. "I felt if this dog did so much for me, how much a dog would do for somebody else. "We need the veterans to know that there's help. We're here, we're a free program. come out, just come out. Even if you're not ready to commit, just come out and take a dog for a walk. It makes you feel better. Durham is not a therapist, although there is one on her board. But she is inspired by her understanding of the situation she is serving. "I was the wife of a veteran with PTSD and I feel for the wives, just the children that don't understand why daddy doesn't go to the ballgame, why daddy is at home, why he's cranky and not involved the way he used to be. Did he fall out of love with them when he was deployed. And they don't understand. Our goal is to bring that family back together. And to do so by adding a new family member. "Even ask my wife. She's my wife here. And my wife is my best friend. "It's unreal. I've had I don't know how many veterans have come up to me and say you're the reason I'm still alive.

5/23/2023 MORNING TIM: K9  
 9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 5 BATTLE  
 23 BUDDIES

00:02:42

"My problems are very real, every day you wake up to them. You build yourself strong in character so that when these things come up you can still be happy. You can still enjoy the great things life does have to offer inside of the pain you go through every day. I always thought of this as a token that our country asked me to carry and I will gladly carry it until we're done here and I'm going to have a good time doing it." We first introduced you to Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Davis in November of last year. Davis lost both his legs and an arm while deployed as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan. But despite what he lost...he continues to find joy in every day he's been given since.

5/23/2023 AFTERNOON WALL OF  
 3:00:00 PM N BREAK HONOR  
 OD 5 23 CEREMONY

00:00:38



Arriving at his new home today was a bit surreal. "Amazed I would probably say." Ryan and Asia Davis' home may not quite be done yet...but it was certainly full Tuesday. "It feels amazing having all our new neighbors and my friends and my builder all intertwined with each other, it makes butterflies dance in my belly." The home being built...and paid for by the Gary Sinise Foundation. "We come into communities and we're looking to help support the veterans who have sacrificed so much since post 9/11." A sacrifice Ryan willing made...never once expecting to be repaid...but knowing where he lives...not all that surprised. "I put all my chips in a certain pile and not everybody wins every bet but now America is built back up my chip pile and I'm super thankful to live in the greatest country in the world. Super thankful for it." While the home when completed will be full of the latest innovative tech, making it more accessible for Ryan. "He can be fully independent, all on his own. He can clean, he can do it all." The thing he's most excited to be in it is something he's had all along. "Asia and Knox have made the last year and a half a sweeter joy of life than I ever knew in my first 35 years." So, as he looks around his new home, it's likely Ryan won't see what's on the surface, but rather the what's beneath it. The reminders that this home was built on a foundation no storm can shake and it's full of something that no one can ever take from him...joy. "And when you really need it, when you really need it, when you're dead in the bed just rolling over for life, I think that tool and that resiliency is going to cut through the adversity of what's in front of you."

5/23/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOO N BREAK OD 5 23	WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY		00:01:36
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The display will be open to view starting Friday -- beginning with an opening ceremony at 9:30 AM. They will be up through Memorial Day on Monday. Other special presentations and ceremonies are happening throughout the weekend... including a Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Chapel -- Sunday at 4 PM. And a Wreath Laying Ceremony in the Memorial Garden at 11 am on Monday. You can find more information on our website wtoc-dot-com

5/23/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOO N BREAK OD 5 23	2023 FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN		00:00:25
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			The Memorial Garden at the museum will soon be transformed into a sea of red, white and blue -- with 26 thousand American flags covering the ground. Each carrying its own significance. They represent the 26 thousand Eighth Air Force airmen who died in World War two. Volunteers are asked to come out today from 9 AM to 5PM today and tomorrow from 9A to 12P to help place the flags.	
5/23/2023	AFTERNOON N BREAK OD 5 23	2023 FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN		00:00:22

			"Well it makes me proud to be an American....It makes you feel good for these 26,000 airmen that never came home." Flags for the Fallen will continue through Memorial Day on Monday. Speeches and remembrance services are planned for tomorrow and there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at 11 am Monday.	
5/26/2023	AFTERNOON N BREAK OD	FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN		00:00:18

			The most visually stunning of those tributes opened today at the National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum in Pooler -- the annual Flags for the Fallen display. 26,000 flags were planted in the museum's memorial garden, each one representing an 8th Air Force airman who was killed during World War II. The last three of those flags were put in place this morning by three World War II veterans at the opening ceremony. This is the third year for the event that represents the real meaning of the Memorial Day holiday	
5/26/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK OD	FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN		00:00:31

			This Memorial Day weekend.. dozens of people are passing through the World War II Memorial on River Street. That's where I met Joseph James- a 30-year veteran of the Marine Corps, who says he served tours in Afghanistan, Grenada, and Korea to name a few. He made it home from service- but some of his brothers in arms, did not. "You don't have an answer for it. I mean, why did some of us make it home and others didn't? It's not something you can do mathematically or whatever. Maybe you were lucky, maybe you weren't in harms way at the time or whatever. I don't know. Why did you get picked not to come home or why did you get picked to come home? I don't have an answer for it." Though the question lingers, James says he takes Memorial Day weekend to reflect on those friends of his that lost their lives while serving.. remembering not just how they died, but how lived. James: "To be able to think back fondly on those folks, it's the difference between- I'm sorry that a lot of them are gone, but I'm grateful I had the opportunity to meet them to begin with. So that's what you try to keep in your mind." Justin Wilson is not a veteran himself- he says he couldn't serve because he almost lost a hand at one point. His two brothers, however, did serve- and he says he and his family lived in fear that they might not make it home. "My brother was actually stationed over in Afghanistan at the time, and I was right up the sidewalk, and I saw the two uniforms, and my body just dropped because I thought it was going to be that." Wilson says the two officers weren't there to give a death notification, but he says his heart goes out to those that did receive word they lost a loved one in the military- knowing that feeling of fear, he says, very well. That, for him- is the real meaning of Memorial Day: honoring everyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice- and remembering what it is they fought for. Wilson: "What it means to me is the true pride that we have for our nation. A lot of people say that we aren't united states, but in the end, we really are the United States of America. We're all united in our special ways." Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	
5/28/2023 6:30:00 PM	WKEND 6:30PM OD	SHEA: MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY		00:02:05

			GLENNVILL	
	MORNING	E	And in Glennville--The Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery will host a ceremony	
5/29/2023	BREAK OD 5	MEMORIAL	at 11:30 this morning. Lieutenant Colonel Timothy E. Nix -- commander of the	
9:00:00 AM	29	DAY	92nd Engineer Battalion from Fort Stewart's 3rd I-D will speak.	00:00:13

			PLANT	At one o'clock, there'll be a performance by Laiken Love and the Fellowship of Loves-
			RIVERSIDE	a band that ranges from smooth jazz numbers to full dance music. Then, at 5, there'll
	MORNING	MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL	be a special presentation by the VFW. After that, the Whitley Deputy Band will play-
5/29/2023	BREAK OD 5	DAY	DAY	and then the evening will wrap up at 9 P.M. with the Salute to the Armed Forces
9:00:00 AM	29	EVENTS	EVENTS	Fountain show. The organizers of the event recognize that Memorial Day is a solemn
				day for many people- and want to give people opportunities to recognize the holiday
				with other people around them to support them.
				00:00:32

5/29/2023 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK OD 5 29 RH MEMORIAL DAY EVENT If you're looking for some ways to honor the fallen... In Richmond Hill -- a ceremony will be held at J-F Gregory Park from 11 A-M to noon. A combat team leader from the 2nd armored brigade will be the speaker. A color guard... bugler... and a firing party will take part in the event. 00:00:17

5/29/2023 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK OD 5 29 VIDALIA MEMORIAL DAY In Vidalia -- The V-F-W Post 3563 Auxiliary will hold a ceremony from 3 to 4 P-M at Southeast Technical College. A Lieutenant Colonel from the 3rd I-D will be speaking. A color guard will also take part in the event. 00:00:13

		OATLAND		
		ISLAND	The Oatland Island Wildlife Center is holding a "Military Appreciation Day" from 10 A-	
	MORNING	MILITARY	M to 4 P-M All those who have served or currently serving in our country's military	
5/29/2023	BREAK OD 5	APPRECIATI	get free admission with a military I-D. Everyone is welcome to explore the	
9:00:00 AM	29	ON DAY	grounds... watch the animals... and bring a picnic lunch.	00:00:18

			This has become the area's biggest Memorial Day event - 26,000 flags each one	
			representing a member of the 8th Air Force killed in World War II. Since Friday,	
			visitors have toured the museum and its memorial garden - including a group of 350	
			people with the 100th Bomb Group Foundation, which is having its semi-annual	
			reunion around Flags for the Fallen this year. And one of those guests -- David	
			Calkin, of Clinton Arkansas -- used the event to pay special tribute to his father by	
	MORNING	TIM: FLAGS	spreading some of his ashes in the memorial garden. Calkin's father was a wing	
5/29/2023	BREAK OD 5	FOR THE	gunner with the 100th Bomb Group, which was a unit of the 8th Air Force. He was	
9:00:00 AM	29	FALLEN	also a member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society and had visited the Mighty 8th	
			Museum before passing away four years ago.	00:00:45

			<p>This right here, the 8th Air Force Museum and the 100th Bomb Group was basically all my daddy did since he retired. He spoke a lot. He was from Jonesboro, Arkansas, he was an honored veteran there. He was a Purple Heart recipient. And I've had the honor of coming down here to do this and this is probably the best place I could probably get some of it. The 100th Bomb Group Foundation usually has its reunion in October, but moved it to May so they could participate in Flags for the Fallen. And on Thursday night, the group planted 757 flags in the display to represent members the 100th Bomb Group killed in action during World War II.</p>	
5/29/2023	MORNING	TIM: FLAGS		
9:00:00 AM	BREAK OD 5	FOR THE		
	29	FALLEN		00:00:37

			<p>"I came into the Marine Corps in 73 when Vietnam was ending, and I saw the casualties coming back from that event, and I just didn't realize the magnitude of it going all the way back to the Revolutionary War that people have given their life to this country, so it's great to be able to do this."</p>	
5/29/2023		BEAUFORT		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	MEMORIAL		
		DAY		00:00:17

			<p>"It just solidifies that there is still work to be done to show the nation that there are still people out there that not only serve but that love our country, and so to be given the opportunity to be a part of that we are just honored. Yeah"</p>	
5/29/2023		RICHMOND		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	HILL		
		MEMORIAL		
		DAY		00:00:14

			? (sot) Statesboro Fire Department resumed this annual display back in 2017. (vo) 115 crosses and flags decorate the Bulloch County courthouse square. Each one carried the name of a service member from Bulloch County who lost their life and the war or conflict in which they were killed. Statesboro's Fire chief says the display helps remind everyone of the cost of freedom, even on the local community. (sot) I think anytime somebody gives their life for their country, it's only appropriate to honor and remember them. (vo) Grams isn't sure why they stopped presenting the display for a few years, but he's glad it resumed. (sot) In downtown Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
5/29/2023		STATESBORO		
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	MEMORIAL DAY		00:00:38

		UPDATE:	We want to give you an update on a story we brought you last week. Knot Lucky Fishing's first ever lowcountry boil was a huge success. The organization hosted the event to support their mission of helping veterans with PTSD enjoy outdoor activities like fishing. Over 1-hundred-20 people came out to support and over \$19-thousand-dollars was donated to keep our front-line veterans on the water fishing. To learn how you can help Knot lucky, just head to WTOC dot com	
6/13/2023	MORNING	KNOT LUCKY FISHING		
9:00:00 AM	BREAK OD 6 13	SURPASSE S GOAL		00:00:28

		HINESVILLE		
6/22/2023		: YELLOW BOWS TO SUPPORT MILITARY	Check it out -- Hinesville is showing their support for those soldiers! They're handing out yellow bows for people to hang on their houses and businesses as they prepare to send off the brigade. You can get these bows for free on the second floor of city hall.	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD			00:00:15



6/22/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HINESVILLE "In about the early 2000s, the Hinesville military affairs committee started making : YELLOW bows to show the support of the troops." "We really want our local military, family BOWS TO and friends to know that we really support those who are already deployed and we SUPPORT wish for their safe return home." You can get these bows for free on the second MILITARY floor of city hall. 00:00:20

6/23/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD FREEDOM Looking ahead to the weekend - the Freedom Rings Parade is back in Rincon. It's RINGS the annual event honoring first responders and celebrating Independence Day PARADE organized by Effingham Heroes, Inc. The 3rd I-D Marching band will be there along with the Alee Shriners and local units of first responders. That's happening tomorrow at 10 a-m. Coming up on THE News at 6 - we'll detail road closures for the big event. 00:00:24

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

**GOVERNMENT**

**APRIL 1, 2023 – JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 04/02/23      **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former personal attorney (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS legal analyst (5); Preet Bharara, former U.S. attorney, Southern District of New York (6); John Bolton, former national security adviser, Trump administration (7); Emma Tucker, editor-in-chief, *The Wall Street Journal* (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)  
4) a discussion with Mr. Costa and a recorded excerpt from his Saturday interview with Mr. Trump's former fixer, Michael Cohen, a key witness for the New York City district attorney Alvin Bragg, whose office was investigating the circumstances of an alleged "hush money" payment made by Mr. Cohen to adult film star Stormy Daniels. Mr. Trump is the first president to be indicted.  
5) a discussion on what to expect when former President Donald Trump is arraigned on criminal charges in New York on Tuesday  
6) Topics include: insight into Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg and his reasoning for bringing a case against the former President / reaction to former Trump Attorney General Bill Barr's remarks about the case against Mr. Trump / Republican attacks of Mr. Bragg  
7) Topics include: political mistake being made by Republicans in attacking Mr. Bragg and aligning themselves with Mr. Trump / weaponization of the Justice Department under President Trump / concern that the case will benefit Mr. Trump / refusal to support the former President if he is the Republican nominee / his possible presidential run / disappointment in Ron DeSantis' comments about Ukraine
- 04/16/23      **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Asa Hutchinson, former Arkansas governor, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (4); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chair, House Select Committee on Intelligence (6); Christine Lagarde, president, European Central Bank (7)  
1) a report from Atlanta on gun violence and abortion rights, including new CBS News poll results on those issues  
2) Topics include: reasons behind his candidacy; gun violence / bipartisan Safer Communities Act / red flag laws  
3) Topics include: gun violence / bipartisan Safer Communities Act / reaction to Republican proposals addressing gun violence /  
4) a discussion on abortion access, federal court ruling on the FDA approved abortion pill Mifepristone and whether or not the Supreme Court will hear the case on the drug  
5) Topics include: protecting abortion rights / just signed law codifying right to abortion, abortion care and access, as well as gender affirming care / late-term abortions / abortion access on sovereign land; water crisis and the debate over the Colorado River
- 04/23/23      **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration (4) (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Quinton Lucas, mayor, Kansas City, MO (7); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (8)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4) (6)  
3) Topics include: Friday's Supreme Court decision, preserving access to Mifepristone, a widely used abortion pill / what will happen next in the case; scrutiny of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas for code of conduct violations  
4) an excerpt from yesterday's interview, discussing Friday's Supreme Court decision on Mifepristone and putting "the interests of the unborn first"  
6) an additional excerpt from yesterday's interview with the former Vice President, discussing the spate of

gun violence in recent weeks, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, his yet-to-be scheduled appearance before the special counsel's grand jury investigating January 6<sup>th</sup> and possible presidential candidacy

8) Topics include: protests in opposition to the government's plans to overhaul the judicial system, currently paused / opposition expressed by President Biden / questionable members of his government / Gallup poll results indicating Democrats, for the first time, are likelier to sympathize with Palestinians than with Israelis

04/30/23

**Guests:** Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (1); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former president, Goldman Sachs, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (6)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5) (7)

2) Topics include: abortion rights / need for the Republican party to find a "middle ground" on abortion / compassion for rape victims while also finding common ground on abortion / Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley and other Republican candidates' views on abortion; debt ceiling

7) At the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner, President Biden struck a somber tone as he hailed the free press as a "pillar of a free society" and called for the release of imprisoned journalists Austin Tice and Evan Gerskovich

05/07/23

**Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Nicole Sganga, CBS News homeland security and justice reporter (2); Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (3); Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (4) (6); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (7); Governor Roy Cooper (D-NC) (8); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (9)

6) Topics include: / Republican leaders of the House and Senate, Kevin McCarthy and Mitch McConnell  
8) a discussion on his state's Republican-led legislature's passing of a 12-week abortion ban and what can be done to "continue to work to protect women's reproductive freedom in North Carolina"

05/14/23

**Guests:** Nikki Haley, 2024 Republican presidential candidate, former governor of South Carolina, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Oscar Leeser, mayor (D-El Paso, TX) (3); Dr. Victor Trevino, mayor (Nonpartisan - Laredo, TX) (4); Lael Brainard, director, National Economic Council (5); Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL) (6)

1) Topics include: abortion rights; former President Trump being found legally liable for sexually abusing a woman

6) Topics include: "Momnibus", her evidence-based legislation to end the maternal mortality crisis / "pathway" to getting legislation signed into law this year / factors contributing to maternal deaths;

05/21/23

**Guests:** Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Representative Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), co-chair, Problem Solvers Caucus (1); Eric Adams, mayor (D-New York, NY) (2); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL) (3); Robert Gates, chancellor, College of William & Mary, former Secretary of Defense, former director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, board member, Pfizer, former commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (5)

3) Topics include:; his possible 2024 run for president / Donald Trump

4) Topics include: polarization and lack of civility as the biggest threats to the United States; relationship with China / China's aggression towards Taiwan;; concern over former President Trump's 2024 presidential candidacy

05/28/23

**Guests:** Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Democratic Leader (1); Representative French Hill (R-AR) (2); Austan Goolsbee, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, former White House economic adviser, Obama administration (3); Brad Smith, president and vice chair, Microsoft (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Trump administration, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5)

4) Topics include: benefits and risks associated with artificial intelligence / A.I. regulation / protecting the next presidential election against deepfakes and misleading ads / support for a new federal agency to oversee A.I.

06/04/23

**Guests:** Representative Garret Graves (R-LA) (1); Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Brian Moynihan, CEO, Bank of America (4); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political

correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6)

1) Topics include: / erosion of trust within the Republican Party // refusal to rule out a government shutdown / status of Speaker McCarthy's position

; refusal to endorse President Biden at this time / his political future

4) a discussion on the economy after the nation averted a debt crisis

5) CBS News political panel on what voters can expect as the GOP race for president intensifies, including the classified documents case against Mr. Trump, abortion rights as a 'galvanizing political force' and President Biden's campaign

06/11/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (2); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (3) (6); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (4); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (6); Amy Walter, *Cook Political Report* (6)

**Guest Moderator:** John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent

1) a discussion on Mr. Trump's reaction to the federal criminal charges for his mishandling of classified materials, potential impact to his campaign and how his GOP rivals are reacting

2) Topics include: magnitude of detail in the indictment / risk assessment of the documents in Mr. Trump's possession / crime-fraud exception in the indictment, forcing his former lawyers to testify / legal consequences for a 'regular old Joe' who mishandle classified materials / differences between Mr. Trump's mishandling of classified materials versus Hillary Clinton's 2016 email investigation

3) CBS News poll results indicating Republican primary voters are more concerned that former President Trump's indictment is politically motivated than his alleged conduct being a national security risk

4) Topics include: indictment against Mr. Trump / continuing Republican support for Mr. Trump / public's skepticism concerning the Department of Justice / his opinion that the Trump indictment is not political; 2024 GOP presidential candidates

5) an interview with the governor on how his experiences influence his presidential campaign,

6) CBS News political panel discussion on the state of the 2024 race amid the historic Trump indictment

06/18/23

**Guests:** William Barr, former U.S. attorney general, Trump administration (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); General H.R. McMaster (retired), CBS News foreign policy and national security contributor, former national security adviser, Trump administration (5); Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) (6); Caitlin Huey-Burns, CBS News political correspondent (7); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (7); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (7)

**Guest Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (5)

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

1) a report and discussion on U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's trip to China, the first U.S. diplomatic mission to that country in five years

2) Topics include: legitimacy of the federal indictment against former President Trump for his mishandling of classified documents / Mr. Trump's conduct / Presidential Records Act / Republican criticism of the Justice Department and the FBI / ongoing Republican support for the former President / danger of another Trump presidency / other legal challenges and investigations facing the former President: January 6<sup>th</sup> and Georgia voting investigation

3) Topics include: federal indictment against former President Trump for his mishandling of classified documents / Mr. Trump's conduct / Republican criticism of the Justice Department and the FBI; his history with Mr. Trump; Mr. Christie's 2024 presidential candidacy; Biden administration's dealings with China

7) CBS News political panel topics include: charges against former President Donald Trump / how the Republican party is reacting / what could come next in the investigations into the former President

06/25/23

**Guests:** Ian Lee, CBS News London correspondent (1); Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State, Biden administration (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (5); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (5); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX), co-chair, President Biden's re-election bid (6); Cindy McCain, executive director, United Nations World Food Program (7)

1) a report from Dnipro, Ukraine on the uneasy calm in Moscow after a deal was struck between Russia,

the Wagner mercenary group and their leader, Yevgeny Prigozhin, who will head to Belarus and will not be charged after their rebellion

3) Topics include:; origins of the Coronavirus pandemic

6) a discussion on abortion rights, amid the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade

## 60 MINUTES

04/02/23 **"MTG"** – an interview with Georgia Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene. She discusses her upbringing in Georgia, the influence she's gained in her two years in Congress, and her protesting of former President Donald Trump's indictment. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin)

**The Last Minute** – Donald Trump is the first ex-President in history to face criminal charges. On Tuesday, he is expected to be arraigned on a multiple-count indictment. At the center of this story is Stormy Daniels, who spoke with 60 MINUTES in 2018. (See also: "Stormy Daniels", OAD: 03/25/18) (C: Lesley Stahl)

04/09/23 60 MINUTES (7:48 – 8:48p)

**"Sportswashing"** – a report on sportswashing. As Saudi Arabia is being accused of attempting to cover up political repression and authoritarian rule through entertainment, its government claims to be diversifying the economy. Includes interviews with Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Saud, member of the Saudi royal family and motorsports enthusiast; Nick Kyrgios, Australian tennis player; Rasha Al Khamis, Saudi Arabia's first female certified boxing coach; Lina al-Hathloul, whose sister Loujain was imprisoned for leading the Saudi woman-to-drive movement; and Jerry Inzerillo, who was appointed as CEO of the Diriyah Gate Development Authority by the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon)

04/23/23

**"Who Is Ray Epps?"** – a profile of Ray Epps, a Trump supporter who participated in the January 6<sup>th</sup> Capitol Riots. He now claims to be the target of a right-wing conspiracy stating he turned the insurrection from peaceful to violent. Includes interviews with Robyn Epps, Ray's wife; and Tom Joscelyn, a researcher and author who helped the January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee author its final report. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick)

05/07/23

**"This Ancient Atrocity"** – a report on illegal child labor in the United States. An investigation by the Department of Labor, prompted by concerns from a Nebraska middle school, revealed children forced to work overnight in slaughterhouses nationwide. Includes interviews with Shannon Rebolledo, a Labor Department investigator; Jessica Lima, an adult worker for PSSI; and Jessica Looman, who heads the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte)

05/28/23

**"Radio Free Europe"** – a report on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty from the RFE headquarters in Prague. Funded by the U.S. government, the editorially independent station's reports focus on human rights and democracy. Includes interviews with Maryan Kushnir, a Ukrainian war correspondent with RFE; Jamie Fly, President and CEO of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; Pavel Butorin, who runs RFE's 24/7 Russian-language television channel, Current Time; Ksenia Sokolyanskaya, anchor of Current Time's nightly news program; Sergei Dobrynin, Natalya Dzhanpoladova, Anastasia Tishchenko, Alexey Alexandrov, investigative reporters; and Natalie Sedletska, host and executive producer of an investigative news series. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart) (OAD: 01/01/23)

## CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

On **Tuesday, April 4**, a CBS News Special Report (Arrest of former President Trump in New York City) aired for 30:23 from 1:00:00-1:30:23pm cny and for 2:35:59 from 2:00:00-4:35:59pm, both live to all stations.

On **Tuesday, April 25**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden announces his re-election campaign) aired for 4:29 from 6:00:00-6:04:29am cny, live to all stations.

05/06/23

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: CBS NEWS: The Coronation of King Charles III** (5:00 - 9:58a) – live coverage of the coronation of King Charles III. The 74-year-old will be the 40<sup>th</sup> monarch to be crowned at Westminster Abbey. Today's ceremony is the first to take place on a weekend since 1902 and is the first

time broadcast live in color. Coverage includes: (1) "The King's Procession" to Westminster Abbey in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach; (2) Coronation Ceremony and Crowning; (3) "The Coronation Procession" to Buckingham Palace in the Gold State Coach; and (4) balcony wave and reduced military flyover, due to the weather. Also includes interviews with: (1) Ayesha Hazarika, columnist, *London Evening Standard*, political commentator, comedian (C: Dana Jacobson, at Buckingham Palace); (2) Ambassador Jane Hartley, U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom (C: Dana Jacobson, at Buckingham Palace); (3) Francis Dymoke, whose family has held the role of the King's champion since the Middle Ages (C: Jeff Glor, Michelle Miller and Tina Brown, at Westminster Abbey); (4) Kristy Yankee and Diana Griffin, two Americans who travelled from Boston, MA to watch the coronation (C: Chris Livesay, in London); (5) Colleen Harris, former royal household press secretary, who was also the first Black member of the royal household (C: Michelle Miller and Jeff Glor, at Westminster Abbey); (6) Tony Juniper, co-author with then Prince Charles, "Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World", co-author with King Charles III, "A Ladybird Book: Climate Change" (C: Jeff Glor, Michelle Miller and Tina Brown, at Westminster Abbey); (7) Akeme Cox, winner, 2020 Prince's Trust Global Award (C: Jeff Glor and Michelle Miller, at Westminster Abbey); and (8) Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli (via remote), who will be performing at Sunday night's coronation concert at Windsor Castle (C: Dana Jacobson, at Buckingham Palace). Correspondents / Contributors: Michelle Miller, co-anchor (Westminster Abbey); Jeff Glor, co-anchor (Westminster Abbey); Dana Jacobson, co-anchor (Buckingham Palace); Mark Phillips, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Buckingham Palace); Tina Brown, CBS News royal contributor (Westminster Abbey); Wesley Kerr, royal expert & broadcaster (Westminster Abbey); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Westminster Abbey); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (The Mall); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (London); Julian Payne, CBS News royal contributor, former communications director for Charles, Prince of Wales (Westminster Abbey).

06/02/23

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT (7:00 - 7:18p)** – *initial chyron ID: President Biden Delivers Oval Office Address On Bipartisan Debt Ceiling Deal* - live coverage of President Biden's first Oval Office address to the nation. Tonight's topic: Congress' agreed upon plan to raise the debt ceiling. The bipartisan legislation narrowly averts a catastrophic default. Origination: Oval Office, White House. Address preceded and followed by correspondents' commentary. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, Washington, DC); Nancy Cordes (White House); and Margaret Brennan (Washington, DC).

On **Thursday, June 8**, a CBS News Special Report (Former President Donald Trump Indictment) aired for 13:43 from 7:46:16-7:59:59pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Friday, June 9**, a CBS News Special Report aired for 19:17 from 1:48:01-02:07:18pm cnyt (Special Counsel unseals Former President Trump Indictment) and for 22:03 from 3:04:39-3:26:42pm cnyt (Special Counsel Jack Smith delivers remarks after Former President Trump Indictment is unsealed), both live to all stations.

On **Tuesday, June 13**, a CBS News Special Report (Former President Trump arrival, arraignment and departure from the federal courthouse in Miami) aired for 2:00:37 from 2:00:00-4:00:37pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Tuesday, June 20**, a CBS News Special Report (Hunter Biden agreed to plead guilty to federal criminal tax charges) aired for 11:50 from 9:26:49-9:38:39am cnyt, live to all stations.

**WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 19: ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON FEDERAL,LOCAL, STATE. OSSOF VISITS SOUTH KOREA, GA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION VOTE TO REDRAW MAPS, GA TAX REBATE CHECKS, SC SHIELD LAW, SC TOBACCO PREEMPTIONS, OSSOFF ON TYBEE EMERGENCY RESPONSE, OSSOFF ON PORTS FUNDING, GOV. KEMPS SIGNS HOTEL TAX, GOV. DESANTIS LOWCOUNTRY CAMPAIGN STOP, WARNOCK TOURING SAVANNAH AIRPORT, SEN. WARNOCK ON INSULIN BILLS, RIGHT WHALE BILL, PEMBROKE TELEPHONE GRANT SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, CBS, CONGRESS, SENATE GOV. KEMP, GOV. MCMASTER, BUDDY CARTER, ETC**

4/6/2023	OSSOFF	"I led a trade delegation to Korea about a year and a half ago. Now I'm back to continue pitching	
5:29:00 PM	VISITS	Georgia to our South Korean partners. I'm meeting with Korean business leaders to identify new	
5:30pm OD	KOREA	opportunities to create jobs and opportunity for Georgians with our South Korean partners.	00:00:17

4/6/2023	HYUNDAI	Ossoff and other state leaders spent time meeting with Hyundai executives before they agreed to	
5:29:00 PM	PLANT	purchase land in Bryan County to build their new electric vehicle plant. Crews are now working to	
5:30pm OD	BUTTON UP	build that plant from the ground up. WTOC will continue to bring you updates as construction pushes	00:00:18
		forward.	

4/7/2023	CBS:	there are growing calls for tougher ethics rules at the supreme court, after a new report shows justice	
4:29:00 PM	CLARENCE	clarence thomas accepted gifts for *years* without disclosing them. an investigation by the news	
4:30PM OD	THOMAS	organization *propublica* shows thomas has traveled around the world on yachts and private jets --	
		and those trips were paid for by an important republican donor. as jan crawford shows us, the report	00:00:28
		highlights a lack of oversight at the nation's highest court.	

4/7/2023	5PM OD	GA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISH VOTE	In the meantime - the group of voters is asking the judge who ruled on this case to redraw the maps, calling the matter urgent. In his ruling, the judge asked state lawmakers to redraw the maps, saying he would do it if they failed to come up with a new plan. The legislative session ended in March... and no maps were passed. WTOC will continue to follow this story and let you know what's decided - for the maps and the ongoing appeal.	00:00:25
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4/17/2023	5PM OD	GSC TO HEAR WAYNE HOSPITAL CASE	You may remember - dozens of states including Georgia joined the settlement with the three largest drug makers in the U-S. Most states are using the money from the settlement to fund drug treatment and education programs. A state law enacted after that lawsuit stops political subdivisions - like local governments and authorities - from past, present and future opioid-related lawsuits.	00:00:23
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4/26/2023	6PM OD	MEDICAID LOCAL TIE	The 100 percent poverty level according to the Georgia Department of Health for single family household is a salary below roughly 14 thousand 500 dollars. For a household of four, it's below \$30,000 dollars. In order for people falling in these categories to get Medicaid, they will have to work, do community service, be enrolled in college or vocational school for 20 hours a week. Senator representing parts of area, Ben Watson, says prior, only people who have a disability, are elderly, children and new mothers were eligible for health care assistance.	00:00:33
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4/27/2023	5PM OD	CHD VACCINE GUIDELINES UPDATE	Also new this hour - the C-D-C is encouraging people with the highest risks for severe illness to get another COVID-19 booster. The updated guidelines are for people 65 and older and people who are immunocompromised. The additional booster recommendation is for the bi-valent dose. That's the most updated version made to fight off newer variants of the virus. You can get that booster shot through the Coastal Health Department. They also have more information about the updated guidance... along with a place to make an appointment online.	00:00:32
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Earlier this year – the House of Representatives passed an abortion ban from conception. This week, the Senate began debating it – though the Senate Republican Leader had repeatedly said there wasn't enough support in his chamber to pass that restrictive a bill. That indeed proved to be the case – and that bill will go no further this year. "I think we all kind of knew where this was headed. But look, we wanted to give it our best shot. We gave it our best shot." That shot fell short – up against the five women in the 46-member state Senate. The three Republicans, one Democrat, and one independent senator took turns – leading a two-day filibuster on the bill to ban abortion from conception in South Carolina. "This is certainly not a political issue. This is a human-rights issue, it's an issue of women's rights, privacy rights, family rights, and certainly partisan politics should not have anything to do with it." They were joined by every other Democratic senator – and three Republican men – to vote Thursday afternoon to end debate on the abortion ban from conception for the rest of this year. That kills the bill, for now. "The fight continues. It's an ongoing battle, and we just do what we have to do to protect the women and girls of our state." Abortion is currently legal in South Carolina before about 20 weeks into a pregnancy. Earlier this year – the Senate passed a six-week ban – and to this point – the House of Representatives has been unwilling to take that bill up. Senate Republican Leader Shane Massey is urging House Republicans to do that now – with just six days left in this year's legislative session. "It's up to the House now. I'm hoping that they will save as many lives as possible. It's going to take House action to do that. ... They've got enough time to get it done." Here's what Speaker of the House Murrell Smith said Wednesday – when asked today what his chamber would do next. "The House is always going to evaluate its options to protecting life. We're not committing to anything, and we're not foreclosing on anything. The only commitment we have, is we have a commitment in this body to protect life." If this week's events look familiar – it's because they are. This same situation played out during a special session last fall – when the same five female senators led the efforts to stop the Senate from passing an abortion ban from conception. Since then – the South Carolina legislature has failed to enact tighter abortion restrictions. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

4/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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4/27/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD GA ABORTION BAN LATEST RECAP When it comes to Georgia - you may remember we told you earlier this week, a six-week abortion ban remains in place. That's while the state supreme court considers whether to let a reversal of that law stand. The court heard arguments at the end of March following a November 2022 ruling that overturned Georgia's 2019 "Heartbeat Law." WTOC will update you when their opinion is released. 00:00:23

5/1/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD FIRST ROUND OF GA TAX REBATES ISSUED For those of you who didn't get the payment yet, the Georgia department of Revenue says it will take them several weeks to release all the money. They say if you filed by the April 18th deadline, you should have it in the next 8 weeks. That's around the end of June. Remember - your 2022 return will have to be processed before you can get the money. 00:00:20

5/2/2023 4:30AM FIRST ROUND OF GA TAX  
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5/3/2023 5:29:00 PM TIM SCOTT TO ANNOC PRES. RUN  
5:30pm OD  
Scott is expected to announce his 2024 campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. It's happening at the Buccaneer Fieldhouse on the 22nd. Scott's exploratory campaign says they'll make details about tickets for the event available soon. In the meantime, the Junior Senator from South Carolina says he'll continue to hold a series of town hall meetings with stops in Iowa and New Hampshire. 00:00:24

5/3/2023 5:29:00 PM WARNOCK CALLS FOR GUN LEG  
5:30pm OD  
"As a pastor, I'm praying for those who are impacted by this tragedy, but I hasten to say that thoughts and prayers are not enough. And in fact, in fact, it is a contradiction to say that you are thinking and praying, then do nothing. That is to make a mockery of prayer. It is to trivialize faith. We pray not only with our lips - we pray with our legs. We pray by taking action." 00:00:22

The so-called "Shield Law" passed the Senate today. It would protect or shield the identities of drug makers and pharmacies that sell lethal-injections to the state. Right now, the state has three methods of executing convicted inmates sentenced to die: firing squad, electric chair, and lethal injection. The firing squad and electric chair are currently on hold pending a court review of their legality. The state says it has not been able to get the drugs it needs for lethal injections since its batch expired a decade ago.

5/4/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SC SHIELD  
LAW PASSES

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The Senate passed this bill here Thursday – so it's now up to the House to decide if it'll agree to those changes – and send this bill to the governor – or if it wants to work out a compromise. "With inconsistent rules, it's impossible for businesses to stay afloat. It's tough enough as it is, but these small businesses need this help." This bill would make it illegal for local governments to enforce local rules on cigarette, e-cigarette, vape, and other tobacco and nicotine product sales – including banning certain flavors or ingredients from being sold within a city or county. Local laws and ordinances put in place before 2021 -- would be grandfathered in under this bill. And it wouldn't prevent cities and counties from enacting no-smoking areas or zoning ordinances to ban smoke or vape sales in certain areas – like close to schools. Senators amended the bill to crack down on those stores illegally selling nicotine products to minors. "Right now, they just get a slap on the wrist. This will set up a process that if they keep doing it, they will lose their right to sell nicotine products across the board, and I think people will respond to that." The American Cancer Society opposes this ban on local governments imposing their own tobacco rules – saying South Carolina needs local laws to protect kids, not state interference. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

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5/4/2023 CAROLINA "I am tickled that we have finally put an end to a very dangerous for the driver, for the other cars that  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SQUAT BAN are encountering and our pedestrians on our roads. These squat trucks that cannot see above their  
PASSED hood, and so I am tickled that a year later, albeit a year later, we are finally at the finish line." Those  
caught in violation of the law will face tickets with more fines for additional offenses. That's if governor  
Henry McMaster signs it when it gets to his desk. 00:00:27

5/4/2023 OSSOFF The Senator says in a statement this all comes from work last year, writing in part, "After passing my  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TYBEE Tybee Island Storm Risk Management Act into law last year, today I am delivering the resources to  
EMERG construct a hurricane and tornado safe room near the Tybee Island fire station." Ossoff says that's  
RESPONSE within a half mile of about 800 people who live on the island. 00:00:21

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5/5/2023 6AM SC  
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The Bill extends tax exemptions for certain projects the state labels competitive projects of regional significance. The bill says that regional significance means projects that have a large impact on an area. That's one of the reasons the governor says he wanted to sign this bill at the Hyundai site. He says this site is an example of a large impact economic project. Governor Kemp says the automaker chose to come here because of tax incentives that house bill 408 will extend. Governor kemp used this signing to tout what he's describing as record economic growth...saying in the last year...Georgia has announced four of the largest economic investments in state history.

5/5/2023 FLYNN:  
4:00:00 PM KEMP  
4PM OD HYUNDAI  
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5/5/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD MAX:  
BUDGET "In order to keep us #1 for business, we're investing in our workforce pipeline, from the classroom all  
SIGNING the way to the boardroom. That includes support for our hardworking educators, as well as investing in  
our schools..." 00:00:13

5/5/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD FLYNN:  
KEMP SIGNS "These are just a handful of the benefits Georgians will soon see because of this budget. So, again, I  
2024 want to thank everyone here and elsewhere who helped make these investments possible. Georgia  
BUDGET continues to be the best state to live, work, and raise a family, because we have prioritized education,  
public safety, healthcare, and economic development, even in the face of truly unprecedented times." 00:00:24

(sot) The announcement made here at the Garden City terminal will impact ports here and around the nation. (sot) This is a \$4 billion program to upgrade ports nationwide. (vo) Senator Jon Ossoff joined the head of the Environmental Protection Agency to announce the funding. The Clean Ports Program and the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program would replace fossil fuel trucks and other equipment with those powered by alternate power - electricity, LP gas or others. The goal is to lower pollution emissions at ports like Savannah's by 50 to 60 percent. Labor leaders say they're thankful. (sot) You'll be in a cooler cab being in an electric vehicle, and it's less noise. So it makes the environment and your work environment much safer and quieter place to work. (vo) Local port leaders say the offer of federal funding will help their transition and any adjustments. (sot) We can tweak here and there, be smart, and end up with a much better product for Savannah, for Georgia, and for the Southeast. (vo) EPA administrator Michael Reagin said they'll seek input from ports like Savannah on the best ways to implement these improvements. (sot) No timetable on when the equipment could start rolling in, but port officials here say they'll submit their place almost immediately. At the Port of Savannah, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

5/5/2023  
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"People are just finally fed up with local prosecutors that simply are not doing their job and we know that firsthand. When you have sexual predators that are getting off scotch free simply because a simple procedure or date is not followed in a judicial proceeding those kind of things are outrageous to the local communities and to parents like us."

5/5/2023  
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GOV. KEMP  
SIGNS DA  
BILL

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Representative Jesse Petrea of Savannah says, Georgia's first 'Prosecuting Attorney's Qualifications Commission' will hold powerful D-A's accountable when they don't follow the law. Petrea has been an outspoken critic of Chatham County district attorney Shalena Cook-Jones and other progressive D-A's. "I think it's a powerful statement that the governor chose Savannah to be the site to sign this bill. We have a multitude of jurisdictions, communities, that have suffered with so-called "progressive" D-A's. And, simply incompetent D-A's." The 8-member group - appointed by state lawmakers - will now have the power to discipline and even remove elected D-A's. Petrea questions anyone who opposes the oversight. "It makes you wonder why those who don't want this... what do they have to hide? Why are they afraid of reasonable oversight that almost every professional person in our society has? Whether you're a doctor or a lawyer, or anything else. Almost everyone has some sort of oversight. One would think that they would welcome that." Petrea has a message for Chatham County D-A Shalena Cook Jones, in particular. "Your job is to protect this community by holding criminals accountable for their crimes. Please, just do your job."

5/5/2023  
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PETREA REX  
TO DA BILL  
SIGNING

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"We have reached a place in America with abortion that every person, I mean, almost every person who's an adult in South Carolina has given some thought to abortion, and I would hazard to guess that the vast majority have opinions about abortion." A January poll from the South Carolina Policy Council of likely voters of both parties – asked if they would support or oppose a state constitutional amendment to restrict or ban most abortions. Nearly half the respondents said they'd oppose it – while about a third said they'd be in support. Republican Sen. Greg Hembree proposed putting the question to voters in a referendum – during the Senate's most recent abortion debate last month. But that push failed – and so too have previous attempts at the State House recently to let voters decide directly. "That's a cop out, the idea that we should start having constitutional amendments for every issue. We were elected, all of us were questioned, whether you be Republican or Democrat or whatever, everybody was questioned, what is your position on this issue? And you had to take a position."

5/8/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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"Here's what Botanical Sciences will look like. It will be located on this strip of Zoya Lane right around the corner from the I-16 intersection." Patients with cancer, anxiety and other conditions have been allowed access to medical cannabis oils since 2019. But many haven't been able to get the drug because of a lack of dispensaries in Georgia. "PTSD, Parkinson's disease, ALS. You can start to think about how debilitating some of these diseases are for patients." In September 2022, three years after the medical cannabis bill passed, only two dispensaries got approved for licenses. One is Botanical Sciences coming to Pooler. CEO Gary Long says many people who have been waiting for access to the cannabis in oil, topical and capsule form haven't had many options. "Other than taking opioids in many situations and we all know kind of the situation that our country has been in over the last several years in dealing with the opioid crisis." Glennville is home to their 100,000 square foot facility where they grow their cannabis. So how does someone in need of these products get access? If your physician thinks medical cannabis is right for you, you'll be given a medicinal cannabis card. Then Botanical Sciences will have a consultation with you. "We will then provide them specific guidance on the ratios of THC oil in combination with other cannabinoids to help them abate their disease and/or the symptoms that are coming from it." Their grand opening is slated for late June, early July. Camille Syed WTOC News.

5/8/2023  
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"This was a seven-year journey. For us to get to this point where visitors help to pay for things that visitors enjoy, but that we all enjoy is a huge shift and another opportunity for us to be able to expand our financial and revenue streams." There's still a few more steps to go. The mayor says today's signing paves the way for the council to change the city's tax code. The city has a few projects in mind, too. Mayor Johnson says revitalizing River Street, finishing-up work on the city's walking and biking trails and renovating the historic Waterworks building headline that list.

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The F-A-A grant is aimed at pushing projects considered critical forward. The grants total 12 point 3 million dollars. Airports in Canton, Thomasville and Gainesville will use their share for rehabbing their runways.

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		5AM TYLER		
		HOTEL	"When you have those different caveats and you have those different bullet points put in place, it helps	
5/25/2023	6AM	MOTEL TAX	our residents. It helps takes the burden off their back. So right now people have been talking about	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	REVIEWED	taxes and what have we been paying into taxes for so long, but right now the taxes that we're definitely	
	K OD	TODAY	getting paid into is paid by visitors and it's going to help us in the long run."	00:00:23

		5AM TYLER	30 million dollars of revenue from the tax increase would go towards redeveloping River Street. The	
		HOTEL	City of Savannah wasn't able to just raise the hotel/motel tax rate on their own. They had to get	
5/25/2023	6AM	MOTEL TAX	approval from the state legislature, which happened this past legislative session. Representative Edna	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	REVIEWED	Jackson introduced the bill, which was unanimously approved by local representatives, and it was	
	K OD	TODAY	signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on May 5th. Now that they're legally allowed to, all the	
			Savannah City Council has to do is amend an ordinance to raise the hotel/motel tax rate from six	
			percent to eight percent. Other projects beyond River Street include improving connections between	
			the historic district and Enmarket Arena, as well as the development of the Tide to Town trail project.	
			There are exceptions to the tax- like for Savannah residents that are in a hotel because they lost their	
			home to a fire or similar event.	00:00:55

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5AM TYLER HOTEL MOTEL TAX REVIEWED TODAY  
\$30 million dollars of revenue from the tax increase would go towards redeveloping River Street. The City of Savannah had to get approval for the raise from the state legislature. Governor Brian Kemp signed it into law on May 5th. All the Savannah City Council has to do is amend an ordinance to raise the hotel/motel tax rate from six percent to eight percent. There are exceptions to the tax- like for Savannah residents that are in a hotel because they lost their home to a fire or similar event.  
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5AM TYLER HOTEL MOTEL TAX REVIEWED TODAY  
Millions of dollars of revenue from the tax increase would go towards redeveloping River Street. Other projects beyond River Street include improving connections between the historic district and Enmarket Arena, as well as the development of the Tide to Town trail project. There are exceptions to the tax- like for Savannah residents that are in a hotel because they lost their home to a fire or similar event. If passed, the increase would go into effect on September 1st of this year.  
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5AM TYLER HOTEL MOTEL TAX REVIEWED TODAY  
The idea behind raising the tax rate is to use revenue from tourism, to put right back into the tourism industry and improve tourist-heavy areas. 30 million dollars of revenue from the tax increase would go towards redeveloping River Street. Other projects beyond River Street include improving connections between the historic district and Enmarket Arena, as well as the development of the Tide to Town trail project. There are exceptions to the tax- like for Savannah residents that are in a hotel because they lost their home to a fire or similar event.  
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5/26/2023  
12:00:00 PM NOON OD  
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"The manufacturing incentives that we passed in the United States last year as part of the inflation reduction act, those manufacturing incentives are continuing to accelerate economic development and investment in jobs here in the state of Georgia."  
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LL INTRO: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis kicked off a day full of events in South Carolina right here in Bluffton in front of a crowd of about a thousand supporters. DeSantis and his wife, Casey, took to the stage to energize their supporters. The governor touted decisions he's made in Florida's highest office-- particularly during the height of the pandemic. "We made the decision that we were going to charter a different course. We were going to buck the establishment, buck Fauci, buck the media, buck the left, even going against some of our fellow republicans. In doing that, remember this was a crazy time three years ago, we faced an unprecedented amount of incoming fire as governor." DeSantis... promising the crowd... that he'd govern the country in a similar way, if he were to win the presidency. "A leader cannot put short term political calculations ahead of the overall interests of the people he represents. I resolved, I'm going to care more about protecting the jobs of the people I represent rather than protecting my own job." After leaving Bluffton, DeSantis traveled to Lexington and Greenville to round out his day in the Palmetto State. LL TAG: Coming up on the news at 5, we'll talk about why South Carolina is such a high priority for candidates this early on in the presidential campaign. In Bluffton, HB WTOC NEWS.  
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			You may remember - the parties pitch a primary calendar that state leaders can approve... or choose a different date. That's what happened in Georgia - where Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger picked March 12th for the primary date. The Democratic National Party had asked for the Peach State to hold their primary earlier in the calendar.	
6/2/2023		CAMPAIGN		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	2024 SETUP:		
		CALENDAR		00:00:20

			Breaking news - Chatham County will receive more than 1 point 8 million dollars to improve railroad crossings. This announcement was made just moments ago by the Biden Administration. The county will use that money to pay for many things including the planning and development for track relocation. The project's goal is to improve access to the ports...and make it easier for people who live in the area to get around rail lines. Two other communities in Georgia are receiving this grant as well.	
6/5/2023	5AM	FED FUNDS		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	FOR		
	K OD	BLOCKED		
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			"when it gets too bad, you can't call somebody to come help you, because they cannot come in. The emergency people cannot come in when it gets so bad. And you'll be there by yourself until it's over. And when it is over, when the the wind quits blowing and the water subsides, there are still electrical lines down, there are still trees down, there's still critters all over the place, there's water that's been polluted by who knows what - it is still dangerous after the storm.	
6/6/2023	5AM	MCMASTER		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	HURRICANE		
	K OD	TOUR		00:00:28

6/8/2023 5AM REP. ALLEN Georgia's 12-th District Congressman Rick Allen is looking for interns for the Fall . His community covers the west of Savannah. Those applications are open right now to college students and young professionals. If you're interested, you need to apply by the end of the month. The Congressman says there's a link to apply on his House website. 00:00:20  
5:00:00 AM DAYBREA INTERNSHIP  
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6/19/2023 PEMBROKE TELEPHONE GRANT The federal grant is going to help expand internet access in Candler, Evans and Tattnall Counties - reaching over 3-thousand people. In addition to the expansion, Pembroke Telephone Company will also be able to provide a monthly discount to eligible customers through the Affordable Connectivity Program. That's the program that offers up to 30 dollars a month off your bill. The senators call the expansion crucial because of how many groups it will impact. 4 educational facilities, 55 businesses and 120 farms will be covered under the expansion. 00:00:33  
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sot " We want folks to know that our big focus is education, healthcare, and affordable housing is getting to be a bigger issue in Georgia." Georgia State Representatives Edna Jackson and Anne Allen Westbrook, in order to make the quality of life better for the people in Savannah it starts with education. sot " We came up with a bill that's gonna help pay loans for doctors to go to medical schools, but they must give 5 years of practice." Along with that, Jackson mentioned that the State will pay for people who want to get their nursing degrees if they stay in the state. "One time it was just in the rural areas, but it is now across the board and they can go and they can get their nursing degrees and they will pay for it." Jackson adds that is just the starting point. With more healthcare workers they can focus on deeper issues the community has such as maternal mortality. "We have some of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the US. Black women are 2-3 times more likely to die in childbirth or the 1-year postpartum period than white women. As Democrats, we would say a lot of this has to do with we have not fully expanded Medicaid in Georgia. i would say we made some improvements around the margins, we have expanded Medicaid for the 1year postpartum period. It's not enough, I don't think, so I would say we are running out of excuses on this." Community members also raised concerns about mental health resources. sot Edna Jackson, Georgia State Represenative} " Mental health is one of the main issues we covered a year before last that we passed the bill. but now what I'm not seeing is the funds coming into the community to help with mental health. And I am hoping we can see how the distributions are going to come in and be distributed to community organizations as well as to our prison systems and to our health systems to combat what can be done to help with those issues here in our community.

6/25/2023 11PM MICHAELA:  
 WEEKEND NAACP  
 11:01:00 PM MASS  
 OD MEETING

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6/27/2023 CARTER  
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 5:30pm OD WHALE BILL

In a phone interview with the Associated Press, Carter says he wants to see efforts to protect the whales...but not at the expense commercial fishing and port traffic - fearing the impact on the economy.

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LL: Senator Warnock met with local hospital leaders discussing ways to increase access to insulin...a medication used for treating diabetes. It follows a bill he recently introduced that would cap out-of-pocket insulin costs. PKG: Senator Raphael Warnock...touting his efforts to reduce the price of insulin. The senator...meeting with doctors and insulin-user at St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital during a roundtable discussion. The visit comes as both Senator Warnock and Louisiana Senator John Kennedy introduced the Affordable Insulin Now Act...which would cap insulin costs 35 dollars a month, whether you have insurance or not. "Insulin should not be expensive. The fact that it is expensive, for so many is indicative of the way Washington, too often, responds to the powerful and well-connected, instead of the ordinary people." The bill would also create a program that pays back some pharmacies and healthcare groups that provide uninsured people a monthly insulin dosage. It comes as the American Diabetes Association says the price of the four most popular types of insulin have tripled over the past decade. The Georgia Department of Public Health says more than 12 percent of people in the Peach State have a diabetes diagnosis. During the roundtable...medical experts explaining cost is only a piece of the puzzle. "The main focus is the cost of medication, and then the education piece can save so much cost as well. We have a lot of patients that when they're handling their insulin, they may not know how the food piece ties into, they may have complications from the medication itself." Senator Warnock also toured the hospital's treatment facilities...saying he's confident the legislation will get passed. "Insulin is not a partisan issue, it's a healthcare issue. There are some 20 states that now cap the cost of insulin, blue states and red states. And I'm hopeful that we could come together and get this done at the federal level." LL: The legislation comes as several insulin manufacturers have also announced they will lower the price of some popular insulin products.

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Senator Raphael Warnock touring key projects at Savannah's airport including new cargo space...an expanded TSA checkpoint...and a drainage improvement project. The visit follows an announcement earlier this year that millions of federal dollars would go to four Georgia airports...including Savannah's...for infrastructure upgrades. The senator says these projects will help avoid widespread travel meltdown like the one from last holiday season. "That is totally unacceptable. We've got to do everything we can to increase capacity of infrastructure so that we both enhance the experience of consumers and ensure safety." Senator Warnock also promoted his AIRWAYS Act...which he says will expand educational opportunities and boost diversity in aviation jobs to fix staffing shortages. "There are incredible opportunities in the aviation space, but what I've seen is that a lot of our young people, too many of our young people, don't have a direct path to getting there. We've got to do everything we can to make sure that kids, regardless of their zip code, have access to these incredible opportunities in the aviation sector." The senator's visit comes as many airports across the country have been thrust into chaos in recent days leading up to Independence Day weekend. At Savannah's airport...leaders here are preparing for some of their busiest days of the year. Over the next week...officials expect to handle more than 110-thousand passengers...a five percent increase from last year. "It's going to be congested from the parking through to the gate. I think it's going to be fine, just come with patience and make sure you get here early."

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WARNOCK  
TOURING  
AIRPORT  
FACILITIES

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**ISSUE 20- ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STAFF CHANGES. HHI BEACH PARKING PERMITS, COMBATING SAVANNAH HOMELESSNESS, HEALTHY SAVANNAH TRYING TO GET COMMITTEE TO TACKLE FOOD DISPARITIES, DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE MISDEMEANOR, CITY COUNCIL FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE, CHATHAM CO. FIRE FEES,CITY COUNCIL ON FAIRGROUND SELL,TSPLOST, LIBERTY TRANSIT SURVEY, HHI TOWN PURCHASE, REMEMBERING LARRY RIVERS, TYBEE ON ORANGE CRUSHSTATE OF EFFINGHAM, CITY OF SAVANNAH BUYS EVERGREEN CEMETERY, ISLANDS HIGHWAY INDUSTRY CONCERNS, SAVANNAH SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS, EFFINGHAM COMMISSIONER ARRESTED, GA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ADDRESSINGHOMELESSNESS IN JESUP, LONG CO. LIQOUR SALES, RINCON CITY MANAGER SUSPENDED, HILTON HEAD FIRE PLAN MEETING, DARIEN SPECIAL ELECTION, STATESBORO CITY EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE, SAVANNAH IMPACT FEES, HHI STRATEGIC PLAN, PORT WENTWORTH NEW ZONING ORDINANCE**  
**SOURCE: CHATHAM CO. COMMISSION,, SAV. CITY COUNCIL, ETC**

SAVANNAH "Our last quality number, from a community perspective, was really captured in 2020. 2021 was Covid, HOMELESSN 2022 we had the Omicron variant of Covid. So, I would be very comfortable comparing what happened in 2020 and what happened in 2023."  
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			"Tell you about the blessing God's given me? All day long. I'm grateful, honestly, I am. I can't ask for no more than this. But my high power comes from God first, and to the Garden City Team." BUTTED TO: "Oh my gosh! It was such a blessing from God, actually, because we knew that we wanted to do the repairs. We knew we wanted to do the rehab. We just didn't have the funds. And so when we were granted or awarded this opportunity, we hit the ground running." 6 homes total will be revamped thanks to the funds.	
4/4/2023		CHIP GRANT REHAB PROJECT		
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			Town leaders say their new parking vendor started issuing permits this week. People who already have permits will get a letter from the new company with details on how to get their 2023 permit. 2022 passes will stay active until the end of May. The city says that is so you have plenty of time to make the switch. If you're want to get a permit, you can do that on the city's website or apply in-person at P-C-I Municipal Services.	
4/4/2023		HHI BEACH PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE		
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD			00:00:25

			"About 45 percent of Chatham County residents live in a food desert. That means they live more than a mile away from a grocery store and that's according to non-profit Healthy Savannah. That non-profit is trying to get a food policy committee together to help tackle those disparities." They've already started having community sessions in Savannah about the issue. Their next session will be in Garden City to find members from across our area for the food policy council. Armand Turner with Healthy Savannah said they had a similar council years ago that found grants to put more funding into community gardens in our area but it was dissolved. They hope this new council will be comprised of anyone from farmers to restaurant owners to foodies. "We got to work together and we got to hear each other out. So we need to talk to community members and people who are boots on the ground about what their experience is in it which they know that they can better provide for their communities as far as food goes." "He says they plan to set days for informational sessions in Thunderbolt and Georgetown communities. You can keep track of those dates on their social media accounts. Links will be on our website WTOC.com. Camille Syed WTOC News."	
4/6/2023		SAVANNAH NUTRITION & FOOD INSECURITY		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD			00:01:13

An altercation with a Savannah code enforcement officer has drawn attention to a city council candidate's campaign. According to Savannah Police...the officer was picking up Malik Jones' campaign signs that were blocking the right of way along the road near East Gwinett Street and Long Ave. It was then that Jones says he confronted the officer about why she was removing the signs. "I attempted to get some of my sign. I was allowed to get two of them but before I could even get those two the code compliance officer drove off." The police report goes on to say that the officer explained what she was doing before driving away. In the report...the officer says Jones chased her down the street and pulled in front of her. The report says Jones jumped in the back of the truck and started throwing signs out of the back. "I had no choice but to climb in the back of a truck because I was gonna go on the ground and I probably would've hurt myself." Jones, who's a motivational speaker, is in a crowded race...among three other candidates vying for Savannah's third district seat. "At the time I did not know the city ordinance policies and procedures for putting out signs." According to the City of Savannah...only people who have been convicted of a felony "involving moral turpitude" or violation of election laws are not eligible to run for city posts. Because Jones' charges are a misdemeanor...he's still able to run.

FLYNN:  
DISTRICT 3  
CANDIDATE  
MISDEMEAN  
OR

4/6/2023  
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T-SPLOST is a 1-percent sales tax. Money from it would go toward road and infrastructure projects across Chatham County. In a razor-thin vote... Chatham County residents rejected the measure in November... with just more than 50-percent voting "no." But Chariman Ellis says, county leaders want to try again... especially with more traffic expected to come in from the new Hyundai Plant. He says in the next few weeks, city and county leaders will meet to talk about getting it back on the ballot.

SHEA:  
TSPLOST

4/12/2023  
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"TSPLOST is needed in this area. We're the only county in a 12-county radius of Chatham County that don't have a TSPLOST. Everybody else is benefiting. Some of the new roads and things you see Bryan County announcing, they're doing it from the TSPLOST." If the cities within Chatham County DON'T agree over T-SPLOST... it could still make the ballot. It would make the tax smaller... and those cities wouldn't get revenue from it. Our Shea Schrader checked-in with the 8 cities within Chatham County to see if they support it. She'll have that report tonight on THE news at 11. By the way... T-SPLOST is projected to generate more than 400-million-dollars for the county over the next several years.

SHEA:  
TSPLOST

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4/13/2023		COUNCIL:	The project - originally slated to only last a few months and cost _____ dollars... ended up costing the	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	FAIRGROUN	city a grand total of 13-million, 330-thousand, 395 dollars. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson has said that	
		DS UPDATE	phase two of the project will not begin any time soon.	00:00:15

			Commissioner Whitely "Some of these things we are going to have to dig deeper into. I will say that	
4/13/2023		CHATHAM	having been on the board of Chatham Emergency Services, they're not looking to a get rich quick	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	COUNTY	scheme, they're looking to provide a good service and I honestly think that is what's been happening."	
		COMMISSIO	Chatham County commission meets tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. for their regular meeting at their office on	
		N: FIRE FEES	Bull Street.	00:00:24

		CHATHAM	Residents in the unincorporated county recently started paying a new fee based on the size of	
4/13/2023		COUNTY	buildings on their land. The way those fees are calculated has raised lots of questions from residents.	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	COMMISSIO	Commissioner Aaron Whitely said that the county is going to keep looking at ways to improve the	
		N: FIRE FEES	system but that the money is not going to waste.	00:00:20

		CITY		
4/13/2023		COUNCIL	The 66 acre site off of Meding Street will sell to the P3 Joint Venture Group for 2 million dollars,	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	UPDATE ON	subject to the terms of a development agreement. The site will be developed in 5 phases, the first of	
		FAIRGROUN	which will provide new affordable housing for seniors. A 1-point-9 million dollar loan from the	
		DS	Savannah Affordable Housing Fund was also approved to support that development.	00:00:22

4/13/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIO N: FIRE FEES Commissioner Whitely "Some of these things we are going to have to dig deeper into. I will say that having been on the board of Chatham Emergency Services, they're not looking to a get rich quick scheme, they're looking to provide a good service and I honestly think that is what's been happening." Chatham County commission meets tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. for their regular meeting at their office on Bull Street. 00:00:24

4/14/2023  
12:00:00 PM NOON OD CITY COUNCIL: BROUGHTON STREETSCAPE PE The city originally planned to spend just over 11 million dollars on the project. It ended up costing 13-million, 330-thousand dollars. City manager Jay Melder says that discrepancy comes from pausing construction during the holiday season at the request of business-owners. The city faced other challenges during the project that sent the cost up. 00:00:21

Some district 5 residents... say there's lingering mistrust following Savannah city council's vote on the fairgrounds property earlier this week. "We knew nothing about it. Our representative didn't tell us anything about it. But we asked her to ask the council to give us two weeks." Council voted to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Fairgrounds property Thursday. But Dr. Pat Harris...5th district coalition president says she and other residents were blindsided by the vote...saying they asked council to give them two weeks notice. "So that we could invite the people from City Hall to come and explain what you're doing." But the coalition president says that never happened. During Thursday's council meeting...Savannah mayor Van Johnson said the vote was advertised properly. District 5 alderwoman Estella Shabazz says she's brought resident concerns to city staff. "We have already voted and it has been approved. The majority members of council wanted to move forward with this project and this item. I've made the motion to move forward and it has passed." The 66 acre site off of Meding Street will sell to the P3 Joint Venture Group for 2 million dollars, subject to the terms of a development agreement. The site will be developed in 5 phases, the first of which will provide 64 new affordable housing for seniors. A 1-point-9 million dollar loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund was also approved to support that development. Still...Harris and others are calling for more oversight of the project...saying it's important how the property is developed. "So many people in Savannah visited that fairgrounds for one reason or another. We want it to be something that everyone can see, that everyone can come visit." Officials will now have 90 days to finalize a development agreement...which is expected to go in front of council some time this summer. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

4/15/2023 11PM WEEKEND  
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FLYNN:  
 UPDATE ON  
 FAIRGROUN  
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 DEVELOP.

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It's their third time doing this since launching the fixed-route service in 2010. Part of the plan is to re-evaluate transit needs in the Hinesville area. As a part of that - they're asking people to take an online survey. It's open now through June 6-th. Liberty Transit says the results will help guide the project.

4/17/2023 5AM LIBERTY  
 5:00:00 AM DAYBREA TRANSIT  
 K OD SURVEY

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4/17/2023 MORNING LIBERTY  
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD TRANSIT  
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Some things you need to know this morning.. Liberty Transit is asking for your input -- to update its "Transit Development Plan" for the county. It's their third time doing this since launching the fixed-route service in 2010. Part of the plan is to re-evaluate transit needs in the Hinesville area. As a part of that - they're asking people to take an online survey. It's open now through June 6-th. Liberty Transit says the results will help guide the project.

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4/19/2023 CHATHAM  
4:59:00 PM FIRE FEES  
5PM OD LAWSUIT

Again, the lawsuit argues the county's new way of collecting the money to pay the fire bill is an illegal tax. Chatham County Judge Timothy Walmsley has filed an order of recusal in this case for himself and any other judges in the county. He's asking for a judge from another county to hear it. WTOC will follow this lawsuit as it moves forward.

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The lawsuit claims the fire fee isn't a fee at all, but a tax. A tax the plaintiff's argue is \*illegal under Georgia law. And, IF they win... everyone in Chatham County who paid it, could get a refund. For decades, homeowners in unincorporated parts of Chatham County were \*supposed to subscribe to Chatham EMS for fire services. That's the private contractor the County uses. But the company said falling subscriptions and millions of dollars in unpaid fees - left them in a financial bind. So, last year, the county took action. They decided to start billing residents in order to pay for the service. This class-action lawsuit alleges that the new, county-issued fee is really a TAX... and that the way it is calculated is ILLEGAL under state law. The suit says taxes in Georgia are \*supposed to be based on a property's value. But this one charges a 100-dollar flat fee... PLUS a rate based on your home's square footage. The lawsuit asks for refunds for fire fees collected since July 1st of last year. The County, meanwhile, says the suit should be dismissed. A Chatham County judge signed an order asking for a judge from another circuit to hear the case. That hearing hasn't been scheduled yet. Stay with WTOC for updates.

CHATHAM  
CO. FIRE  
FEE  
LAWSUIT

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"Nothing changed in 18 months, except that the city council authorized the city manager to come up with a purchase and sale agreement for the city council to approve. That's it. There was nothing about the form, nothing about the function, nothing about the details of the plant itself that residents would be engaged." Johnson says the public will be able to give their thoughts on the project once a development agreement is finished. The 66-acre site off of Meding Street is set to be developed in five phases, the first of which will provide 64 new affordable housing units for seniors.

MAYOR  
REACTS TO  
FAIRGROUN  
DS VOTE

4/19/2023  
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4/23/2023 WKEND SHEA:  
6:30:00 PM 6:30PM OD CRUSH ORANGE  
FOLO "Going forward we are going to be planning for the future and hopefully we'll be able to work with out community and our leaders in Chatham County and the state and local to find out how we can better prepare for events, especially events like this that happened yesterday." 00:00:16

4/23/2023 WKEND SHEA:  
6:30:00 PM 6:30PM OD CRUSH ORANGE  
FOLO That follows yesterday- where people could barely get on or off the island and emergency resources were spread thin. I caught up with Tybee Mayor Shirley Sessions- and she said that yesterday, there were over 11,000 cars and anywhere from 40 to 50-thousand people on the island- which she says is just too many for the three mile space. Since the event is unpermitted, Sessions says that city leaders monitor social media to figure out when Orange Crush is taking place and roughly how many people to expect. However- Sessions says they simply weren't expecting the number of people they got, and because of the size of the island, they aren't equipped to handle it. 00:00:39

\*nats of clean up\* The cleanup continues along Tybee's beaches following this weekend's Orange Crush celebration. "This is absolutely ridiculous. I grew up coming here as a child and I've never seen it that bad." Glass bottles and shoes are what remain in the sand after the beach bash drew thousands. "People were dancing and twerking. It was crazy." Tybee officials say an estimated 40 to 50-thousand people came onto the island Saturday...causing gridlock for hours. "It took us seven hours to go ten miles." Chatham County police arrested a 38-year-old man in connection to an apparent road rage shooting near Fort Pulaski. Law enforcement responded to several other accidents in the area throughout the weekend. "There were vehicles doing donuts in the highway, spinning wheels. People were going the wrong way. Tybee Island mayor Shirley Sessions says Orange Crush was too large for the small island to handle...but that city officials are limited in what they can do to control the event. "It will always be a public beach. We cannot forbid people from coming on our beach." No one was seriously hurt on Tybee and city officials vow to discuss how they can prepare for the future. On Tybee Island...FS...WTOCN.

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Standup: Over the last few months the town of Hilton Head has used over \$7,000,000 to purchase about 12 acres of land here along Jonesville Rd. The question now is 'will they be able to use it to address the island's affordable housing crisis?' considering the three plots they purchased sit in between houses like the ones behind me. Vo The town's leader tells me they don't have an answer just yet, but council wanted to snatch up the land nonetheless. Sot: (Alan Perry - Mayor, Hilton Head Island) "The property on Jonesville Road was acquired to keep development from coming in and make certain that we're protecting our area in overdevelopment." Vo He says that doesn't necessarily mean it won't be turned into affordable housing, adding that it remains at the top of their list. Sot "The housing we know is priority number 1... addressing overdevelopment priority number 1-A." Vo The mayor says purchases like this give the town options and keeps them thinking ahead of continued growth. This parcel specifically costing them \$7.6 million. Sot "That is a big chunk of change and over the past four years with previous council there wasn't a whole lot of land buying that took place. We came in as a new council and said we want to make certain that we're going to address it." Vo While they are yet to do discuss what these plots will turn into, Perry assures me they have affordable housing plans in the works no matter what. Sot "We're in the process of working with a lot of different organizations to address the housing. There's things we can't talk about yet that we're doing... it is part of our goal to make certain we have affordable housing on Hilton Head." On cam tag As plans for this land continue to progress we'll keep you updated on air and online at WTOC.com. For now though reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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4/24/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BLUFFTON SIDEWALK PROJECT	The town says the 354-thousand dollar project is critical - especially for kids walking to Bluffton Middle School. A heads up for drivers - construction will mean lane closures on Simmonsville Road at times. The town says the contractor will make sure people who live in the area can still get to and from home. Construction is expected to be done by July.	00:00:21
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4/25/2023	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW	Orange Crush celebrations drew what city and county leaders called unprecedented crowds - to the tune of 40 to 50 thousand people. People who live in the area have raised concerns in the days since hours long backups getting on and off the island, alongside other safety issues. Mayor Shirley Sessions took to Facebook to promise to give a forum for people to bring those concerns to the city council. WTOC will let you know when that meeting is announced. The next regular meeting is this Thursday at 6:30.	00:00:30
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4/27/2023	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL MTG TNGT	For tonight's meeting, at least two people who live on the island are set to address council. One is scheduled to discuss affordable housing and taxes. The other on the zoning of some homes and loud music. The city's agenda makes it clear that citizens can speak on agenda items. It's too late to request something be placed on the agenda. You have to do that by 5 p-m the Thursday before the next scheduled meeting.	00:00:24
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4/27/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	METTER BIRTHDAY PARTY	<p>?(sot) Folks here have said for years that "Everything's Better in Metter". The city's birthday seemed like a good time to celebrate that feeling. (vo) City crews brought their equipment for kids to see and ask questions. The birthday coincides with Georgia Cities Week and gives the city a chance to showcase itself, complete with birthday cupcakes this afternoon. (sot) Lots of changes are happening, especially out there on I-16. But downtown Metter and the folks who live here still have a very "old town" feeling. (vo) Weather forced them to move the party from the downtown park to the Boys &amp; Girls Club gym. (sot) In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:00:37
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4/29/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	CHATHAM CO. COMMIS. LARRY RIVERS PASSED AWAY	<p>"He had a heart for children, and he just had a heart for people. He always wanted to see people advance. That's why he would call and say, 'I've got a constituent that has this issue, that issue. What can we do about it?' In fact, I think the last time we talked, we talked about the noise level off of Truman Parkway.</p>	00:00:18
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4/29/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	CHATHAM CO. COMMIS. LARRY RIVERS PASSED AWAY	<p>According to Chatham County Commission Chairman Chester Ellis, Rivers had been battling cancer. Ellis says that though he knew Rivers wasn't doing well- the call still came as a shock, as the two had known each other since early childhood. Though Rivers will be remembered for his basketball accomplishments, Ellis says that he should be remembered for his service to his community. He had served on the Commission since 2021- and in that position, as well as in other areas of his life, Ellis believes taking care of others was his number one priority.</p>	00:00:33
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"To get the call this morning that he had succumbed to it, and talking to his son to let us know that that's what transpired, it was kind of disheartening." Chatham County Commission Chairman Chester Ellis says Rivers had been battling cancer for some time... even sitting out recent Commission meetings. Ellis adds he'd known Rivers since they were kids- competing against each other in sports, and eventually, serving together on the Commission. Rivers wasn't just a colleague to Ellis- but a friend. Ellis: "I don't know when we weren't friends. Being off the East side, then being on the West side together, then coming to serve together on the County Commission, it was a joy. He was a legend." Before his time in public service- Rivers played basketball for Beach High School- where he earned All-City, All-Region, And All-State honors. He went on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters- and was inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. But even when his playing days were over- Ellis says that Rivers focused his time on serving his community, in part through his non-profit youth mentorship organization Gatorball Academy- as well as serving as the District 2 Commissioner in Chatham County. Ellis: "He was an advocate for what we were doing as far as where children were concerned. That was a big part of him: giving to the children that's behind him. Like he said, 'Somebody gave to me, and so it's my job and my responsibility to give back.' And that's going to be missing a whole lot."

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CO. "That appointment to fill that vacancy must get a majority of the commissioners vote. Because  
COMMISH TO Commissioner Rivers did not fill 3/4 of his turn, that's why it's required by law to have a special  
REPLACE election." Commissioners are talking with the board of elections and board of registrars about when a  
RIVERS special election will be held. Meanwhile, arrangements have not yet been announced for Rivers. 00:00:23

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POOLER "We have to have our infrastructure in place because residents need infrastructure. they need water  
MAYORAL and sewer. They need to be able to get to point a to point b without having hours sitting in traffic. So  
CANDIDATE those into our daily practices and I think we will be very successful even with the growth I know we're  
going to be seeing." Four generations of Williams' family live in Pooler, and she has a vested interest  
in Pooler's viability and growth. 00:00:32

5/1/2023  
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD CAMILLE:  
POOLER We're hearing from Pooler Councilwoman Karen Williams who recently announced her run for mayor  
MAYORAL of the city. Williams was elected to the Pooler City Council in 2019. Her mission is to plan for Pooler's  
CANDIDATE future, balancing residential, commercial and industrial development. Williams says she wants to  
ensure economic success while maintaining and supporting local neighborhoods for present and  
future generations. 00:00:25

The panelists at the State of the County Breakfast touched on a wide range of topics, including the Hyundai Plant, TSPLOST funds, and even what laws they were happy to see passed in this previous legislative session. Featured panelists were from Effingham County, the cities of Rincon, Guyton, and Springfield- the Effingham County School System, Effingham Health, and the Georgia Transportation Board. The panelists first discussed how they were going to deal with growth from the Hyundai Plant and the recently announced Sewon Plant. Springfield City Manager Matt Morris explained that his city was blindsided by those announcements and wished they had more warning to prepare. "If you don't have the capacity, water and sewer, and all your infrastructure is not in place, an announcement is made, you're going to get flooded with residential growth and you're not ready to handle it. That's what happened to Springfield. We can't absorb many more homes right now, especially large scale residential, because we don't have the capacity." The leaders discussed the possibility of a water/sewer commission across the county- something the panelists said was a serious thought several decades ago. "As far as a water-sewer authority at this point, I don't see it and I don't see a real need for it, to be honest with you." The panelists also discussed the benefits the county and the municipalities have seen from TSPLOST- a penny sales tax passed in 2020 that goes towards transportation projects. Wesley Corbitt, the Chairman of the Effingham County Commission, cited TSPLOST as a major factor in being able to invest in infrastructure all across the county. "This is possible because of TSPLOST. We appreciate it. It doesn't slow down growth, and the funding we need for the things we need." Another major topic of discussion- legislation. Senate Bill 162 would've repealed Georgia's Certificate of Need program- a law that requires private companies wishing to build a hospital in a community to first prove there is a need for it. Those rules are in place to prevent private companies from taking all of the patients who have insurance and leaving county health systems with only uninsured patients or patients on Medicaid- which LaMeisha Hunter Kelly with Effingham Health says, can force rural hospitals to close their doors. The bill was defeated this past session- but could be reintroduced in the next session. "We know that we will see that certificate of need come in January of 2024, and there's also a study committee going on this summer, so when we put out our call to action, we ask that each of you respond to the local legislators to know it's important to protect your local hospital system." All the panelists encouraged residents to get involved in their local government- and attend city council, county commission, and school board meetings. Shea: Reporting in Effingham County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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They'll celebrate the end of an expansion project at the Dean Forest Landfill tomorrow. The 28 million dollar project has been in the works since 2018. The mayor says expanding the landfill adds about 10 to 15 years of life before it gets full. The site has been in use for the last 17 years and still sits on the 130-acre plot Sanitation Services started on in 1984. This latest expansion is one of several over the years.

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EXPANSION

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A major announcement at the Mayor's Small Business Conference. "Step Up Savannah is partnering with the City of Savannah to launch what is a new co-op. This is the first co-op of its type in the nation." The new co-op...called IgniteAdvantage will support minority-owned businesses. It will use what officials are calling a "shared service model" to give access to capital and collective bargaining. "Make sure that people that we need to get to the table, get to the table, and then making sure that people that get to the table, stay at the table." Businesses that sign up will pay an annual fee to the co-op...which will give them access to resources...that organizers say will help reduce racial disparities. "While you may not have an accountant or lawyer or marketing, now as a part of the co-op, this company does and it can apply for city contracts, larger contracts." The co-op comes in response to a 20-21 study from Savannah's Racial Equity and Leadership Task Force..which found that African American-owned firms are less likley to serve as prime contractors for City Contracts. Monisha Johnson will work with the new co-op as a certified public accountant. She says many business owners are skilled in their trade...but challenges happen when it comes time for administrative tasks. "It is very difficult for a lot of business owners because they just have not been required to do that. When it's time for you to speak with those creditors and they want paperwork to give to the underwriters, that's where I come in." The city and Step Up Savannah now hoping the new initiative has a large impact for minority-owned small businesses. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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Also out of the Mayor's update - city council approved money for making sure the grass stays cut this summer. The contract is for maintenance in a three week rotation on city-owned vacant lots. The contract is with Sam J. Services Incorporated. They'll be out mowing throughout the growing season.

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The General Services Administration says construction is on pause. That's the federal group overseeing the renovations. They say stopping construction will allow them to clear debris and stabilize the area that collapsed. G-S-A also says they don't believe structural issues are to blame for the collapse. They say their initial evaluations show it was caused by a lack of support beneath the third floor of part of the building. The full investigation into what happened remains ongoing.

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That's happening on May 4th at 6:30 p-m in the council chambers. The city says they plan to quote "present factual information on the city response, dispel rampant misinformation, answer questions and address concerns in a moderated environment."

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TYBEE  
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MTG  
THURSDAY

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			We continue to follow a WTOC Update - the City of Savannah has officially bought Evergreen Cemetery 8 months after city council agreed to the purchase. You may remember - the city has been in talks to buy the once-privately owned property for the last four years...but issues like overgrown grass and debris covering headstones go back decades. The city says they hope to bring dignity back to the final resting place of many loved ones in the Savannah community. The city paid 143 thousand dollars for the cemetery.	
5/2/2023		CITY BUYS EVERGREEN CEMETERY		00:00:31
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			"We have to extend grace. The city of Savannah is an employer and when people are going through mental health challenges, it could be our employees, it could be our loved ones, it affects the entire family. So last thing you should have to worry about when you are experiencing the issues of mental illness whether your job is in jeopardy because you are going through this is that we try to be a more kinder and caring community."	
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5/2/2023		TYBEE ISLAND LARGE EVENTS MEETING		00:00:40
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			Today, they hosted a special meeting at city hall with Main Street Tybee's Board of Directors. While Orange Crush has been coming to the island for 35 years now... City Manager Shawn Gillen says, this year was different. Here's some video from the festival - two weekends ago. Gillen says the main difference this year - was the SIZE of the crowds. City officials say Orange Crush 2023 drew TWICE as many people as they'd seen in the past. Gillen says they believe as many as 50-thousand people traveled to Tybee for the event. He says, one idea they came up with for next year... is cutting-off access to the bridge to the island, to limit the crowds. Still, he admits... the city was NOT prepared for this year's party.	
5/2/2023		TYBEE ISLAND LARGE EVENTS MEETING		
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			It comes after Orange Crush and Peach Fest were held over the last two weekends. While Orange Crush has been coming to the island for 35 years now... City Manager Shawn Gillen says the main difference this year - was the SIZE of the crowds. Gillen says they believe as many as 50-thousand people traveled to Tybee for the event. He says, one idea they came up with for next year... is cutting-off access to the bridge to the island, to limit the crowds. Still, he admits... the city was NOT prepared for this year's party.	
5/3/2023	5AM DAYBREA MEETING 6 PM	TYBEE ISLAND LARGE EVENTS MEETING 6 PM		
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			There's more than a month before qualifying opens for a special election in Chatham County. The county announced the date for the special election to fill the District 2 seat for September 19th. The election will fill the seat held by the late commissioner Larry "Gator" Rivers. Candidates wishing to qualify can send in paperwork between July 17th and 20th. The county says the Board of Commissioners will appoint someone to fill the District 2 slot until the election can be held.	
5/3/2023		CHATHAM COMMISH SPCL ELECTION		
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LL INTRO: The Liberty County Commission has approved a contract with T.R. Long Engineering for the engineering services necessary for road improvements to Islands Highway. The entire project is expected to cost \$25 million .... And span four years. TAKE PKG This two-lane road.... Is set to expand to four lanes... and it'll also have some additional traffic lights as part of a safety enhancement project. Liberty County leaders say it's all in response to the large amount of development happening off of exit 76 on I-95. - ON THE PHONE, NO SUPER NEEDED "The increased traffic count in that area that is happening and will happen even more, has caused us to go out front and say 'we need to go ahead and work on some road improvements in that area.'" The road is home to Tradeport East – an industrial park operated by the Liberty County Development Authority. It's where Midway's Target distribution center is located, along with several other industries – most recently a Hyundai supplier, Seohan Auto Georgia. There's also been several parcels of land rezoned for industrial or commercial use off of the exit over the past year. "We're trying to ensure that everyone has equal access and easy access to their residential homes and to the industrial park." The project will be partially funded by SPLOST dollars, in combination with bond issuance, and developer agreements. Lovette says it was important to ensure the industries are doing their part. "They will then get to share in the road improvements that are necessary for that industrial park. There's no way as Chairman, that I'd want to put that toll on the backs of the citizens of Liberty County. Let's all share in the process." Road safety improvements – something Lovette says... are important to work toward.... As the exit continues to grow. LL TAG: Brown says the process of making these road improvements happen – has already begun. The county has started surveying the area for its construction plan and permitting process. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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INDUSTRY  
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A cemetery that many families say has put a strain on their efforts to visit buried loved ones is now part of Savannah. Not pop: "It's a victory. It's a victory for the City of Savannah." The city announcing it has bought Evergreen Cemetery for 143-thousand dollars. The purchase marks the end of what officials describe as a years long back and forth with the previous owners over the cemetery's upkeep. "It was not being maintained. The loved ones who had their loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery, they could not find them." District 5 Alderwoman Dr. Estella Shabazz says debris and grass have covered headstones. She became emotional talking about resident struggles visiting their buried relative's burial sites. "I've felt their hearts, and I've felt their pain. \*cries\* Oh my goodness." Back in September...council gave the city's attorney the green light to negotiate the sale. The city didn't have to condemn the site...crediting the cooperation of nearby property owners. Back in 2021...people with relatives buried at Evergreen said the lack of upkeep made it difficult to find their loved one's grave site. "There are so many graves out here covered, you can't even see where it is." In a statement...Savannah mayor Van Johnson said ""As someone whose loved ones are interred here, I know how much this place matters. I am pleased that the City will be able to provide dignity and care to the remains of some of our finest citizens. My thanks to the City Attorney, City Manager and Team Savannah for making this possible." Shabazz says health concerns from the previous owner's family prompted the sale's approval. She says now that the space is city-owned...it will be met with a new standard of upkeep. "There will be dignity and care that will be coming to their loved ones who are laid to rest there."

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In talking with Tybee City officials- they've called a town hall meeting tonight to give residents an opportunity to express their concerns about unpermitted events on the island as a whole. Shirley Sessions, the Mayor of Tybee, says that she knows that both people that live on Tybee, as well as tourists, were upset and that they have a right to be. She wants them to have an opportunity to air their frustrations- in hopes of tackling the issue more effectively in the future.

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"We especially appreciate input that's offering suggestions, rather than just frustrations. I understand we need to hear the frustrations, but if people can take some time to look at the big picture and offer solutions. We've got to start thinking outside the box, too. We can't just depend on what we've always done and how we've always done it." Sessions adds that she's been in contact with local, state, and federal lawmakers about potential solutions to overcrowding on Tybee, brought on by unpermitted events. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns- the city is encouraging you to submit those in advance to [feedback@cityoftybee.gov](mailto:feedback@cityoftybee.gov). If you can't submit your comments beforehand, you'll have an opportunity to submit them at tonight's meeting.

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 TYLER ORANGE CRUSH TOWN HALL TONIGHT

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City Manager Shawn Gillen began the town hall apologizing to residents that they did not prepare accordingly for the crowds on the island. When Residents asked why Tybee leaders didn't prepare with more law enforcement and traffic controls. Gillen said an agreement with the Department of Justice limited how many resources they could put toward the event. He says the agreement said they had to treat Orange Crush the same way they treat other events on the Island, despite it going unpermitted every year.

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 TYBEE LARGE EVENTS MEETING

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"Once we had those numbers we were like, this is different. Any future unpermitted event promoted like this one will be treated like what we saw on the 29th. We have to do something different because it was way too dangerous." He also said they did not expect the event to be twice the size of years past. People also had several questions about traffic, clean up and communication. City leaders encouraged residents to call state legislators to encourage them to give Tybee officials the authority to close roads and the beach and issue a state of emergency.

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In an early April email chain between Tybee Island police chief Tiffany Hayes and Sgt. Joseph Curlee with the Georgia State Patrol... Hayes says, quote.... "we are planning on heavy traffic coming of the island on April 22nd and 23rd for Orange Crush... would it be possible to have a unit or two help with traffic during these dates? GSP Sgt. Curlee responded... saying, quote... "the nighthawks will be doing a crime suppression detail with Savannah PD on the 22nd and are off on the 23rd, so we won't be available. A week later, on April 12th... Tybee city manager Shawn Gillen messaged Chief Hayes about getting help ahead of Orange Crush... saying, quote... "If the Sheriff is still bugging you, you can let him know that we are bound by an agreement with the US Justice Department." Hayes responded that the sheriff would provide the city with two jailers and a van ahead of the event. Gillen responded, quote... "he has to provide it for memorial day and July 4th as well. At a minimum." The city has expressed that they cannot treat Orange Crush differently than other events... because the city could get in trouble for profiling. Later that morning... Tybee Mayor Shirley Sessions sent an email to city officials titled... "so annoying, yet expected." It was followed by a link to a Savannah Morning News article about Orange Crush. Assistant Chief of Police Bertram Whitley responded... saying an Orange Crush organizer, quote, "went to the media after our meeting with him." A separate email Tybee Fire Chief Jeremy Kendrick shows... in addition to extra help from Savannah Fire... Tybee Police received assistance from GSP and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. It also shows the entire Tyee Island Police Department was scheduled to be on-duty Saturday, April 22nd... the first full day of Orange Crush.

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What's left behind from a wedding over the weekend in Forsyth Park is causing some who live nearby to call for a change in Savannah's special event ordinance. "I don't remember any kind of an event this large, or a set up this long." Parts of the east lawn near the Bandshell are discolored after city records show two large tents were placed here for the event. Permit holders were able to set up in the space for 15 days from April 26th until today...May 10th. Now...Victorian Neighborhood Association president Nancy Maia says the city rules should change after several residents raised concerns about the event's long set up time and the impacts to Forsyth Park. "There's the 10 set up days which create traffic problems, parking problems, but then there are also the three or four days afterwards that create other issues. This was a very private event that kind of usurps the needs, or the availability, for those of who live here but also people who come and visit." Maia says the City responded quickly to resident's concerns...and committed to changing the ordinance for set up and take down to a maximum of three days. We reached out to the city...who told us there currently isn't a limit to how long a special event permit can be given for and that they're constantly reviewing ordinances to better reflect changes in the community. An invoice we obtained from the city shows the permit holders paid 750 dollars a day to use the space...with the total costing more than 12-thousand dollars. "I think it's just opened the eyes of a lot of us to the need to really reevaluate where the ordinances -- and protect our environment and the resources we have for things that we may not have anticipated."

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PERMITS

5/10/2023  
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"The name of Jean Rivers to fulfill the unexpired term until the special election." Chatham County leaders appointing Jean Rivers...wife of the late Larry "Gator" Rivers to fill the commissioner's district two seat. The move comes during the first commission meeting since Rivers' death. County commissioners describing his wife...Jean as community focused. "Even while he was in the seat, she was also his advisor, and they'd talked about and what he would do." Jean Rivers will fill the seat until a special election on September 19th. The winner of that election will serve out the rest of "Gator" Rivers' term which ends in late 20-24. "Everybody who wants to run, can run, and let the folks who live in the second district for the county determine who's going to represent them from the 19th of September on." It's not the first time a late commissioner's wife has filled a seat in Chatham County. In August 20-20...the wife of late Commissioner James Holmes was appointed to fill the rest of his term. Holmes and Rivers both represented Chatham County's second district. nats of commission? Flowers and black ribbon were draped over Rivers' seat as attendees reflected on the former Harlem Globetrotter's impact on the Coastal Empire. Speaker: "He came to appreciate him for who he was and what he was able to do with that round basketball. Many of us just see it as a toy, but Gator saw it as a way of opening doors." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

FLYNN:  
GATOR  
RIVERS  
SEAT

5/12/2023  
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LL INTRO: More than 2,000 of these orange flags now scatter the entirety of Upper Mill Cemetery here in Darien. Each one representing a life lost and a soul buried here. "Just look at the sea of orange flags, it's just amazing, everywhere we turn." These flags... mark gravesites... Some, that have been unmarked for more than 200 years. The discovery... started when the City of Darien decided to do some upkeep on the cemetery, like repairing the iron gate. "When you look around in here and see all the greenspace, you have to think, well, this is 220 years old, this can't be all there is in here, these few tombstones." So the city allocated more than \$20,000 through capital improvement funds... to get a company to use radar to locate all of the burial sites. "That, as we say the phrase, opened pandora's box, and we found some haunting, rich history that's been lost for nearly two centuries. Now, we're bringing it alive." That history... consists of 2,335 unmarked gravesites on 5.5 acres of land. "There were a lot of poor people, especially in this county. There isn't money for gravestones, there isn't money for caskets." Now, community members are working together to raise money.... To make sure all of these gravesites are properly labeled. "When you look around, you see these flags. These souls are talking to us. They are ready to be recognized. We need to get this done." City officials say historians are surveying the site as well... all in an attempt to preserve and commemorate those buried here. LL TAG: City officials say the next steps are getting a map of the entire cemetery posted to the city's website, so that family members can locate their loved ones. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

DARIEN  
UNMARKED  
GRAVES

5/12/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

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Just three weeks ago- an estimated 40 to 50-thousand people came to Tybee Island for the annual Orange Crush beach bash- a number of people that city leaders said they were unprepared and unable to handle. Mayor Shirley Sessions had previously cited to WTOC that because Tybee doesn't have control of Highway 80- they cannot control how many people are on the island at once. But a new resolution by the Tybee City Council is aiming to start the process of changing that- by calling on federal and state lawmakers "to work together to achieve any legal modifications necessary to make emergency actions appropriate for public safety purposes to include potential closing of Highway 80 or restricting access to Highway 80 in certain areas in order to prevent the overburdening of county and city resources and infrastructure and to protect the citizens of every impacted community and city within Chatham County and beyond." It's an approach that some residents- are happy with. "We cannot repeat what happened the first weekend of Orange Crush. We just can't do that again. It's not safe. That State and the City need to get together and let Tybee have a lot more control." Others that I spoke to, however, didn't want to go on camera, but did say they had concerns about what potential legislation would look like and how exactly it would be enforced. The resolution also states that the City is "in need of the expansion of emergency powers" to "invoke protections in the event a local declaration of emergency is authorized." The resolution, a resident I spoke with says, is a good first step at tackling the issue and getting additional help. Plageman: "They know that they have to do something. They can't just leave it up in the air and not have a plan, an actual viable plan for future events. Whether it's Orange Crush, or the 4th of July, or any of the bigger holidays."

11PM SHEA:  
 5/13/2023 WEEKEND TYBEE  
 11:01:00 PM OD RESOLUTION

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John C. Calhoun was the seventh Vice President of the United States- serving for both John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. However- he wasn't from Savannah, or even from Georgia- he was from South Carolina and a staunch advocate for slavery. For those reasons, the city council decided to remove his name from the square. Now- the process to rename the square is following a city ordinance that ensures locals will have their voices heard. It involves filling out an application that includes a support letter from a Councilperson representing the square and a statement of significance for the proposed name.

5AM SHEA  
 6AM CALHOUN  
 5/15/2023 DAYBREA SQUARE  
 6:00:00 AM K OD RENAMING

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			There is a coalition of people in Savannah that want to see the square named after Susie King Taylor, who was the first Black nurse in the United States. If that were to happen, the square would be the first of the 22 in the city to be named after a woman or a person of color. There are some requirements potential applicants should be aware of- the square has to be named after someone that's lived in Savannah for more than five years, unless they're a prominent national figure. They can't already have public property named after them in Savannah or unincorporated Chatham County- and they can't be commercial names. In speaking with locals- many of them said whoever the square ends up being named for- they want it to be someone that everyone can be proud of.	
5/15/2023	6AM	530 SHEA		
6:00:00 AM	K OD	RESIDENT REAX CALHOUN RENAMING		00:00:45

			Benton has been the city's leader since 20-19. And she made history being selected as the first- female to run the city. Before that role, she served many years on City Council. Today, Mayor Benton took the time to reflect on her time in office.	
5/15/2023		POOLER		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	MAYOR NOT RUNNING AGAIN		00:00:14

		POOLER	"This is a great city. And we have almost 30-thousand residents and we have 60-thousand people	
	4:30AM	MAYOR NOT	working here during the day. And this is due to our very competent staff both inside city hall and	
5/16/2023	DAYBREA	RUNNING	outside city hall. And I want to thank them for all their diligent work in their respective positions."	
4:30:00 AM	K OD	AGAIN	So far, councilman Stevie Wall and Councilwoman Karen Williams have launched campaigns to take	
			Benton's spot.	00:00:24

			Tonight - commissioners will consider whether or not to approve an application for rezoning property	
			off of Highway 30. If they vote in favor - they would approve a second reading of the plan to bring a	
			213-unit complex to the area. The plan asks for about 40 acres of land to be rezoned to allow the	
			building. It comes after commissioners voted against a much bigger development in the county over	
		EFFINGHAM	traffic concerns earlier this month. The proposal was for a property off of Midland road that links up	
		CO.	with Highway 30. As far as those traffic concerns - commissioners who voted in favor of that project	
5/16/2023		COMMISSIO	says they have a 3 to 5 year project to improve traffic that goes alongside expanding workforce	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	N PREVIEW	housing - mostly with the new Hyundai plant in neighboring Bryan County in mind.	00:00:46

5/17/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD EFFINGHAM ZONING REQUEST OUTCOME That's after Commissioners voted to pass a plan to build more than 200 townhomes on the 40-acre property off Highway 30 last night...but failed to pass it unanimously. It was a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioners say county rules require them to wait until the next meeting to vote on it. The plan is expected to pass at the next meeting, which is on June 6th. 00:00:20

5/17/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD EFFINGHAM COMMISSIONER ARRESTED (PHONER: WESLEY CORBITT, EFFINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN) "I'm going to continue to believe and trust in the heart of my friend, who has served with me on the county commission. I'm going to trust in the heart that I've seen him give and care for his community and his family that I've witnessed. With that, I'm going to continue to pray for him, his family and anyone involved in the situation that there would be an ultimate healing for all." 00:00:22

5/18/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS It's 142 projects totaling 225 million dollars across the Peach State. Four of those are in our area. Lyons, Metter and Vidalia are all getting more than 2 million dollars to revive, renovate or build parks and other resources. Statesboro is getting over a million dollars towards the creek on the Blue Mile Project. All this comes after the state designated some of their federal coronavirus relief money to open up the grants. 00:00:25

5/22/2023  
12:00:00 PM NOON OD PALUMBO  
KICK OFF (Nick Paulmbo - Alderman, District 4) "We have a lot of challenges ahead of us and a lot of accomplishments behind us. We have been able to achieve the vision 0 pledge, 100% Savannah and so much more. We're getting back to basics on infrastructure and public safety is serving better than ever before - we've seen a dramatic reduction just in this last year." 00:00:18

5/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV  
FEDERAL  
COURTHOUS E LATEST This week - you may see crews installing 8-foot barricades to limit access to the site of the accident. That will not impact traffic. Work that will impact roads is expected to start the first week of June and last for about a month. They say they will need temporary road closures to bring in a crane for parts of the job. G-S-A says they'll share details about the closures a couple days before they start. They expect other construction to start up again soon. 00:00:27

"We have denied their application for development permit to build the golf courses." Nat "Motion carries" Vo The applause putting on full display how much the protection of this land means to folks here, like Bernie Wright... the interim director at Penn Center. Nat "April of 1862 at the Oaks Plantation" Vo He works at one of the most protected parts of St. Helena, a few minutes away from the land whose protection was upheld at that council meeting. Wright says the entire area is historic. "This island itself - St. Helena - had 55 plantations on which there were 10,000 enslaved people working the fields." Vo Eventually some of them would be educated right here and become landowners in the area. Their culture passed down generations, the Gullah people staying prominent and protected. Wright says though, if golf course resort development were allowed, everything would be jeopardized. So "20... 25 years out you would not be able to recognize the way of life on St. Helena Island." Vo County council as you've heard, denied the application that would do that, pleasing Wright and the 10,000 plus people that petitioned against it. So "You can't put a value on that. That's just so important." Vo While the approval of the protection is a vote of confidence, Wright knows it's not the end of this battle. So "The fight's not over. We have to continue to talk, educate and enlighten people about this great place."

5/22/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD PINE ISLAND  
ZONING FOLO

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The city announced today the Statesboro Area Transit or SAT buses are finally hitting the road. The buses will run weekdays. It's one dollar for a one-way trip...and two dollars for round trip. You can only pay in exact change and cash at this time. The city says bus passes are in the works for the future. There are two fixed routes offered right now. The city says they have those posted online.

5/22/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SBORO  
PUBLIC TRANSIT LAUNCHES

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	5AM	FEDERAL	impact traffic. = Work that will impact roads is expected to start the first week of June and last for	
5/23/2023	DAYBREA	COURTHOUS	about a month. They say they will need temporary road closures to bring in a crane for parts of the	
5:00:00 AM	K OD	E LATEST	job. You should also expect other construction in the area as well.	00:00:22

		JASPER CO.		
	5AM	TEMP. HALT	Council chairman Martin Sauls says they want to make sure protections are in place. Saying "This	
	DAYBREA	OF	moratorium will allow the county time to assess current zoning ordinances, preserve critical	
5/23/2023	DAYBREA	DEVELOPME	environmentally sensitive land, but also determine what areas may be suitable for development as	
5:00:00 AM	K OD	NT	well." Again, that public hearing is June 5th. We'll keep you updated.	00:00:22

		BEAUFORT	The city is taking proposals from now until June 9th. They say applicants must be able to give them a	
		CITY	wide range of services that would be needed by the city. They also need to be a member of the	
5/23/2023		ATTORNEY	South Carolina Bar association. Once the proposals are in - city council will review them and appoint	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SERVICES	a new attorney. The city expects that to happen around the end of June.	00:00:21



		530 TYLER		
	6AM	CITY	"You don't want to build on some ground that ten years from now, you have to tear down and your	
5/25/2023	DAYBREA	COUNCIL	investment isn't there anymore. You want to make sure that everything that you do is gonna affect the	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REVIEWS	people 5, 10, 20 years down the line, and you did everything that you could do now to make sure that	
		EPA GRANT	everything in the future is gonna be tightened up and ready to go."	00:00:21

		530 TYLER	It's called the Community Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant and City Council will decide this evening	
	6AM	CITY	whether to approve 492-thousand dollars of additional funding to supplement it. The project would	
5/25/2023	DAYBREA	COUNCIL	focus on assessing environmental concerns in different areas, developing cleanup plans, and	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REVIEWS	assisting owners in applying for their own EPA cleanup grant funding. It would focus on the 37th and	
		EPA GRANT	Victory Corridor, parts of East Savannah, and West Savannah along Bay Street. Those are areas that	
			are seeing revitalization efforts. Alderman Detric Leggett says it's important that this work would help	
			ensure those efforts are sustainable in the long term.	00:00:39

		SHIRLEY	Tybee Island mayor Shirley Sessions says she will *not be running for re-election. Mayor Shirley	
5/26/2023		SESSIONS	Sessions announced during her State of the City Address. You're looking at her swearing in ceremony	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	NOT TO RUN	just four years ago. Sessions made history as the first woman elected as mayor in the town's history.	00:00:39

5/27/2023	WKEND	JESUP	According to the city, a friend discovered him dead in his home this morning. Commissioner House	
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	COMMIS.	was first elected to represent District 5 back in 19-95. City officials say he brought a wealth of	
		RAYMOND	education and experience to the Board of Commissioners. The city's mayor has ordered flags at half	
		HOUSE DIES	staff in Jesup.	00:00:18

5/27/2023	WKEND	JESUP		
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	COMMIS.		
		RAYMOND	Sad news to share tonight- The City of Jesup has announced that Commissioner Raymond House the	
		HOUSE DIES	second has passed away.	00:00:07

5/30/2023	6AM	530 SHEA	Court documents show the Savannah Airport Commission actually owns the property that Quail Run	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	QUAIL RUN	Lodge sits on- but Connell owns the lodge's buildings. Connell says that he does have another 7 years	
	K OD	LODGE	left on his lease- but court documents show that the Airport Commission has invoked eminent domain	
		EMINENT	against the property to take it over. Now- Connell says that with the loss of his home and business, all	
		DOMAIN	he wants is enough money to buy another hotel- which he admits is a lot, considering the inflated price	
			of many properties right now.	00:00:32

(sot) Many in Southeast Georgia are remembering Judge Faye Sanders Martin as a pioneer and trailblazer in Georgia's legal community. (vo) She was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1956 and was Bulloch County's first female attorney. In 1978, she made state history when Governor George Busbee appointed her as Georgia's first female Superior Court judge. She served five elected terms and was named chief judge for the Ogeechee Circuit. Judge Lovett Bennett tried cases in front of her as a rookie lawyer. (sot) She was the daughter of a Primitive Baptist preacher. She was very practical, very down to Earth, made a lot of sense in the courtroom. (vo) She'd eventually swear in her own daughter as an attorney before retiring in 2000. Colleagues remember her as a fair judge who tried to help people whenever she could. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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5/30/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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More than 100 elected officials and community leaders gathered in Jesup today to discuss how to address homelessness. It's something Jesup Mayor Ralph Hickox says not only impacts his city, but the entire region. The forum gave a space for leaders from every level of government to talk – from local, to state and federal. Mayor Hickox says it's important to talk about policies that have and haven't worked when it comes to addressing homelessness and mental health in the community. For example, Hickox says leaders in Wayne County have been successful in using a recently-launched app and website to connect people to resources – called WayneHelp.com. There was also an information fair, where people could learn about resources already available in the area. Hickox says the day's turnout is a testament to how important the issue is in southeast Georgia. "It tells you a little bit about where we're at as a society right now. The fact that people got up, probably at 4:00 this morning and drive from Quitman, Georgia, to attend a meeting on homelessness and mental illness in Jesup, Georgia, it tell you that people are looking for answers. And I think we owe them to work on that and get those answers." LL TAG: Hickox says the discussion doesn't end here. He plans to meet regularly with the group that was here today. In Jesup, HB WTOC NEWS.

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5/31/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD

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LL INTRO: If you live in Long County, you've previously been able to find beer and wine on the shelves pretty easily, but now, you can also buy liquor in the county. The shelves are stocked... \*\*scanning nats\*\* And liquor is being sold in Long County for the first time in decades. Justin Webb now owns the first stand-alone liquor store in town, Ludowici Liquor... It's something he says people in the the county were waiting for. "We felt like we hit the nail on the head with this one. It's been a very smooth process." Now, residents won't have to drive into another county to buy spirits they were already drinking. Long County Commission Chairman Robert Parker says it helps those dollars stay local. "We're seven miles from neighboring counties that are all wet, so to speak, so people were still buying it, but they'll just shop closer to home now." Parker says it also helps the county stay up to date with its neighbors. "When the state of Georgia lifted their alcohol restrictions after prohibition, each county had to enact their own or do nothing and not allow them, and that's what Long County did. They just never allowed it." Now, in 2023.... Webb's store opened just in time for its first Memorial Day Weekend... and he says business has been steady since. "It's always hard to expect truly what a business is going to do, but I had a feeling that it was going to do really well, and it's met my expectations." Expectations... that Webb says the store will continue to meet... in the season ahead. LL TAG: And while Ludowici Liquor is the first liquor store in Long County, Chairman Parker says he expects the growth to continue. In Ludowici, HB WTOC NEWS

5/31/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

LONG CO.  
LIQUOR  
SALES FOLO

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(sot) Construction on the new building continues as county leaders hope they can have all their departments moved in here during the Fall. (vo) Scaffolding and boarded windows still mark the building as a work in progress. The \$35 million government building will house county agencies that currently take up the present courthouse. It was built in 1964 and expanded several times. County leaders say they'll move from 20,000 square feet to 55,000 and they need the extra space and modern design to ease crowding. (sot) We've been on top of each other for several several years. We've been working out of closets in some cases. The clerk of court's office has been working out of the vault. (vo) The building will feature four courtrooms instead of the current one and a half. It also features an enclosed corridor from the jail next door to eliminate loading inmates in a patrol car for a ride around the corner. (sot) Once they get everyone out of the old building into the new one, they'll start demolishing the old one to make room for a park and parking lot. We'll keep you updated. In Lyons, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

5/31/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

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6/1/2023 5AM LONG CO.  
 5:00:00 AM DAYBREA LIQUOR  
 K OD SALES FOLO

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BREAKING: He says it happened in a special council meeting in a 5 - 2 vote. The mayor says they can't give a RINCON CITY reason for the suspension, because Lynn has a chance to appeal. Lynn confirms to WTOC he plans to MANAGER appeal, and that he wasn't given a specific reason for the suspension. City council has 30 days after SUSPENDED Lynn appeals to schedule a public hearing on the issue.

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6/2/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BREAKING: RINCON CITY MANAGER SUSPENDED He says it happened in a special council meeting in a 5 - 2 vote. The mayor says they can't give a reason for the suspension, because Lynn has a chance to appeal. Lynn confirms to WTOC he plans to appeal, and that he wasn't given a specific reason for the suspension. City council has 30 days after Lynn appeals to schedule a public hearing on the issue. 00:00:20

6/2/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD RINCON EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION Separately - the Effingham County Sheriff's Office confirmed to WTOC it's investigating a City of Rincon employee. No other details have been disclosed. However, the suspended city manager tells WTOC that he made a report to the sheriff's office on May 15th and the sheriff's office is investigating a city employee for alleged theft of funds. Lynn says he called the Sheriff's office after a complaint from a citizen. He says he also told city council about the investigation on May 15th. 00:00:29

6/5/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK K OD ICYMI: RINCON CITY SHAKEUPS LATEST Rincon Mayor Ken Lee told WTOC the city council voted last Thursday to suspend City Manager Jonathan Lynn. The mayor says they can't give a reason for the suspension, because Lynn has a chance to appeal. Lynn told WTOC he does plans to appeal that decision , and that he wasn't given a specific reason for the suspension. City council has 30 days after Lynn appeals to schedule a public hearing on the issue. 00:00:24

		BRYAN CO.	New at Daybreak - Bryan County has a new elections supervisor. Olivia Chapman is replacing	
6/6/2023	4:30AM	ELEX NEW	Cindy Reynolds - who retired from the job at the end of April. Chapman most recently served as the	
	DAYBREA	SUPERVISO	Elections and Registration Director in Effingham County. Her first election will be this November --	
4:30:00 AM	K OD	R	when voters head to the polls to vote on local government positions and SPLOST.	00:00:22

		SAV	Speaking of local elections - races for city council seats are heating up in Savannah. Marc Anthony	
6/6/2023	4:30AM	ALDERMAN	Smith says he plans to announce a run for Savannah's Alderman At-Large Post 1 today. That job is	
	DAYBREA	CANDIDATE	currently held by Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter. You may remember - Carter announced plans to	
4:30:00 AM	K OD	ANNOUC.	run for mayor against incumbent Van Johnson earlier this year. WTOC has a full list of Mayor and City	00:00:25
			Council candidates so far online.	

		HHI FIRE	"What will happen is that we will collect all of their input and then we will analyze that and come up	
6/6/2023	5AM	PLAN	with the things that are important to the community and then we go into sessions with our personal and	
	DAYBREA	MEETING	we do sessions for three days with our personal and go through what the community thinks they want	
5:00:00 AM	K OD		and what fire rescue would like to do and come up with a plan for where we go for the next three	
			years." Today's in-person session is happening at the fire rescue headquarters from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	
			They ask that you RSVP online before attending. If you can't make it, you can also take an online	
			survey. Those links will be on our website.	00:00:37

			TYBEE		
			EMERGENCY	Tybee City Council is planning to meet to discuss several things including "emergency events"	
			EVENTS	According to the agenda, the city has "received credible evidence "that an un-permitted event will be	
6/6/2023	CBS CUT-	MEETING	THURS	held in late June or early July and poses "an immediate risk to public safety and welfare of citizens and their property." The meeting is happening Thursday night at 6:30.	00:00:22
10:00:00 AM	INS OD				

			SBORO NEW		
			ZONING		
			CODE OPEN	You can view the changes at Statesboro First United Methodist Church from 6 to 8.	The open
6/6/2023	CBS CUT-	HOUSE	THURS	house will be held in the Fellowship Hall.	00:00:08
10:00:00 AM	INS OD				

			TYBEE	Over on Tybee Island.	City Council is planning to consider a resolution Thursday to address an
			EMERGENCY	unpermitted event advertised on social media.	According to the agenda, the city has "received
			EVENTS	credible evidence "that an un-permitted event will be held in late June or early July and it poses "an	
6/6/2023		MEETING	THURS	immediate risk to the public safety and welfare of citizens and their property." The meeting is	00:00:25
12:00:00 PM	NOON OD			Thursday night at 6:30 PM.	



		CHATHAM		
		CO.	"This type of project shows a great willingness from Georgia Ports, Chatham County, our state and	
6/7/2023		RAILROAD	federal officers to make sure that people have a sense of calm, a sense of security and peace in their	
		CROSSINGS	neighborhoods. These type of incidents and railroad crossings are a problem through out our state."	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	PROJECT	No word yet on the timeline of the project. We'll update you once a decision has been made.	00:00:23

		530 SHEA		
		CITY		
	6AM	COUNCIL	"We were definitely hit hard when it was vacant. You want to have a public utility that's getting great	
6/8/2023	DAYBREA	GRAYSON	use for fans and families to enjoy. And we're so proud of their success, and we want to make sure that	
		SEAT	we augment that to have a stadium that they can be proud of, as well, as they grow into this new era	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REPAIR	and as more and more fans get to enjoy this wonderful space."	00:00:21

		5AM SHEA		
		CITY		
	6AM	COUNCIL	"You want to make sure it's accessible in a major weather event. Flooding could occur around the	
6/8/2023	DAYBREA	EMERGENCY	area, or it might not be able to be accessed by a city employee, so we want to be able to monitor it as	
		GENERATOR	it's happening. And in a remote location, we can see the water levels as they approach higher levels."	
6:00:00 AM	K OD			00:00:17

		530 SHEA		
		CITY		
		COUNCIL		
		GRAYSON		
6/8/2023	6AM	SEAT	As part of the proposed contract, 620 seats at Grayson would be completely replaced. That money spent would include the purchasing of the seats, removal of the existing seats, and the installation of the new seats. Alderman Nick Palumbo- who oversees the district that Grayson is in- says that in a way, it's nice to see that Grayson has a use for upgrades, following years of the stadium not being used after the Sand Gnats left town.	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REPAIR		00:00:26

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		CITY		
		COUNCIL		
		EMERGENCY		
6/8/2023	6AM	GENERATOR	The repairs would include fully rebuilding a diesel generator engine and the Fell Street Stormwater Pumping Station, as well as updating the system at the Kayton Stormwater Pumping Station. Alderman Nick Palumbo says that in making some of the repairs, the generators will also get upgrades that include adding a remote switch that will allow the generators to be turned on or off remotely, or even automatically. He says it's a huge difference from the way the generators work now- which requires someone to physically go to them and turn them on.	
6:00:00 AM	K OD			00:00:33

		SAVANNAH		
		SQUARE		
		RENAMING		
		MEETING		
6/12/2023			The city will be holding a meeting Wednesday to go over the next steps of the renaming process. It will be held at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street beginning at 6 PM. For more information and to take a look at the full list of proposed names, head to our website WTOC dot com.	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD			00:00:16

		MPC		
		CHATHAM		
		PKWY		
6/13/2023		ZONING	"The City of Savannah is undergoing a housing shortage of some nearly 10,000 units. This project	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	REQUEST	along with hopefully many others will help to supply units to the city. We believe this is a great location	
			for an apartment complex.	00:00:14

		EFFINGHAM		
		PARKS &		
		REC		
6/13/2023		MASTER	Also happening tonight - an open house for Effingham County's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	PLAN	The meeting is from six to eight.. at the County's Board of Commissioners Meeting room in Springfield.	00:00:12

			Chatham County Commissioners will have their first hearing on next year's millage rate and budget	
			today. at 9:30 a-m after that they will have a workshop meeting on the budget. The county says	
			commissioners do not intend to raise the millage rate this year - but remember - that still means your	
			property taxes will see a little increase. They say it'll be about 60 bucks for homes valued at 225-	
6/15/2023	4:30AM	CHATHAM	thousand dollars. WTOC will let you know what comes of the first meeting. Again, that's happening	
4:30:00 AM	DAYBREA	CO. MILLAGE	today at the County Courthouse in the commission chambers.	
	K OD	RATE HRG		00:00:32

6/15/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV  
UPGRADED WATER METERS "The benefits of AMI include a more accurate field data collection for use in customer bill calculation, reduced manual meter reading allowing staff to work on other water system tasks and projects and improve data analysis to promote water conservation efforts." 00:00:16

6/16/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM  
CO. DIST. 2 CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT "That diversity is beyond just race and gender. But it also includes living in experiences and background as well. And because of my lived in experiences, I know that I will bring those perspectives and experiences into the room and I will be an asset." Banks says she has been an administrative official for over 10 years. She also says she has served on the board for other local committee's and non-profits. The special election will be held Tuesday, September 19th. 00:00:28

6/16/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM  
CO. DIST. 2 CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT A woman announcing she will be running for the seat of Chatham County Commissioner District 2 in the fall. A special election will be held in September to fill the seat of the late Larry "Gator" Rivers who died a few months ago after a battle with cancer. Right now, his wife Jean Rivers has taken over the position temporarily. Ni'Aisha (NY-ASHA) Banks announced her candidacy to permanently fill the seat. She says she's not the traditional candidate and believes the board needs diversity. 00:00:28

6/17/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREA K SATURDA Y OD	CHATHAM CO. DIST. 2 CANDIDATE ANNOUNCE MENT	Back here at home...one woman is vying to be Chatham County's next District 2 Commissioner in the fall. A special election is set for September to fill the seat of the late Larry "Gator" Rivers who died a few months ago after a battle with cancer. Right now, his wife Jean Rivers has taken over the position temporarily. Ni'Aisha (NY-ASHA) Banks announced her candidacy to permanently fill the seat. She says she's not the traditional candidate and believes the board needs diversity.	00:00:28
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6/21/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	DARIEN SPCL ELECTION	<p>Following Tuesday's special election, Darien's city council is now back up to the maximum of five members. That includes four city council members... and the mayor. They had to do this after Councilwoman Marcy Goodyear died in January... shortly followed by the death of Councilman Morris Butler in February... leaving one empty seat in both the city's north and south wards. In the South Ward... Russ Quarterman beat Chelia Pinkney by a vote of 129 to 61. In the North Ward... William Collins was the only candidate who qualified... so he was not on the ballot, but will fill the seat. Quarterman says... he's excited to serve his city. "I just think we're moving in a good positive direction, I'm not doing this to rock the boat, I'm doing this to continue on the good vibes we've got going, and the forward progress that we're making." Mayor Bubba Hodge says... he's looking forward to a full city council once again. "As the mayor, I feel like all of the city employees are my children. I treat them as my children. When you lose one, then we lost two back-to-back, it hurt. Then to add to it, we only had half a staff to make all the decisions." Overall, in Tuesday's election, Darien voters had a turnout of a little more than 26 percent... Drawing in only 190 voters out of the city's 728 who are registered. It's something the mayor says he'd like to see increased. "I do want to say out to my voters, that we need more voters turning out to vote." This special election... marking a step forward... for a city still recovering from the loss of two elected officials. LL TAG: The two new city council members will be sworn in at a ceremony next week. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:35
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6/21/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	POOLER MILLAGE RATE	Pooler City Councilwoman Karen Williams says the council voted to decrease the millage rate. It's 3 point 78...and she says that's almost exactly what it was five years ago. Williams says your property tax bill could still go up, but they tried to limit the impacts in their decision to drop it. It depends on how much your property value increases.	00:00:20
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Standup: Beaufort City Mayor Stephen Murray opened Tuesday night's work session meeting in front of a packed crowd of members of the public acknowledging that some of the topics were controversial, including and mainly who could propose what members join the historic review board of the city. Vo For decades, the Historic Beaufort Foundation had a representative on this board, but in the last few years that changed as the non-profit is only able to make a formal recommendation someone for the position. The proposal at Tuesday's meeting would alter that yet again, making the recommendation more informal... like any other group can make, bringing disagreement from those who think it should have a louder voice. Sot: (Mayor Stephen Murray - Beaufort) "I don't think there's any question about we all want to protect it, but I think there's a difference of opinion about how we go about protecting it." Vo This is what brought people to Tuesday's meeting, voicing their opinions on how involved the HBF should be. The mayor saying no matter the specifics of the change... the non-profit will remain a part of future development decisions. Sot "I don't want HBF to feel like this is something personal because it's not. It's about fairness and objectivity in local government." Vo That... meaning groups all over the city will be able to make similar suggestions for historic review board candidates, as opposed to the Historic Foundation's recommendation carrying more weight than the rest. It's not a change the foundation feels will change their operation though. Sot: (Cynthia Jenkins - Executive Director, Historic Beaufort Foundation) "We know what we've been doing and we will continue to be doing that." Vo The executive director confident and proud of the support members of the public showed at the workshop. Sot "I think the community showed its heart last night in saying how important historic preservation is and the review board is." Vo The city and its historic non-profit in agreement on that, just now looking at different roles to take for the process moving forward... if the motion gets approved. On cam tag From Tuesday night's workshop meeting, this suggestion now moves to the planning commission in July from there if approved it will move toward city council where it will face two different public readings before it can be fully put into place. Reporting from the city of Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

6/21/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BEAUFORT  
HISTORIC  
REVIEW  
BOARD

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According to Savannah's Waterfront Executive Director Julie Musselman, the proposed Community Improvement District, or C-I-D, would span from Plant Riverside to the Marriott Savannah Riverfront on the east and west end... and from the north side of Bay Street to River Street. According to Georgia law, CID members must make up 75 percent of taxable property within the bounds... this has already been certified by the Chatham County Tax Commissioner. The Board of Directors would be made up of seven members.... Five elected by the members of the district... and two appointed from the City of Savannah. They decide how much the tax would be, and where revenues are spent. The tax would be paid only by the commercial property owners. Money collected from the tax can be spent on areas within the district such as road construction and maintenance, parks, water treatment, and parking facilities to name a few. If passed, the C-I-D would be in place for six years. After that, members have the chance to vote to extend it for another six years. LL TAG: This is on the agenda to be voted on at tonight's Savannah city council meeting at 6:30. We'll be sure to track its progress and update you as we know more. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

SAV  
COUNCIL  
WATERFRON  
T DISTRICT

6/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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TYBEE  
ISLAND CITY  
COUNCIL  
MTG

That's with social media posts advertising an event in conjunction with Orange Crush organizers for the weekend before the Fourth of July. All this comes after safety concerns in April during Orange Crush weekend. WTOC will be there for the meeting at 6:30... and our HayleyBoland will have more details coming up on THE news at 6.

6/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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} "We have to make sure that it hurts. We have to make sure that it's not something that someone can just throw money at. "Oh well, no problem." The fact is, a parking violation is a parking violation. Every now and then, we reevaluate our fine structure, and so it's park of doing business." "All of these parking violations go into better infrastructure for our city. So the bike lanes that we see, the painted bike lanes that we see, and the free DOT shuttle, DOTTIE that operates in downtown, East, and West Savannah, is paid for by these parking fees as well."

6/22/2023 SAVANNAH  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD PARKING  
FINES

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It's all in preparation for another large, unpermitted event on the island.... Members of city leadership faced scrutiny after a similar event in April—known as Orange Crush – brought in thousands to the island's beaches, caused gridlock on the roads, dozens of arrests, and hundreds of emergency calls. The funding being voted on tonight – would pay for two additional ambulances, overtime for the police and fire departments, as well as lodging and food for them.... And additional fencing and lighting. In a post on Facebook, Tybee Island's Mayor says they'll have more than 100 law enforcement officers from various agencies for July fourth weekend... as well as an emergency lane open on Tybee at all times.

6/22/2023 TYBEE CITY  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD COUNCIL ON  
ORANGE  
CRUSH  
BUDGET

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6/22/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD	TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL MTG	City officials say they're preparing for the potential of another large, unpermitted event on the island. Residents criticized the council and other town leaders after this year's Orange Crush. IT brought in thousands to the beaches, backed up the roads, 18 arrests , and hundreds of emergency calls. The city has set aside more than \$187,000 from its general fund to go toward two additional ambulances, overtime for the police and fire departments, as well as lodging and food for them. They're adding more fencing and lighting on the island for the weekend. Mayor Shirley Sessions says they're trying their best to get prepared for another large crowd.	00:00:39
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6/23/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREA K OD	TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL MTG	The city has set aside more than \$187,000 from its general fund to go toward two additional ambulances, overtime for police and fire departments, as well as lodging and food for them. The city is also adding more fencing and lighting on the island for the weekend. Residents criticized the council and other town leaders after this year's Orange Crush. It brought thousands of people to the beach and backed up roads. It also led to 18 arrests and hundreds of emergency calls. Mayor Shirley Sessions says the city is taking steps to be better prepared.	00:00:33
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6/23/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	CHATHAM AMENDED FIRE FEE	You may remember - that's who this fee impacts. The county changed the policy last year to make it mandatory instead of subscription to Chatham Fire. That change is at the center of a lawsuit that's still playing out in court.	00:00:13
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6/23/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD PW PASSES NEW ZONING ORDINANCE The new rules go into effect immediately. This decision comes after the city put a 6 month pause on industrial rezoning application requests. That has since been lifted. The city established a committee last summer to develop a recommendation for a new code. According to the city, each 4 commercial and industrial zoning districts will have certain requirements involving land use and site development. 00:00:24

6/24/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM WEEKEND OD ALDERWOM AN LANIER REELECTION ANNOUCE. "As we move into the future of Savannah, we're experiencing all of this new growth and development, so some of the policies that we've been working on that we have not been implemented yet, we want to continue that into the next term." Lanier joins a growing list of Savannah City Council members running for re-election. Election Day is November 7th. 00:00:20

6/24/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM WEEKEND OD ALDERWOM AN LANIER REELECTION ANNOUCE. She launched her re-eletion campaign with a celebration at Waterworks Plaza this evening....She first joined Savannah's City Council in 2019... Lanier says she's proud of what she's accomplished in four years... but says her work for District one isn't finished. 00:00:16

			The convention, which has been going on since Friday, brings together leaders from all over Georgia for networking and workshops. The workshops cover topics like economic development, environmental sustainability, and cultural diversity, to name a few. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson spoke at this morning's opening of the general session.. He says that the convention is a great time to discuss issues that communities statewide are facing, including affordable housing, homelessness, and public safety.	
6/25/2023	WKEND	SHEA: GMA CONVENTIO		
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			"Savannah's not the only city dealing with these issues, so talking about best practices, things that work, things that we can share, resources that are out there, opportunities for funding infrastructure related projects, really creates an opportunity for us to really learn and then take that information back to our cities." All in all, around 24-hundred people are attending the convention, which runs through Tuesday.	
6/25/2023	WKEND	SHEA: GMA CONVENTIO		
6:30:00 PM	6:30PM OD	N		00:00:25

			She launched her re-eletion campaign with a celebration at Waterworks Plaza Saturday. Lanier first joined Savannah's City Council in 2019. Lanier says she's proud of what she's accomplished in four years... But says her work for District one isn't finished. Lanier joins a growing list of Savannah City Council members running for re-election. Election Day is November 7th.	
6/26/2023	5AM DAYBREA	ALDERWOM AN LANIER REELECTION		
5:00:00 AM	K OD	ANNOUCE.		00:00:23

6/27/2023 SAVANNAH The council approved a plan that phases in the payment of the fee over three years. You can see the  
5:29:00 PM IMPACT cost breakdown for an average home sale on your screen now. The first year is 50 percent. The  
5:30pm OD FEES second is 75. 100 percent of the fee will be charged in year three. There is a 25 percent exemption  
for affordable housing developments. The city will start charging the fees Saturday. 00:00:22

6/27/2023 HHI Standup The Strategic Action Plan gets updated every year and the newest one will go into effect on  
5:53:00 PM STRATEGIC July 1st, just a few days away. We sat down with town manager Marc Orlando one on one to find out  
6PM OD PLAN what he wants you to know about it. Sot: "It's where town council's priorities are, right? So the  
Strategic Action Plan is completely aligned with our budget." Vo\* updated He says it details what  
Hilton Head is working on and how they'll do it, like how they plan to improve safety on roads and  
pathways your family uses... or what steps they'll continue to take to protect Gullah Geechee  
neighborhoods from development. Orlando highlighting a few strategies he sees as part of the most  
important 15 on the plan. Sot "Whether that's a growth framework and growth management  
improvement from our land management ordinance all the way down to how we re-zone properties."  
On cam tag If you want to read the specifics of this action plan it's available online, we'll make sure we  
have the link to it at this story on our website. Reporting from Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC  
News. 00:01:03

LL INTRO: Organizers say they've made considerable progress in less than about two months. There's only around 900 gravesites that are still left to be marked... and a majority of that will be taken care of this weekend. In the weeks since the discovery of the gravesites... they've been marked with orange flags... Now, most of them... are marked with a permanent metal marker.... So that their burial site... can be recognized for years to come. Darien City Councilman Bubba Skeen says they'll be placing 500 additional markers this weekend... only leaving 400 of the more than 2300... still unmarked. It's all been made possible through donations from the community.... raising more than \$12,000 on GoFundMe since May 9th. Skeen says the outpouring of support for the project... has been incredible to see... and serves as a reminder of the importance of this project. "You have to be out there, and you feel it once you walk on those grounds. From the moment I walked there to this Saturday when I go there, I know how close we are to finishing what we started." This map... now sits in Darien City Hall... each white square represents a gravesite in the 5-and-a-half-acre cemetery... A permanent reminder... of the souls buried at Upper Mill. LL TAG: If you'd like to volunteer, they'll be out here placing those 500 additional markers at 9 a.m. Saturday here at Upper Mill Cemetery. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

DARIEN  
UNMARKED  
GRAVES  
FOLO

6/28/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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?(sot) For more than 300 city workers, this clinic means they can get seen, get treated, and get back to work. (vo) City of Statesboro spent roughly \$300,000 to convert old storage space into a health clinic and offices. They've contracted with Everside Health for a Nurse Practitioner and staff. City leaders say it reduces employee down time. (sot) ..if these employees are not at work, these jobs - which are essential - are not being done. (vo) He says they can treat employee illness but also work with them nagging injuries and ways to prevent them longterm. (sot) Having providers in-house allows us to be proactive in the treatment of their health conditions. (vo) Bynes says feedback has been good since they opened earlier this month. (sot) Employees can come here during normal business hours three days per week. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

STATESBORO  
CITY  
EMPLOYEE  
HEALTHCARE

6/29/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

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WTOC previously reported Lynn filed a law enforcement investigation into another city employee, and sent out a whistleblower complaint shortly before his termination. Today's appeal lasted just under four hours. With the first two being a presentation of evidence by city attorney Raymond Dickey against Lynn. Dickey claimed that Lynn was involved with investing portions of city employee paychecks into Roth I-R-A accounts without their knowledge, mishandling employee insurance benefits, and spending tax payer money on non-budget items like food and electronics. Lynn believed the presentation of this evidence violated his due process, as none of it was shown to him before the appeal. Lynn then requested a ten day extension of the appeal. After residents spoke up in support of Lynn, councilmember Michelle Taylor made a motion for the extension, but did not receive a second. Councilperson Levi Scott then proposed a motion to fire Lynn as City Manager. The motion went to a vote, resulting in a decision of three against Lynn's termination, with two for it and one abstained. The council is now in an executive session with Lynn to discuss his position as manager.

RYAN:  
RINCON CITY  
MANAGER  
HEARING

6/29/2023  
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD

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"...And I believe I have the notes from the valuation where several people said Jonathan has the best interests of Rincon at heart. We believe he wants to have the best interest for Rincon. So I ask how do you go from that to this with nothing but the responses on June 1 and then three weeks later me not having a chance to see anything that we're gonna talk about ahead of time." After residents spoke up in support of Lynn, councilmember Michelle Taylor made a motion for the extension, but did not receive a second. Councilperson Levi Scott then proposed a motion to fire Lynn as City Manager. The motion went to a vote, resulting in a decision of three against Lynn's termination, with two for it and one abstained. The council is now in an executive session with Lynn to discuss his position as manager.

RYAN:  
RINCON CITY  
MANAGER  
HEARING

6/29/2023  
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD

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6/30/2023	5AM	530 SHEA	He said that Lynn was investing portions of city employee paychecks into Roth I-R-A accounts without their knowledge, and that Lynn was mishandling employee insurance benefits, and spending tax payer money on non-budget items. Lynn believed the presentation of the evidence violated his due process and he then requested a ten day extension of the appeal. Councilmember Levi Scott proposed a motion to fire Lynn as City Manager.	00:00:26
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	RINCON CITY		
	K OD	MANAGER		
		HEARING		

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

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**  
**APRIL 1, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

M-F 9-10AM

**MORNING BREAK**

A WEEKDAY TALK SHOW AIRING AT 9AM FEATURING GUEST INTERVIEWS, PERFORMANCES, WEATHER AND NEWS..HOSTS INCLUDE WTOC'S KYLE JORDAN, TIM GUIDERA AND ARIA JANEL.

M-F 3PM-4PM

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

A WEEKDAY LIFESTYLE SHOW AT 3PM FEATURING INTERVIEWS, COOKING SEGMENTS AND TIPS. HOSTS INCLUDE WTOC'S SAM BAUMAN AND BECKY SATTERO.

**4/14 AT 7:30PM**

**AROUND THE GREEN: LIVE FROM THE HERITAGE**

WTOC GOES LIVE AT THE HERITAGE TO RECAP THE DAYS EVENTS OF THE HERITAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT IN HILTON HEAD.

4/22/23-7:30PM

**SPRING SPRUCE UP**

A LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN SPRUCE UP YOUR HOUSE AND GARDEN

6/02 7:30PM

**AHEAD OF THE STORM**

THE FIRST ALERT WEATHER TEAM PREVIEWS THE 2023 HURRICANE SYSTEM WITH PREPARATION TIPS.



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

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**APRIL 1, 2023– JUNE 30TH, 2023**

**APRIL-JUNE PSA'S ON 11.1, BOUNCE 11.2, CIRCLE 11.3**

**AD COUNCIL**

PSA'S PROMOTING MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH, BEDTIME MATH,

**AMERICORP**

PSA PROMOTING THE ORGANIZATION

**BLOOD CONNECTION**

PSA'S PROMOTING WTOC'S PARTERSHIP WITH THE BLOOD CONNECTION WITH A URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD INCLUDING A SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE.

**CITY OF SAVANNAH**

PSAS WITH WTOC TALENTS THAT AIR AT 11PM ASKING WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN.

**GAB**

A VARIETY OF PSA'S PRODUCED BY THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS ON WHEN TO DIAL 811, GEORGIA STATE PATROLS CAREERS, HIGHWAY SAFETY, SEATBELT SAFETY, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY, WATER SAFETY, DRIVING ELECTRIC CARS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DRIVING SOBER, HOSPITAL CAREERS, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, ORAL CANCER,

**MAKE A WISH**

PSA PROMOTING THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM ON GRANTING WISHES FOR CHILDREN WITH CRITICAL ILLNESSES

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

PSA PROMOTING THE NON-PROFIT'S ROUNDUP PROGRAM WHERE MCDONALD'S CUSTOMERS CAN REQUEST THEIR BILL BE ROUNDED UP TO HELP THE RONALD MCDONALD OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE. ALSO, THE RED SHOES RUN AND WINE WOMEN AND SHOES EVENTS.

**STAND UP FOR CANCER**

PSA WITH ACTOR JAMIE FOXX ENCOURAGING POEOPLE TO GET COLORECTAL SCREENINGS.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CANDLER**

PSA'S PROMOTING THE ANNUAL SMART WOMEN EXPO. THIS YEAR'S GUEST SPEAKER IS MARIE OSMOND. PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE TELFAIR MAMMOGRAPHY FUND.

**WHY GEORGIA**

PSA PROMOTING THE FILM, TELEVISION AND GAMING INDUSTRY AND THE IMPACTS ITS HAD ON THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

**WTOC COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

A LIST OF NON-PROFIT EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

**WTOC**

PROMOS ALERTING ABOUT THE DEPENDABLE WEATHER TEAM AND THE FIRST ALERT WEATHER TEAM.. PLUS, ID PROMOTING MEMORIAL DAY AND JUNETEENTH, HURRICANE EXPO AND SHOW, ALSO, WTOC'S BOOKS TO KIDS DRIVE PUSHING VIEWERS TO HELP DONATE BOOKS TO STUDENTS IN THE SAVANNAH CHATHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. PLUS, COMMUNITY CALENDAR. ALSO, INCLUDES WTOC CARES PSA'S THE STATION HELPING ORGANIZATIONS LIKE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, GREENBRIAR CHILDREN'S HOME. PLUS, RESCUE ME FRIDAY WHERE THE HUMANE SOCIETY PROMOTES ADOPTABLE PETS,

WTOC 11.1  
PSA REPORT  
2ND QTR 2023

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	Order #
WTOC	4/5/2023-6/30/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	76
WTOC	6/1/2023-6/30/23	:30:15	Ahead of the Storm	SAV302425-30	154
WTOC	5/25/2023-6/30/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	33
WTOC	4/6/2023-5/25/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	11
WTOC	4/9/23-6/22/2023	:15,:30,:60	Bedtime Math 15	SAV400418-20	34
WTOC+A	4/3/2023-6/29/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	17
WTOC	5/23/2023-6/30/23	:30	Blood Connection	SAV400459,400461,400472	130
WTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	Books to Kids includes different locations, POP	SAV400347,400450-54,400446-49,400484	282
WTOC	5/29/2023-6/29/23	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking	SAV400336	16
WTOC	6/23/2023	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	1
WTOC	4/9/2023-6/28/23	:15,:30	FA WX APP F&F-15-23	SAV302270-71	40
WTOC	4/5/2023-6/30/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	68
WTOC	4/15/2023-5/21/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	8
WTOC	5/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectTheMoments	SAV400308	30
WTOC	4/3/2023-4/29/23	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety	SAV400244	4
WTOC	5/29/2023-6/26/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	12
WTOC	5/2/2023	:30	GovOfficeSafety-MotorcycleSafety	SAV400277	5
WTOC+A	4/3/2023-5/30/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	12
WTOC	5/28/2023-6/2/23	:15	Hurricane Expo 23 Sat	SAV302423	58
WTOC	4/2/2023-4/30/23	:30	Hwy Safety-Trooper Seatbelt	SAV400170	4
WTOC	6/4/2023-6/30/23	:05	It's 11-Where Are Your Kids?	SAV400462-65,75-80	48
WTOC	4/2/2023-5/4/23	1:00	Jamie Foxx-Colon Cancer60	SAV400324	4
WTOC	6/17/2023-6/19/23	:04,:05	Juneteenth 22 ID	SAV302031,301093	22
WTOC	4/12/2023-6/30/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	27
WTOC	5/27/2023-5/29/23	:04,:05	Mem Day 22	SAV302007,3020212	32
WTOC	4/9/2023-5/4/23	1:00	Middle School Health	SAV400363	2
WTOC	5/8/2023	:04	News App ID	SAV300115	2
WTOC+A	4/3/2023-6/28/23	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	41
WTOC	4/8/2023-6/15/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	5
WTOC	5/5/2023-6/30/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Pet Urgent	SAV302416	48
WTOC	4/9/2023-6/30/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	23
WTOC	4/2/2023-6/27/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	42
WTOC	4/27/2023-5/7/23	:30	Sam and Max-Bananas Raffle	SAV302407	64
WTOC	6/3/2023-6/30/23	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osm	SAV400466-67	102
WTOC	4/2/2023-6/17/23	:15,:30	Spring Severe Weather-15	SAV302381-82	260
WTOC	6/19/2023-6/30/23	:15,:30	Summer Severe Weather	SAV302383-84	65
WTOC	4/11/2023-5/12/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	4
WTOC	5/29/2023-6/29/23	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	28
WTOC	6/17/2023-6/30/23	1:00	Why GA	SAV400469-71	21
WTOC	5/31/2023-6/10/23	:30	Wine Women Shoes POP	SAV302424	32
WTOC	4/6/2023-4/27/23	:30	WTOC Cares-Greenbriar Award	SAV400456	53
WTOC	6/7/2023-6/19/23	:30	WTOC Cares-Hurricane Expo	SAV400468	44
WTOC	6/30/2023	:15	WTOC Cares-Helps RMHC	SAV400483	3
WTOC	4/3/2023-6/30/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	148
WTOC	4/2/2023-6/30/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert	SAV301574-75	351
WTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302268-69	402

## WTOC 11.2(BOUNCE)

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2ND QTR 23

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	190
DTOC	6/1/202-6/30/23	:30,:15	Ahead of the Storm show, stream	SAV302426-30	66
DTOC	5/25/2023-6/28/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	35
DTOC	4/6/2023-6/16/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	15
DTOC	4/18/2023-6/23/23	:15,:30,:60	Bedtime Math 15	SAV400418-20	42
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/24/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	47
DTOC	5/23/2023-6/30/23	:30	Blood Connection drive, POP	SAV400459,61,72	56
DTOC	4/1/2023-5/18/23	:30	Books to Kids, different locations	SAV400346-54	224
DTOC	6/5/2023-6/29/23	:30	DDS-Human Traffiking	SAV400336	29
DTOC	4/23/2023-6/16/23	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	6
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/29/23	:15	FA WX APP F&F-	SAV302270-71	190
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	152
DTOC	4/23/2023-6/16/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	10
DTOC	5/5/2023-6/29/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectTheMoments	SAV400308	13
DTOC	4/4/2023-6/16/23	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety	SAV400244	11
DTOC	4/23/2023-6/23/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	15
DTOC	5/5/2023	:30	GovOfficeSafety-MotorcycleSafety	SAV400277	1
DTOC	4/4/2023-6/15/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	14
DTOC	5/30/2023-6/2/23	:15	Hurricane Expo 23 Sat	SAV302423	15
DTOC	4/7/2023-5/30/23	1:00	Jamie Foxx-Colon Cancer60	SAV400324	7
DTOC	6/19/2023	:05	Juneteenth ID 05	SAV301093	8
DTOC	5/21/2023-6/25/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	26
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/29/23	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	49
DTOC	4/6/2023-6/16/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	13
DTOC	5/5/2023-6/30/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays	SAV302416,431	18
DTOC	5/18/2023-6/17/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	24
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	96
DTOC	4/29/2023-5/7/23	:30,:15	Sam and Max-Bananas Raffle	SAV302407	37
DTOC	6/4/2023-6/30/23	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osmond	SAV400466-67	58
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/18/23	:15,:30	Spring Severe Weather	SAV302381-82	250
DTOC	6/20/2023-6/30/23	:15,:30	Summer Severe Weather	SAV302383-84	31
DTOC	4/15/2023-6/6/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	7
DTOC	5/29/2023-6/30/23	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	38
DTOC	6/17/2023-6/28/23	1:00	Why GA 1	SAV400469-71	28
DTOC	5/31/2023-6/10/23	:30	Wine Women Shoes POP	SAV302424	18
DTOC	4/7/2023-4/30/23	:30	WTOC Cares-Greenbriar Award	SAV400456	48
DTOC	6/8/2023-6/20/23	:30	WTOC Cares-Hurricane Expo	SAV400468	17
DTOC	4/1/2023-6/29/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	90
DTOC	4/4/2023-6/11/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert	SAV301574-75	11
DTOC	4/15/2023-6/21/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302269	11

## WTOC 11.3(CIRCLE)

## PSA REPORT

2ND QTR 23

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
HTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	539
HTOC	6/1/2023-6/30/23	:30,:15	Ahead of the Storm Show, Stream	SAV302426-30	277
HTOC	5/25/2023-6/24/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	114
HTOC	4/2/2023-6/29/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	37
HTOC	4/15/2023-6/16/23	:30,1:00	Bedtime Math 30	SAV400418-19	74
HTOC	4/2/2023-6/29/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	156
HTOC	5/23/2023-6/30/23	:30	Blood Connection Drive, POP	SAV400459,400472	48
HTOC	4/1/2023-5/18/23	:30	Books to Kids	SAV400346-54	455
HTOC	5/29/2023-6/29/23	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking	SAV400336	68
HTOC	4/1/2023-6/29/23	:30	FA WX APP F&F23	SAV302271	348
HTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	488
HTOC	4/2/2023-6/29/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	75
HTOC	5/24/2023-5/31/23	:30	GovOfficeSafety-MotorcycleSafety	SAV400277	2
HTOC	4/2/2023-6/29/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	118
HTOC	5/29/2023-6/2/23	:15	Hurricane Expo 23 Sat	SAV302423	39
HTOC	6/19/2023	:05	Juneteenth ID 05	SAV301093	5
HTOC	4/5/2023-6/30/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	141
HTOC	4/2/2023-6/30/23	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	151
HTOC	4/6/2023-5/24/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	4
HTOC	6/15/2023-6/30/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Vaden	SAV302431	88
HTOC	4/23/2023-6/21/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	76
HTOC	5/24/2023	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	1
HTOC	4/28/2023-5/7/23	:15,:30	Sam and Max-Bananas Raffle	SAV302407-08	157
HTOC	6/4/2023-6/30/23	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osm	SAV400466-67	260
HTOC	4/1/2023-6/18/23	:15,:30	Spring Severe Weather-	SAV302381-82	2349
HTOC	6/19/2023-6/30/23	:30,:15	Summer Severe Weather	SAV302383-84	109
HTOC	5/12/2023	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	2
HTOC	6/17/2023-6/29/23	1:00	Why GA	SAV400469-71	59
HTOC	5/31/2023-6/10/23	:30	Wine Women Shoes POP	SAV302424	57
HTOC	4/1/2023-6/30/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301392-93	467
HTOC	5/28/2023-6/28/23	:10	WTOC news App News	SAV301574	156
HTOC	5/23/2023-6/30/23	:10	WTOC WXAppFcstsF&F23	SAV302268	243