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JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

2023 Community Affairs Issues
THIRD Quarter

1. **Public Safety & Crime including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety, and police conduct, Coronavirus**
2. **Education including education standards, school safety, and alternative schools, Coronavirus**
3. **Minority Issues including affirmative action, NAACP activities, and Gay Rights,**
4. **Economic Development including business development, employment opportunities, community infrastructure, small business development, and visitor attractions., Coronavirus Pandemic**
5. **Terrorism/National Security, conflict in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt and Syria. Also, military matters, budget and honoring veteran's. Also, US National Security**
7. **Government-including local, state and federal government actions**
6. **PSA's-A list and brief descriptions of Public Service Announcements that ran on WTOC**
7. **Special Programs-A list and description of locally produced programs that aired on WTOC.**

**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 – 12:30
AFTERNOON BREAK (ENDED 9/8)	MONDAY-FRIDAY	3PM-4PM
THE NEWS AT 3 STARTED 9/11)	MONDAY-FRIDAY	3:30PM-4PM
THE NEWS AT 4	MONDAY- FRIDAY	4:00PM-4:30PM
THE NEWS AT 5	MONDAY – FRIDAY	5:00 – 6:00 PM
THE NEWS AT 6	MONDAY – FRIDAY	6:00 – 6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 7	MONDAY-FRIDAY	7:00-7:30PM
THE NEWS AT 11	MONDAY – FRIDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM
DAYBREAK SATURDAY	SATURDAY	6:00AM-8:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6	SATURDAY	6:00 – 6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 7	SATURDAY	7:00 – 7:30 PM
		9/16-9/30-7PM-8PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SATURDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM
DAYBREAK SUNDAY	SUNDAY	7:00AM-9:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6:30	SUNDAY	6:00-6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SUNDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM

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

60 MINUTES SUNDAY 7:00 – 8:00 PM

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

48 HOURS SATURDAY 10:00 – 11:00PM

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

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

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

INVESTIGATETV SATURDAYS 11:35PM, INVESTIGATE TV PLUS-WEEKDAYS 3:30PM

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

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.

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 6:00 – 6:30 PM

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

SPECIALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME
JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/09/23 **Guests:** Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Biden administration (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (5); Dr. Kate Calvin, chief scientist and senior climate advisor, NASA (6)
2) Topics include: China’s commanding position on strategic critical minerals / CHIPS and Science bill; efforts to help Sweden join NATO; Ukraine’s bid to eventually join NATO / Biden administration’s decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine; review of U.S. envoy to Iran Rob Malley’s security clearance / U.S. hostages held in Iran
6) a discussion on the global impact of climate change, including the water cycle, health, fires and other risks
- 07/16/23 **Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, “On With Kara Swisher”, co-host, “Pivot” (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)
1) a report from Los Angeles on the intensifying heat dome in the American Southwest
2) a report from Rome, Italy on the heat wave Cerberus, named after the three-headed dog that guards the underworld in Greek mythology, that is scorching Europe
3) a discussion on this summer’s worldwide extreme weather
4) Topics include: Mesa’s long-term and short-term plans to deal with the historic heat wave gripping the Southwest / impact of extreme heat on migration
- 07/23/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)
1) a report from Atlanta on the scorching heat wave, as more than 3,500 record temperatures have been set in the U.S. in July alone
2) Topics include: Phoenix’s short-term and long-term plans for dealing with the historic heat wave;
- 07/30/23 **Guests:** Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United

States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)
6) Topics include: impact of the dangerous heat wave /

08/13/23 **Guests:** Carter Evans, CBS News correspondent (1); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2); Representative Jill Tokuda (D-HI) (3); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Abbe Lowell, attorney for Hunter Biden (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (6); Neda Sharghi, Emad Sharghi's sister (7); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (8)
Guest Correspondent: Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (2)
1) a report from Lahaina, HI on the response to the deadly wildfires and the current conditions in the region

08/20/23 **Guests:** Kelly Cass, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (3); Josh Green, governor (D-HI) (4); Grace Garner, mayor (Palm Springs, CA) (5); Karen Bass, mayor (Los Angeles, CA) (6); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (7); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (9)
1) a report on Hilary, a weakened Category 1 hurricane, nearing landfall on Mexico's Baja California
2) a report on the extreme weather across the country
3) a report from Lahaina, HI on Maui's disaster zone and the announced investigation into Maui County's disaster response
4) Topics include: challenges in the recovery process failure of the siren system / theories on how the wildfires started
5) an interview on how Palm Springs is preparing for Hurricane Hilary
6) Topics include: how Los Angeles is preparing for Hurricane Hilary; state of emergency to tackle homelessness;
9) Topics include: new COVID variant BA 2.86 / updates to COVID vaccines; flu and RSV vaccines

60 MINUTES

08/06/23 **"Pathogen X"** – a report on the search for the next deadly virus. Scientists are exploring rare wildlife to test animals for Pathogen X, or viruses they fear capable of transferring to humans. Includes interviews with Christine Johnson, wildlife epidemiologist; Benard Ssebide, one of Uganda's top wildlife veterinarians; Tierra Smiley Evans, a UC Davis epidemiologist and wildlife veterinarian; Bukamba Nelson, wildlife veterinarian; and Amy Bond, of international conservation group Gorilla Doctors. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Heather Abbott) (OAD: 10/30/22)

08/27/23 60 MINUTES (7:37 – 8:37p)
"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) (OAD: 05/21/23)

09/24/23

"CARE Court" – a report on California's CARE Court program. The controversial new program aims to provide court mandated mental health care to those in need, though many fear it is a form of medical incarceration. Includes interviews with Gavin Newsom, Governor of California; Anita Fisher, mental health advocate; Pharoh Degree, Anita's son (via phone); Eve Garrow, homelessness policy analyst for the ACLU of Southern California; and Marquesha Babers, who grew up homeless. (C: Cecilia Vega – P: Natalie Jimenez Peel)

48 HOURS

07/01/23

48 HOURS: "Death on Safari" (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the death of Bianca Rudolph, which occurred while she was on a safari vacation with her husband, Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Rudolph, and the international investigation that followed. The Rudolphs were getting ready to head back home after a safari vacation in Zambia in October 2016 when Bianca suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. The couple were experienced hunters. Larry, a successful dentist with several offices near Pittsburgh, PA, told local authorities that he was in the bathroom of the couple's two-room cabin when he heard a shot and found his wife dead in the next room. Larry said his wife was packing up a shotgun in a soft-shell gun case; he first told a local hunting scout that his wife had died by suicide, but later told investigators that the gun must have accidentally fired. After two days of investigating, Zambian police closed the case, calling it an accident. There were questions early on about how Bianca could have accidentally shot herself in the chest with such a long-barreled weapon. Larry had his wife's body quickly cremated in Zambia, which led a friend of Bianca's to doubt this was an accident. Soon after Bianca's death, the friend called the FBI. According to an FBI complaint, she also said Larry was having an affair with Lori Milliron, who managed the dental offices, and that Larry had been verbally abusive to Bianca; the friend also told the FBI that the couple fought over money. It took investigators five years to investigate the case. In December 2021, Larry was arrested for the murder of his wife; he maintains his innocence. Lori was arrested in February 2022 and faces seven federal counts. Original on-screen text graphic: The joint trial of Lawrence Rudolph and Lori Milliron is scheduled to begin in July. On-screen text graphic for the 09/10/22 rebroadcast: On August 1, 2022, Larry Rudolph was found guilty of murdering his wife, Bianca Rudolph. Lori Milliron was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact to murder. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/01/23 rebroadcast:** On August 1, 2022, Larry Rudolph was found guilty of murdering his wife, Bianca Rudolph. He's awaiting sentencing. Lori Milliron was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact to murder. She was sentenced to 17 years in prison. Interviewed: Sherry Houck, worked as a dental assistant in Dr. Lawrence Rudolph's Three Rivers Dental Group; Meghan Schiller, reporter at CBS' Pittsburgh affiliate, KDKA; Spencer Kakoma, local game scout who accompanied the Rudolphs; Roston Yeyenga, now retired police commander, interviewed Dr. Rudolph in 2016; David Katz, ballistics expert, former special agent at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), owner, Global Security Group; Masuwa Musese, investigator, Kafue National Park, Zambia; Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor, CBS News consultant; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory agent, CBS News consultant; and John Dill, Lori Milliron's attorney. (Contributor: Debora Patta – Producers: Ruth Chenetz, Mary Ann Rotondi, Susan Mallie, James Stolz. Producers in Zambia: Sarah Carter, Dziko Mwanza) (OAD: 04/16/22; Rebroadcast: 09/10/22)

07/01/23

48 HOURS: “The Suzanne Morphew Case: Nothing Is What It Seems” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the disappearance of Suzanne Morphew and the case against her husband Barry Morphew. The Salida, CO mother of two vanished on Mother’s Day 2020, days after telling her husband she was “done” with their marriage. Police initially thought she was taken while riding her mountain bike, but also considered her husband. Over the course of the investigation, bizarre clues emerged: a spy pen that was able to record conversations, a chipmunk alibi and a tranquilizer gun. The spy pen was originally given to Suzanne to record Barry but backfired when it recorded a conversation between Suzanne and Jeff Libler, a Michigan man Suzanne was having an affair with; he was eventually cleared of any wrongdoing. Records revealed Barry’s cell phone pinging all around the Morphew home on Mother’s Day weekend 2020, which he maintained was because he was chasing and shooting at chipmunks. Also discovered in the couple’s dryer was a plastic cap to a syringe used to load a tranquilizer dart; no working tranquilizer rifle was found in the home, but Barry admitted to being an experienced tranquilizer dart gun shooter. Tests revealed the cap had Suzanne’s DNA on it, not Barry’s. Investigators also uncovered DNA on the glovebox of Suzanne’s Range Rover, which traced back to an unknown male connected to three sexual assaults. Even though Suzanne’s body was never found, police relied on the circumstantial evidence they gathered, Barry’s suspicious behavior and contradictory statements, scratches seen on his left arm when Suzanne disappeared, the vehicle forensics evidence and Suzanne’s disturbing texts, and arrested Barry in May 2021 for first-degree murder and other charges; Barry pled not guilty. In September 2021, a judge ruled there was probable cause to go to trial. Suzanne and Barry’s daughters – Mallory and Macy – stand firmly behind their father. 04/30/22 UPDATE: Judge Ramsey Lama replaced Judge Patrick Murphy. Barry Morphew’s homicide trial was set to begin on April 28th, 2022. In April 2022, Judge Lama ruled that prosecutors repeatedly had missed deadlines and had failed to turn over important information in the discovery phase. On April 19th, 2022, as a pre-trial hearing was about to begin, District Attorney Linda Stanley filed a motion to dismiss the murder charges against Barry Morphew without prejudice, meaning the case could be refiled at a later date. In her motion for dismissal, DA Stanley told the judge that officials believe investigators are close to discovering the location of Suzanne Morphew’s body. Defense attorney Iris Eytan denies Barry has any involvement in his wife’s disappearance. Original on-screen text graphic: Judge Patrick Murphy disqualified himself based on a potential conflict of interest involving a possible witness. A new judge has been appointed. Barry Morphew’s murder trial is scheduled for May 2022. The Morphew defense team has requested a change of venue. On-screen text graphic for the 04/30/22 updated rebroadcast: Today is Suzanne Morphew’s birthday. She would have turned 51 years old. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/01/23 rebroadcast:** Suzanne Morphew’s body has never been found. In May 2023 Barry Morphew filed a \$15 million federal civil rights lawsuit against prosecutors and law enforcement officials stating he was wrongfully arrested, jailed and prosecuted. Interviewed: Aya Gruber, professor of law, University of Colorado, former defense attorney; Ashley Franco, reporter, KKTU, CBS affiliate in Colorado Springs; Dan Ridenour, local radio host; Melinda Moorman (Zoom interview), Suzanne’s sister; Cody Cox, Barry’s former employee; Ben LeMere, vehicle forensics expert, CEO, Berla Corporation; and Andrew Katers, owner & CEO, Animal Care and Equipment Services. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Paul LaRosa) (OAD: 01/22/22; Rebroadcast: 04/30/22)

07/08/23

48 HOURS: “The Ring: The Murder of Patrick De La Cerda” (9:00 –

10:00p) - a report on the February 27th, 2018 murder of Patrick De La Cerda, who was expecting a delivery of an engagement ring for his fiancée, Jessica Devnani. De La Cerda was shot four times in the doorway of the home he shared with his father on the outskirts of Deltona, FL. The investigation exposed a meticulous murder plan crafted by a man jealous of the couple's relationship: Devnani's ex-boyfriend, Gregory Bender, who had been harassing the couple. Since Bender violated the restraining order the couple had against him by telephoning Devnani the morning of De La Cerda's murder, he was arrested. A February 28th, 2018 search of Bender's home led to the discovery in a trash can of several handwritten pages with a map of the murder scene and details of how to conceal the crime. Less than 48 hours after De La Cerda's death, Gregory Bender was arrested for murder in his front yard, after being released from the Orange County Jail. The trial included testimony from Bender's ex-wife, Daymara Sanchez, about the murder plan; Bender's defense insisted that the murder plan did not equate to guilt. The jury found Bender guilty of the charge of first-degree murder. In Florida, a conviction of first-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence without parole. Original on-screen text graphic: Gregory Bender's attorneys say they plan to appeal his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. On-screen text graphic for the 07/09/22 rebroadcast: Gregory Bender's attorneys are appealing his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. *No on-screen text graphic for the 07/08/23 rebroadcast.* Interviewed: Jessica Devnani, Patrick De La Cerda's fiancée; Ashley Terwilleger, prosecutor, Volusia County, FL; Patricia Ronze, Patrick De La Cerda's mother; Detective Chad Weaver, Volusia County, FL Sheriff; Andrew Urbanak, trial prosecutor; Max De La Cerda, Patrick De La Cerda's father. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O'Connell) (OAD: 11/13/21; Rebroadcast: 07/09/22)

07/08/23

48 HOURS: "The Case Against Michael Politte" (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on Michael Politte, who was 14-years-old when he was charged in 1998 with murdering his 40-year-old and recently divorced mother, Rita Politte. Rita died after being hit on the head and set on fire in her Hopewell, MO home. In January 2002, Michael went on trial; he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the murder, though he maintained his innocence. Michael asked his father, Edward Politte, for help and he refused. Five years after his conviction, the Midwest Innocence Project agreed to take his case and worked on it for years; eventually attorneys Tricia Bushnell, Megan Crane and Mark Emison became involved. Michael spent nearly 20 years in prison before a 2021 bill passed in Missouri made him eligible for parole. On April 22nd, 2022, Michael was released from prison on parole. Now 38-years-old, Michael claims to know who is responsible for killing his mother: his father, Edward, who hired his cousin, Johnny Politte, to murder his ex-wife over the financial terms of the divorce. The investigation into Rita Politte's murder has been reopened. Original on-screen text graphic: Earlier this month, Washington County Prosecutor Josh Hedgecorth lost his bid for reelection. Separately, the Missouri Supreme Court has temporarily halted Hedgecorth's effort to overturn Politte's conviction. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/08/23 rebroadcast:** Washington County Prosecutor Josh Hedgecorth lost his bid for re-election. His motion to vacate Politte's conviction was later denied by the Missouri Supreme Court. Interviewed: Michael Politte; Tammy Nash, former investigator, Washington County Sheriff's Department; Chrystal Politte and Melonie Politte, Michael's older sisters; Chuck and Patsy Skiles, Michael's uncle and aunt; Josh Hedgecorth, prosecutor, Washington County; Linda Dickerson-Bell and Jonathan Peterson, jurors on Michael's case; Tricia Bushnell, attorney; Megan Crane, attorney; Mark Emison, attorney; Josh SanSoucie, Michael's former friend; and Larry and Carolyn Lee, witnesses who place Johnny Politte near the crime scene. (C: Erin Moriarty – P:

Stephanie Slifer, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 11/26/22)

07/15/23

48 HOURS: “The Disappearance of Kristin Smart” (9:00 - 10:00p) – a rebroadcast of a report (OAD: 11/28/20; 1st Updated Rebroadcast: 05/08/21; 2nd Updated Rebroadcast: 10/22/22) on the 1996 Memorial Day weekend disappearance of Kristin Smart, a Cal Poly college freshman, who attended an off-campus party alone after parting ways with a friend. According to witnesses, she became very intoxicated and was helped home by two students. However, the next morning she was nowhere to be found. Her friends reported the college freshman’s disappearance to campus police who were slow to investigate and eventually turned the case over to San Luis Obispo, CA sheriffs. Suspicion turned to Paul Flores, one of the students who helped Kristin home. A witness saw him with a black eye and scratches on his hands the day after Kristin’s disappearance for which he had shifting explanations. Cadaver-sniffing dogs brought to Paul’s dorm room all had a reaction, despite it having been cleaned following the end of the semester. Additionally, Paul had a reputation as being aggressive with women. Kristin’s parents eventually filed a civil suit against Paul, believing him to be behind Kristin’s disappearance and to compel San Luis Obispo sheriffs to look harder at the case. In January 1997, renters of Paul’s mother’s home found a piece of jewelry in the driveway that allegedly resembled what Kristin was wearing in a photo used in billboards about her disappearance. When the Smart family asked to see it, they learned it had been lost by sheriffs. In March 1997 and then again in June 2000, sheriffs searched the home of Paul’s mother, including the yard, but were unable to find Kristin’s body or other evidence. The Smart family was allowed to search the property with ground-penetrating radar in 2007, and likewise did not find anything. In 2011, Sheriff Ian Parkinson took over Kristin’s case. In 2019, he recovered two trucks that had been owned by the Flores family in 1996. In 2020, simultaneous searches at the homes of all Flores family members were executed. Sheriff Parkinson recovered new evidence that he could not publicly disclose as it was still being investigated. 05/08/21 UPDATE: An important tip came in after a February 2020 search of Paul, Susan and Ruben’s properties: four nights later, strange activity was seen at Ruben’s house and an eyewitness actually documented the fact that throughout the night, there was activity in the area of the underside of the deck. And during that 2020 search of Paul Flores’ home, investigators discovered photographs and videos on Flores’ computer showing him engaged in sexual activity with at least ten different women, apparently in various states of consciousness. Also found was evidence that a body had been buried there and recently moved. It is alleged that Paul caused the death of Kristin Smart while in the commission, or attempted rape, of Kristin. Because of the statute of limitations, Paul cannot be charged with rape and was instead arrested on first-degree felony murder charges. Paul Flores and his father both pleaded not guilty to all charges at their arraignment. Ruben Flores was released on \$50,000 bail to his ex-wife and is required to wear an electronic ankle bracelet; Paul is being held on no bail. Original on-screen text graphic: The Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act became California law in 1998. It requires campus and local police to have a joint plan to handle investigations of violent crime on campus. On-screen text graphic for the 05/08/21 updated rebroadcast: The Kristin Smart Scholarship has been established by her family to help other college bound women pursue their dreams. On-screen text graphic for the 10/22/22 updated rebroadcast: On October 18, 2022, Paul Flores was found guilty of first-degree murder. A jury acquitted Ruben Flores of the charge of being an accessory after the fact. Kristin’s body has still not been found. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/15/23 rebroadcast:** Paul Flores was found guilty of first-degree murder. In March 2023, he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. A jury acquitted Ruben Flores of

the charge of being an accessory after the fact. Kristin's body still has not been found. Interviewed: Chris Lambert, host of "Your Own Backyard", CBS News consultant (former as of 10/22/22 updated rebroadcast); Lindsey Smart Stewart, Kristin's sister; Anne-Marie Christian, Kristin's childhood friend; Denise Pearce, Smart family friend; Margarita Campos, Kristin's college friend; James Murphy, Smart family civil attorney; Garin Sinclair, James Murphy's wife & office manager; Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo sheriff. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Lisa Freed) (OAD: 11/28/20; 1st Updated Rebroadcast: 05/08/21; 2nd Updated Rebroadcast: 10/22/22)

07/15/23

48 HOURS: "The Kidnapping of Schanda Handley" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the August 6th, 2017 kidnapping of Schanda Handley, who was taken from her Lafayette, LA home at gunpoint by two individuals posing as deliverymen. About an hour after the kidnapping, Schanda was rescued near Baton Rouge when Deputy Chad Martin pulled over a suspicious white van after a brief pursuit. The two men inside jumped into the Intracoastal Waterway and disappeared; they were later found drowned and identified as Sylvester Bracey and Arsenio Haynes. Schanda implicated her estranged husband, Michael Handley, as the man behind her kidnapping and informed investigators of their once happy but now tumultuous relationship, which included Michael's erratic behavior, threats, stalking and violating a restraining order. After a four-day manhunt, Michael was arrested on August 11th, 2017 in Slidell; he pleaded not guilty to all charges and claimed to have hired Sylvester to move furniture. In March 2018, Schanda and Michael's divorce was finalized. With overwhelming prosecutorial evidence, Michael indicated he was open to a deal hours before the trial was scheduled to start; Schanda accepted his plea of guilty to second degree kidnapping in July 2021. The judge sentenced Michael to 35 years in prison – the maximum penalty – on March 24th, 2022. **On-screen text graphic:** Handley is appealing, saying he was not properly informed of his rights when he pled guilty. He is also arguing his sentence of 35 years was too harsh. Interviewed: Schanda Handley, victim; Isabella Cumberland, Schanda Handley's daughter; Kenny Hebert, prosecutor; Donald Knecht, prosecutor; Chad Martin, Iberville Parish sheriff's deputy; Sid Hebert, former Louisiana sheriff, part of Schanda Handley's security detail; Christine Mire, Schanda Handley's divorce attorney; and Kevin Stockstill, Michael Handley's defense attorney. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producer: Chris O'Connell, Betsy Shuller, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 10/22/22)

07/22/23

48 HOURS: "Searching for Maya Millete" - a report on the January 2021 disappearance of Maya May Millete, a 39-year-old mother of three young children, from her home in Chula Vista, CA and the case against her husband, Larry Millete. Larry told Maya's family various stories of why his wife was gone, including that they argued and she went hiking. From the outside, the Milletes looked like a happy family, but investigators learned the couple were going through marital problems. On January 7th, the last day she was heard from, Maya made an appointment with a divorce attorney. Investigators also discovered Larry's contact with spellcasters, to have a hex put on Maya so she would remain attracted to him. Before her disappearance, Larry sent a message to a website that claims to cast spells and asked for Maya to be harmed. In October 2021, Larry was arrested; he remains behind bars, awaiting trial. Larry pled not guilty to charges of murder and possession of an assault weapon. He maintains that Maya left on her own and started a life somewhere else – a claim Maya's family and friends strongly refute. The Millete children live at home, in the care of Larry's parents; Maya's family was granted visitation rights in November 2021 and her sister, Maricris has filed a petition for guardianship. In January 2022, a

vigil was held to mark the one-year anniversary of Maya's disappearance. The search for Maya's remains is ongoing. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have information on the case, contact the Chula Vista Police Department at 619-691-5139. Interviewed: Maricris Drouaillet, Maya Millete's sister; Richard Drouaillet, Maya's brother-in-law; Claudia Julao, Maya's co-worker and friend; Allison Alexander, Maya's co-worker and friend; Billy Little, attorney, former criminal defense investigator for the U.S. Navy; Aleida Wahn, attorney, true-crime author; Evelyn Rodriguez, associate professor of sociology, University of San Francisco – reviewed the case for 48 HOURS; and volunteer searchers: James Shelby, Damien Hurt and Keri Park. (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Asena Basak, Hannah Vair) (OAD: 02/19/22)

07/29/23

48 HOURS: "The Eye Drop Homicide" (9:00 - 10:00p) – a report on two murders linked to a common chemical found in eye drops – one in South Carolina, the other 12 miles away in North Carolina. (1) On July 21st, 2018 in Lake Wylie, SC, Lana Clayton ran outside to get help for her husband Steve. Neighbor Terry Floyd entered the home and realized Steve was dead. According to Lana, Steve had been feeling ill for days and fell down the stairs due to vertigo. Steve's nephews, Kris Phagan and Nick French, became suspicious of her story; Nick noted Lana, a nurse who worked in several different VA hospitals, did not perform CPR. Additionally, Lana quickly moved to have Steve cremated and insisted he left no will. Unbeknownst to Lana, Kris and Nick requested an autopsy from the local coroner; Steve's toxicology report showed the presence of tetrahydrozoline, an ingredient in eye drops. At first, Lana told the coroner and law enforcement that Steve regularly put eye drops in his coffee to induce bowel movements. Lana soon changed her story and claimed Steve was verbally and physically abusive; she tried to use the eye drops to give him diarrhea, rather than kill him. After a failed suicide attempt, Lana was charged with murder on August 31st, 2018. Prosecutors believed she hoped to inherit all of Steve's wealth by killing him. Lana plead guilty to tampering with food and drugs and voluntary manslaughter. On January 16th, 2020, she was sentenced to 25 years in prison. (2) About three weeks after Lana was arrested, Stacy Hunsucker died in nearby Mount Holly, NC from what appeared to be a heart attack. The state insurance fraud department began investigating her husband, Josh Hunsucker, after they received a complaint from Stacy's mother, Suzie Robinson. Stacy was cremated, but because she was an organ donor a vial of her blood had been collected and stored. Toxicology tests revealed the presence of tetrahydrozoline. On December 19th, 2019, Josh was charged with murder. He remains free on bail. **On-screen text graphic:** Lana Clayton has not been awarded any money from Steve's estate. Josh Hunsucker has not yet entered a plea and awaits trial. Stacy's parents say they have complete faith in the judicial process. Interviewed: James Blackledge, passerby; Terry Floyd, friend and neighbor of Lana and Steve; Kristi O'Connor, reporter and anchor, WBTV, Charlotte, NC; Rosie Clayton-Leslie, Steve's sister; Kris Phagan, Steve's nephew; Nick French, Steve's nephew; Sabrina Gast, coroner, York County, SC; Dr. Nan Saye, Clayton family veterinarian; Demi Garvin, forensic toxicologist; Kevin Brackett, acting York and Union County prosecutor; Iliana Ivanova, Steve's ex-girlfriend; Mike Causey, commissioner, North Carolina Department of Insurance; Kailyn MacDonald, Stacy's babysitter. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Asena Basak) (OAD: 03/13/21; Rebroadcast: 03/12/22)

07/29/23

48 HOURS: "The Tree That Helped Solve a Murder" (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the murder of Mengqi Ji, who was reported missing by her husband, Joseph ("Joe") Elledge, on October 10th, 2019. Elledge told Columbia, MO police that on October 8th, he had gone to sleep with Ji, but when he woke up the next

morning she was gone; he believed his wife may have left him and their 1-year-old daughter for a man she had an online relationship with. On October 25th, 2019, police executed a search warrant at their apartment and found a muddy pair of Elledge's boots; he was arrested on suspicion of child abuse the same day police executed the search warrant. Charges of murder in the first degree were filed while Elledge was still in jail on abuse charges. In March 2021, Ji's remains were found buried under a juniper tree; Elledge's boots had several juniper tree needles stuck to the soles; DNA from those needles was linked to the tree directly above Ji's shallow grave, providing prosecutors with the evidence they needed to convict Elledge of her murder in November 2021; he was sentenced to a term of 28 years. Mengqi Ji's daughter now lives with Joe Elledge's mother, but Ji's parents in China are seeking shared custody of the now 4-year-old. **07/29/23 UPDATE:** In December 2022, Mengqi's parents and Joe's mother reached an agreement: the child will spend her summers in China and the rest of the year with Jean. Original on-screen text graphic: If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit thehotline.org. A decision in the custody case is expected by the end of this month. Prosecutor Daniel Knight died unexpectedly on June 4, 2022. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/29/23 updated rebroadcast:** If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE or visit thehotline.org. Prosecutor Daniel Knight died on June 4, 2022. Interviewed: Dan Knight, then-Boone County prosecuting attorney; Scott Rosenblum, Joe's defense attorney; Amy Salladay, Ji family's attorney; Yao Li, assistant prosecutor, Boone County; Christine Edwards, plant population geneticist; and Alex Linan, Christine's colleague. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Judy Rybak, Emily Wichick) (OAD: 12/10/22)

08/05/23

48 HOURS: "The Psychiatrist and the Selfie" (9:00 – 10:00p) – a rebroadcast of the second updated rebroadcast (OAD: 11/05/22) on the case against Jacob Nolan, who claims his cousin and psychiatrist, Dr. Pamela Buchbinder, brainwashed him into attempting to kill her former lover, fellow psychiatrist Dr. Michael Weiss, during the time the unmarried couple was going through a custody battle for their son. On November 12th, 2012, Nolan attacked Dr. Weiss in his office with a sledgehammer and a knife. Weiss fought back. After the struggle, while covered in blood, Nolan snapped a selfie. He was arrested and charged with attempted murder. At the time of the attack, Nolan was living with Buchbinder, who was also treating him for depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder. Dr. Buchbinder was also going through a nasty custody battle with Dr. Weiss. Today, Jacob Nolan says that Dr. Buchbinder manipulated and brainwashed him to hate Dr. Weiss and that hatred turned into their plan to kill Dr. Weiss. After the attack, Nolan was in a manic state and taken to the ER. Dr. Buchbinder went to the hospital, but was not allowed to see him. Although there is evidence of Dr. Buchbinder purchasing the sledgehammer, she has not been charged with any crime. Nolan was freed on bail and went to live with his parents in Miami. Dr. Weiss was granted custody of his son. Today Nolan seems rational and insists he was not in control of himself at the time of the incident, and even tried to commit suicide in 2015. In March 2016, the trial began. The prosecution insisted Nolan could have rationalized his thoughts and backed out at any time. The defense argued diminished capacity: Dr. Buchbinder had replaced Nolan's free will with a cult-like mentality. The verdict: guilty. Nolan was sentenced to nine and a half years in prison. He says he is genuinely remorseful for what happened and still says Dr. Buchbinder needs to take responsibility too. Dr. Weiss is raising his son alone, and his attorney says he still lives in fear. **12/02/17 UPDATE:** Five years after the attack on Michael Weiss, the law caught up with Dr. Pamela Buchbinder. She was arrested and charged with second-degree attempted murder and first-degree attempted assault. The Manhattan D.A. says she was the mastermind behind the plot. She has hired two top New

York defense attorneys. After the judge heard arguments, he refused to grant bail. A trial date is expected in early 2018. The star witness: Jake Nolan.
11/05/22 UPDATE: Pamela Buchbinder remained on Rikers Island for five years through legal wrangling and the COVID-19 pandemic. During a pre-trial hearing on September 7th, 2022, she accepted a deal. One month later, Buchbinder attempted to withdraw her plea; Judge Thomas Farber would not accept it. Dr. Weiss appeared in court to make a victim's impact statement. Judge Farber sentenced Pamela Buchbinder to 11 years in prison; he also issued an order of protection for Dr. Weiss. Original on-screen text graphic: The New York City Police Department says the investigation into the attack on Doctor Michael Weiss is "ongoing". But a spokesperson would not say whether Doctor Pamela Buchbinder is a suspect. On-screen text graphic for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Pamela Buchbinder's attorneys are still trying to get her out on bail from Riker's Island. **On-screen text graphic for the 11/05/22 updated rebroadcast and the 08/05/23 rebroadcast:** This story discusses suicide. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. Interviewed: Jacob Nolan; Debbie and Jim Nolan (parents); Charlie Haines (former police officer); Dr. Sasha Barded (psychiatrist); Rebecca Rosenberg (reporter, NY Post); Roland Acevedo (Weiss' attorney); Steven Brounstein, Robert Stavis, Allison Stavis (defense attorneys); Yale Shih (alternate juror). Additional interviews for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Roland Fischetti and Eric Franz (defense attorneys); Joel Seidemann (prosecutor). (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Clare Friedland, Susan Mallie, Chris Young Ritzen, Tamara Weitzman; Producers for the 12/02/17 updated rebroadcast: Chris Young Ritzen, Susan Mallie, Clare Friedland, Tamara Weitzman; Producers for the 11/05/22 updated rebroadcast and 08/05/23 rebroadcast: Chris Young Ritzen, Murray Weiss, Susan Mallie, Clare Friedland, Tamara Weitzman) (OAD: 12/03/16; 1st Updated Rebroadcast: 12/02/17; 2nd Updated Rebroadcast: 11/05/22)

08/05/23

48 HOURS: "The Snapchat Clue" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the July 2021 sudden disappearance of Bart and Krista Halderson of Windsor, Wisconsin and how information found on social media would lead investigators to their killer. Investigators immediately turned to family members for information, including sons Mitchell, who was 24 at the time and worked in tech, and Chandler, then a 23-year-old college student living at home. Chandler was excited about a new job offer he said he had with Elon Musk's SpaceX. Chandler told police his parents had gone to the lakeside family cabin for the July 4th holiday weekend and never returned. Investigators received a tip from the owner of farm outside of town; remains later identified as Bart Halderson were found on the farm, 20 miles from the Halderson home. On July 15th, 2021, Chandler was arrested and charged with lying to the police. Investigators discovered that his parents found out Chandler had lied about his college degree and the job with SpaceX. Chandler refused to cooperate with police, but his girlfriend, Cathryn ("Cat") Mellender, allowed them to download her phone. A Snapchat screenshot of Chandler by the Wisconsin River on July 1st led investigators to search the area. Remains later identified as Krista's were found; Chandler was charged with both of their murders. In January 2022, Chandler went on trial for the murder of his parents at the Dane County Courthouse; he was also facing charges for lying to the police and for mutilating and hiding their bodies. He was found guilty on all eight charges. In March 2022, at his sentencing hearing, Chandler made a statement, asking for a lawyer to take an appeal; he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Original on-screen text graphic: Chandler Halderson has a new lawyer but has yet to file an appeal. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/05/23 rebroadcast:** In April 2023, Halderson's convictions for hiding his

parent's *[sic]* remains were vacated. His other convictions and his sentence still stand. He has filed an appeal. Interviewed: Barbi Townsend, Krista's cousin; Adam Duxter, local news reporter, now with CBS station WCCO in Minneapolis, worked in Madison, WI at the time of the murders; Dan Kroninger, Krista's co-worker and friend; Brian Shunk, detective, Dane County Sheriff's Office; Sabrina Sims, detective, Dane County Sheriff's office; and Alex Gravatt, Chandler's friend and former roommate. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer) (OAD: 11/05/22)

08/12/23

48 HOURS: "The "Unsolvable" Murder of Roxanne Wood" – a report on the rape and murder of 30 year old Roxanne Wood in her Niles, MI home and the work done 34 years later to solve it. In February 1987, Terry Wood came home from a night of bowling to discover his wife Roxanne dead on the kitchen floor. Terry called police; his aggressive demeanor on the phone, behavior during the investigation and the discovery of extramarital affairs by both parties made him a suspect. After a few months, the case went cold. In 1999, the small DNA sample from the crime scene was uploaded to CODIS; no match was returned, but Terry still remained a person of interest. In April 2021, Gabriella Vargas, a consultant for Identifinders looked at the case and was able to create a family tree, which allowed investigators to zero in on a suspect: Patrick Gilham. Michigan State Police surreptitiously collected Patrick's DNA from a cigarette butt, which matched the DNA from the crime scene. Patrick was interviewed by police in July 2021; he was arrested in February 2022. In April 2022, Patrick Gilham pleaded no contest to second-degree murder and was sentenced to a minimum of 23 years in prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Patrick Gilham will be eligible for release in 2040 with good behavior. He will be 86 years old. Interviewed: Det. Lt. Chuck Christensen; Gabriella Vargas, genetic genealogist; Janet Wood, Roxanne's sister; Brad Woods, Roxanne's sister; Det. Sgt. John Moore, Michigan State Police; Det. Sgt. Jason Bailey; Dr. Ashlyn Kuersten, Western Michigan University; Samantha Rogers, student, Western Michigan University; McKenzie Stommen, student, Western Michigan University; Colleen Fitzpatrick, president and founder, Identifinders International; Robert Farag, his wife Maureen survived a 1979 attack by Patrick Gilham in Gary, Indiana; Ryan Codde, trooper, Michigan State Police; Rose Caparell, escaped an attack by Patrick Gilham in South Bend, during the summer of 1987; and Tina Caparell, Rose and Stan Caparell's daughter. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Susan Mallie, Jennifer Terker) (OAD: 11/12/22)

08/19/23

48 HOURS: "Who Shot the Tech Exec?" (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the robbery, kidnapping and murder of Tushar Atre, a successful tech-executive-turned-cannabis-entrepreneur in Santa Cruz, CA. Atre had a home in Pleasure Point, an affluent surfing community, and the Summit property: 60 acres in the Santa Cruz mountains where he could legally grow cannabis for research. Grainy surveillance video from October 1st, 2019 captured what happened on Atre's street, from the moment figures entered the neighborhood and walked toward his house, to minutes later, when Atre is seen running and then tackled; he is repeatedly stabbed and eventually pushed into a BMW that the suspects stole from his driveway. Houseguests called 911 and later told detectives they heard the intruders demanding to know the location and combination of Atre's safe. Six hours after the abduction, police located the white BMW and Atre's body. Investigators learned of disgruntled employees, due to Atre's confrontational management style, as well as his habit of withholding people's pay. On May 19th, 2020, the Santa Cruz Sheriff's office had four suspects in custody: 23-year-old Joshua Camps, 22-year-old Kurtis Charters, 22-year-old Stephen Lindsay, and 19-year-old Kaleb Charters. The latter two had worked for Atre and, when initially

interviewed by detectives two months after the murder, admitted they once had a bitter pay dispute with him. Cell phone data bolstered the investigation and except for Lindsay, all of the suspects eventually admitted their involvement. All four suspects have pleaded not guilty; if convicted, they could face a maximum sentence of life in prison. On-screen text graphic: Rachael Emerlye is suing Tushar Atre's estate to recoup what she says is her rightful share of the cannabis business. *No on-screen text graphic for the 08/19/23 rebroadcast.* Interviewed: Rachael Emerlye, Tushar Atre's girlfriend and partner in the cannabis business; Claire Machado, employee in the cannabis business; Maria Cid Medina, reporter who covered the story for KPIX, the Bay Area's local CBS station; Steve Cercone, former California police chief, 48 HOURS consultant; and Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor, 48 HOURS consultant. (C: Tracy Smith – P: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez, Richard Fetzer, Chuck Stevenson) (OAD: 04/02/22)

08/19/23 **48 HOURS: "What Angelina Saw"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of Andrew "Andy" Wagner and the arrest and trial of his fiancée, Stephanie Fernandes, for his murder. Police were called to the Worcester, MA home of Andy and Stephanie on the night of May 7th, 2014, after Andy sustained a knife wound to his neck; he later died in hospital. Stephanie had a complicated and volatile relationship with Andy and claimed he, with a gun in hand, attacked her. Forced to defend herself, Stephanie picked up the knife and as Andy went to headbutt her, he was accidentally stabbed with the knife. Delayed by procedural arguments and then the COVID pandemic, the trial began in June 2022. Charged with first-degree murder, Stephanie was found guilty of a lesser charge, voluntary manslaughter; the judge sentenced her to a term of not more than 10 years and not less than eight years in prison. Angelina is studying to become a forensic psychologist. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is a victim of intimate partner violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Stephanie Fernandes' trial lawyers say she may be eligible for parole as early as 2026. Interviewed: Stephanie Fernandes; Angelina Fernandes; Danielle Lord, Stephanie's friend; Maura Tansley, defense attorney; Peter Ettenberg, lead defense attorney; Shane Bernard, juror; and Gayla Bieksha, juror. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chuck Stevenson) (OAD: 03/11/23)

08/26/23 **48 HOURS: "The Trial of Alex Murdaugh"** (9:19 – 10:19p) – an update to "The Murdaugh Mysteries", which was a report on the investigation into Alex Murdaugh, a wealthy and once prominent attorney in the South Carolina Lowcountry, for the June 7th, 2021 murder of his wife Maggie and son Paul at the family's hunting lodge in Colleton County, as well as the many other crimes connected to his family. On March 2nd, 2023, a jury in South Carolina deliberated for just under three hours before they returned with a guilty verdict for the murders of Alex's wife and son; he was sentenced the next day to two consecutive life terms in prison. This broadcast contains details of the trial, including the evidence used to prosecute Alex, which included an incriminating video found on Paul's phone; the work of the defense, including their claim that Maggie and Paul were murdered as retribution for the February 2019 boat crash that killed 19-year-old Mallory Beach; and the potential impact of 'retribution murders' on the other investigations and cases against the family. Original on-screen text graphic: Alex Murdaugh has been transported to Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He'll be assessed there before being assigned permanently to a maximum-security prison. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/26/23 rebroadcast:** In May 2023, Alex Murdaugh was indicted on federal conspiracy, wire fraud, bank fraud, and money laundering charges. He still faces more than 100 charges in state court including fraud,

money laundering, tax evasion, forgery and conspiracy. Interviewed: Pilar Melendez, senior national reporter, *The Daily Beast*; Caroline Price, Maggie's friend; Shellie West, Maggie's friend; Creighton Waters, lead prosecutor (his first one-on-one interview after the sentencing of Alex Murdaugh). This broadcast also includes extended excerpts and prior interviews from 48 HOURS: "The Murdaugh Mysteries": Michael DeWitt, Jr., managing editor, *The Hampton County Guardian*; Stephen Domino, former deputy sheriff, Beaufort County; Seth Stoughton, law professor, University of South Carolina; Lynn Reavis, Mallory Beach's aunt; Curtis Smith, distant cousin of Alex Murdaugh, whom Alex allegedly hired to kill him for insurance money, but Curtis refused; Ronnie Richter, Gloria Satterfield family attorney, the long-time housekeeper who died suspiciously at the Murdaugh home and the resulting insurance fraud committed by Alex, related to her death; and Dick Harpootlian, Murdaugh family attorney (questioned at hearing). (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Murdaugh Mysteries", OAD: 10/30/21; Rebroadcast: 07/16/22) (C: Nikki Battiste. No producers listed for this broadcast.) (OAD: 03/04/23)

08/26/23

48 HOURS: "Last Seen in Breckenridge" (10:19 – 11:19p) – a report on the investigation into the January 1982 murders of two young women, Annette Schnee, 21, and Bobbie Jo Oberholtzer, 29, near the resort ski town of Breckenridge, CO. Killed on the same night, detectives were initially able to link the two crimes through an orange sock or bootie found near Oberholtzer's crime scene on January 7th, 1982 and a matching bootie sock found on Schnee months later, on July 3rd, 1982. The case went cold until investigators ran DNA recovered from evidence through a public genealogy database and got a match in January 2021: Alan Phillips, who had been arrested for a similar crime in 1973. After police surreptitiously acquired a DNA sample from Phillips, he was arrested on February 24th, 2021. In a bizarre turn of events, investigators learned that Phillips had been rescued by a local fire chief from a snow-covered mountain pass the very same night he dumped the bodies of the two women. On August 31st, 2022, Alan Phillip's double murder trial began in Fairplay, CO. The jury found Phillips guilty on all eight charges on September 15th, 2022; seven weeks later he was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole. Alan Phillips maintains his innocence. Original on-screen text graphic: If you have any information about other possible victims who could be associated with Alan Phillips please reach out to the Park County Sheriff's tip line at 720-248-8378. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/26/23 rebroadcast:** Alan Phillips died by suicide in prison on February 27, 2023. Interviewed: Jeff Oberholtzer, Bobbi Jo Oberholtzer's husband; Laurie Merlo, Bobbie Jo Oberholtzer's younger sister; Jim Hardtke, former agent, Colorado Bureau of Investigation; Dave Montoya, former local fire chief; Charlie McCormick, private investigator hired by the Schnee family; Det. Sgt. Wendy Kipple, Park County; and Cindy French and Karen Riessen, Annette Schnee's sisters. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Chris Young Ritzen, James Stolz, Paul LaRosa, Betsy Shuller, Judy Rybak) (OAD: 11/19/22)

09/08/23

48 HOURS: "The Brighton Ax Murder" (10:17 – 11:00p) – a reedited, abbreviated and updated rebroadcast of "The Brighton Ax Murder" (OAD: 02/25/23), a report on the murder of 29-year-old wife and mother Cathy Krauseneck of Brighton, NY, which remained unsolved for four decades. The case, dubbed the Brighton Ax Murder, was one of the oldest, coldest murder cases in America. On February 19th, 1982, her husband, Jim Krauseneck, said he found Cathy dead in their bed with an ax in her head, after he returned home from his job as a Kodak company economist. Aspects of the crime scene did not sit right with investigators; police believe it was staged to look like a burglary to cover up the real crime – the intentional murder of Cathy by her husband, who left town shortly after speaking with police. The case sat for decades until 2019,

when authorities in Monroe County, NY hired forensic pathologist Michael Baden to investigate. Baden believed Cathy was killed around 3:30 am; for prosecutors that meant Jim would have been home at the time. Jim was indicted on November 1st, 2019; he voluntarily surrendered to authorities a week later. The case went to trial in 2022; Jim was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years-to-life behind bars. Jim intends to appeal his conviction. Cathy's father would like to move her remains from Jim's family plot but needs her daughter Sara's permission to do so. **09/08/23 UPDATE:** *Six months after Jim Krauseneck was sentenced, he died of cancer in prison. Sharon, Sara and Jim's legal team are appealing the verdict, hoping to clear his name.* Original on-screen text graphic: Cathy's family and Sara haven't spoken since the trial. Sara has moved out of the country. *No on-screen text graphic for the 09/08/23 rebroadcast.* Original interviews: Sharon Krauseneck, Jim's current wife; Mark Liberatore, retired detective; Detective Bill Flood; Gary Craig, reporter, *Democrat & Chronicle*, Rochester, NY; Detective Steve Hunt; Susie Jackimowicz, Cathy's cousin; Bob Schlosser, Cathy's father; Cathy Behe, Cathy's friend; Sandra Doorley, district attorney, Monroe County, NY; Bill Easton, Jim's defense attorney; Michael Wolford, Jim's defense attorney; Rachel Rear, author, "Catch the Sparrow", stepsister of Stephanie Kupchynsky, who was murdered by Ed Laraby, whom the defense named as a suspect in Cathy's murder; Dr. Katherine Maloney, forensic pathologist, testified for the defense; Patrick Gallagher, prosecutor; Constance Patterson, prosecutor; and jurors Jane, Helen and Ivan (no last names given). *Interviews included in the 09/08/23 rebroadcast: Sharon Krauseneck, Jim's current wife; Mark Liberatore, retired detective; Gary Craig, reporter, Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester, NY; Detective Steve Hunt; Susie Jackimowicz, Cathy's cousin; Bob Schlosser, Cathy's father; Cathy Behe, Cathy's friend; Sandra Doorley, district attorney, Monroe County, NY; Bill Easton, Jim's defense attorney; Michael Wolford, Jim's defense attorney; Patrick Gallagher, prosecutor; Constance Patterson, prosecutor; and jurors Jane, Helen and Ivan (no last names given).* (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Yager, James Stolz) (OAD: 02/25/23)

09/16/23

48 HOURS: "The Gilgo Beach Serial Killings" (9:00 – 10:00p) – the fourth follow-up report to "Long Island Serial Killer". In May 2010, Shannan Gilbert, who worked as an escort, disappeared. The search for Gilbert led to the discovery of ten bodies in 2010 and 2011, in the scrub brush along Gilgo Beach, on Long Island, NY. Police suspected the work of a serial killer. Four of the women were identified as Maureen Brainard-Barnes, Melissa Barthelemy, Megan Waterman and Amber Costello. Like Gilbert, all were in their twenties, petite and were online escorts. Three of the four were wrapped in burlap. The victims became known as the Gilgo Four. In February 2022, Suffolk County police and the district attorney formed a new task force to investigate the murders; six weeks later, Rex Heuermann was identified for the first time as a suspect. Using the description provided by Costello's roommate of one of her persistent clients and the vehicle he drove, investigators were able to tie Heuermann to the crime. DNA collected from a pizza slice he tossed in a Manhattan trash can came back as a match with hair found on the victims. In July 2023, Suffolk County police announced the arrest of 59-year-old Rex Heuermann and charged him with killing Melissa Barthelemy, Megan Waterman and Amber Costello; he is the prime suspect in the death of Maureen Brainard-Barnes. He pled not guilty and is being held in a Suffolk County jail. None of the other bodies found in 2011 along Ocean Parkway have been linked to him. Heuermann, an architect in Manhattan, lived about 20 minutes from Gilgo Beach, in Massapequa Park, with Asa Ellerup (his second wife of more than 25 years), stepson Christopher Sheridan and daughter Victoria Heuermann. Ellerup, who is battling breast and skin cancer, has filed for divorce

from Heuermann. Additionally, investigators have identified strands of female hair found on two of the victims: Megan Waterman and Amber Costello. The DNA profile is consistent with Ellerup; she has not been charged or named a suspect in any of the murders. *No on-screen text graphic for this broadcast.* This broadcast is 48 HOURS' sixth edition of the investigation into the Gilgo Beach serial murders and contains interviews from prior broadcasts. Interviewed: Dominick Varrone, former chief of detectives, Suffolk County Police Department; Missy Cann, Maureen Brainard-Barnes' sister; Muriel Henriquez, worked at Heuermann's company, RH Consultants & Associates, spoke exclusively to 48 HOURS (2023); Mary Shell, worked with Heuermann in the summer of 2010 (2023); John Parisi; grew up with Heuermann (2023); Antoine Amira, hotel food and beverage manager - Heuermann appeared on Bonjour Realty, Amira's YouTube interview show (2023); Ray Tierney, district attorney, Suffolk County (2023); Lynn Barthelemy, Melissa Barthelemy's mother (2011); Steven Cohen, then Barthelemy family attorney (2011); Liliana Waterman, Megan Waterman's daughter (2020); Dave Schaller, Amber Costello's roommate (2011); Rodney Harrison, police commissioner, Suffolk County (2023); Bob Macedonio, Asa Ellerup's attorney (2023); Nikkie Brass, hairdresser, former escort who claims she was solicited by Heuermann, but fled from the restaurant where they met (2023); John Ray, attorney representing Nikkie Brass and the family of Shannan Gilbert; and Sherre Gilbert, Shannan Gilbert's sister (2011). Gilbert's body was found in December 2011, in the marsh not far from Gilgo Beach, but investigators don't believe she was murdered. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 07/12/11, rebroadcast on 12/17/11 – included an update; 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 06/23/12 - a follow-up report; 48 HOURS: "Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 07/20/13 - a second follow-up report; and 48 HOURS: "The Hunt for the Long Island Serial Killer", OAD: 12/12/20 - a third follow-up report.) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Betsy Shuller, Mary Ann Rotondi, Lauren A. White, Sarah Prior, Richard Fetzer, James Stolz) **36th SEASON PREMIERE**

09/16/23

48 HOURS: "The Night of the Idaho Student Murders" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a follow-up report to "The Idaho Student Murders", detailing the latest developments and inside details surrounding the November 13th, 2022, murders of four University of Idaho students, as well as the case against Bryan Kohberger, charged with murdering Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen. The four victims were all stabbed with a large knife in their off-campus home in Moscow, ID. DNA found on the knife sheath was tested against Kohberger's father's DNA, obtained from trash outside the Kohberger family home in Pennsylvania; results indicated a high probability of belonging to the biological father of the person who left their DNA on the knife sheath. The murder weapon has never been found. The judge entered a plea for Kohberger of not guilty. In August 2023, six weeks before the murder trial was set to begin, Kohberger waived his right to a speedy trial. **On-screen text graphic:** Bryan Kohberger's trial date has not been set. Interviewed: Steve and Kristi Goncalves, Kaylee's parents and sister Alivea Goncalves, who offer new details about the night of the murders and their own investigation; Jazzmin Kernodle, Xana's sister and father Jeffrey Kernodle, in their first interview together; Howard Blum, investigative journalist who has written about the murders for Graydon Carter's online magazine, "Air Mail" and is now writing a book on the case; and Bryanna Fox, professor of criminology, University of South Florida, CBS News consultant, and former FBI agent. Fox offers insight into the case and what Kohberger's defense team may present at trial. Also includes footage of Stacy and Jim Chapin, Ethan's parents, discussing the work of their foundation, Ethan's Smile. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Idaho Student Murders",

OAD: 01/07/23) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Liza Finley, Mary Noonan, Ruth Chenetz)

09/30/23

48 HOURS: “The Betrayal of Linda Slaten” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the murder of Linda Slaten, who was sexually assaulted and strangled, and how decades later, detectives and a DNA genealogist were able to catch her killer. On September 4th, 1981, 15-year-old Jeff and 12-year-old Tim Slaten were awakened by Lakeland, FL police and told that their mother had been murdered. Investigators collected a rape kit and lifted a palm print from the windowsill where the killer had entered. They questioned a slew of suspects, including her abusive ex-husband Frank Slaten and a boyfriend, but no one was charged. The case went cold. In 2019, nearly 40 years later, advances in DNA technology and a carefully stored rape kit revealed Linda’s killer: Joseph Clinton Mills, known as Coach Joe. Prior to and after Linda’s murder, Coach Joe would regularly drive Tim to and from football practice. He was a role model for Tim, who proudly hung up his football team photo in his room where Coach Joe stood right behind him. On December 12th, 2019, Joe Mills was arrested and claimed that his encounter with Linda was consensual. To avoid a trial and a possible death sentence, he pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in February 2022. Original on-screen text graphic: The Slaten brothers often visit their mother’s grave. Jeff burns a candle next to a portrait of his mother every year on the anniversary of her death. **On-screen text graphic for the 09/30/23 rebroadcast:** The Slaten brothers often visit their mother’s grave. Jeff burns a candle next to a portrait of his mother every year on the anniversary of her death. Sergeant Edgar Pickett passed away in April 2023. Interviewed: Judy Butler, Linda Slaten’s younger sister; Jeff and Tim Slaten, Linda’s sons; Edgar Pickett, former sergeant and fingerprint expert, Lakeland Police Department, subjected to racism during his career; Brad Grice, former detective who worked on the case for 17 years, Lakeland Police Department; CeCe Moore, genetic genealogist; Tammy Hathcock, detective, Lakeland Police Department; and Russell Hurley, detective, Lakeland Police Department. (Contributor: Jim Axelrod – Producer: Mead Stone) (OAD: 12/03/22)

09/30/23

48 HOURS: “The Game Show and the Murder” (10:00 – 11:00p) - A report on the investigation into the February 2023 murder of Becky Bliefnick and the May 2023 murder trial of her estranged husband, Tim Bliefnick. Becky, a 41-year-old nurse and mother to three young boys, was found murdered in her Quincy, IL home during the afternoon of February 23rd, 2023. She was discovered by her father, who went to check on her after being contacted by Tim. Police determined that the intruder entered Becky’s residence via an upstairs window and kicked in the door to her room. Becky attempted to call 911 on her cell phone before she ran to the bathroom, where she was shot fourteen times by a 9-millimeter handgun. None of her wounds were immediately fatal; spent shell casings and plastic shreds were found around her body. The Bliefnick children, not at home at the time of the murder, were with their father about a mile away. The Bliefnicks were in the process of getting a divorce; Tim filed in January 2021, after 11 years of marriage. According to divorce documents, Tim and Becky fought over money, the marital home and custody of their three children; both parties sought orders of protection against one another and, in both cases, they were not granted. Ultimately, a judge ordered Tim and Becky to stay away from one another’s residences, except when enforcing child visitation schedules. Also ordered was the return of a 9-millimeter handgun that Becky had given to Tim as a gift, but it was never returned and Tim claimed to not know where it was. Becky had expressed her fear of Tim to others and prosecutors claimed that their text exchanges demonstrated emotional abuse on Tim’s part. Video surveillance, as

well as a blue Schwinn bicycle found near Tim's home, and a fake Facebook account linked to Tim, resulted in his arrest. The case and arrest generated media attention when it was revealed that Tim appeared on "Family Feud" in 2019 with his parents and brothers and joked about regretting his marriage when asked a question related to the game. Held without bond, he opted for a speedy trial, which began on May 23rd, 2023. Investigators determined the plastic shreds found around Becky's body were from Aldi grocery store bags and linked DNA found on a piece of the plastic shreds to Tim, as well as DNA found under Becky's fingernails. Prosecutors argued that the timing of the murder was significant and uncovered court documents which revealed Becky wanted to keep her father-in-law away from her children because he allegedly had a history of abusing children. Numerous damaging web searches by Tim were also presented by the prosecution. The defense argued that the evidence was circumstantial and could be explained as coincidences; no witnesses were called. The trial lasted six days and the jury found Tim guilty of first-degree murder; the judge sentenced him to life in prison. The Bliefnick children live with Becky's parents. **On-screen text graphic:** Tim Bliefnick has not been allowed any contact with his kids since his arrest. (This broadcast also contains an on-screen in memoriam card: In Memory of Jay Pedinoff). Interviewed: Tim Bliefnick, interviewed just over a month after his conviction; Josh Jones, Adams County prosecutor; Laura Keck, Adams County prosecutor; Casey Schnack, Tim's former divorce attorney, now defense attorney; Sarah Reilly, Becky's sister; Bret Reilly, Becky's brother-in-law; Taylor and Taylor Heimann, husband and wife and next door neighbors of Becky's, whose outside security camera captured video alongside Becky's house; and Shannon Zanger, Becky's friend. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Stephanie Slifer, Gabriella Demirdjian)

CBS SPECIAL NEW REPORT

On **Wednesday, August 30**, a CBS News Special Report (Hurricane Idalia makes landfall in Florida) aired for 10:14 from 8:01:47-8:12:01am cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Wednesday, September 13**, a CBS News Special Report (Press Conference announcing details of the capture of escaped Pennsylvania convict Danelo Cavalcante) aired for 18:07 from 9:56:26-10:14:33am cnyt, live to all stations.

WTOC BREAKING NEWS

On 8/29 and 8/30, we had cutins to alert viewers of Hurricane Idalia. On 8/30, we went Wall to Wall beginning at 7am and ending at 8pm.

INVESTIGATE TV

9/12/23-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 2 Stopped trains blocking roads cause danger and disruption. "Sextortion" is on the rise and impacting youth.

9/13/23-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 3 A closer look at hot car deaths. How poor sleep could signal a more serious issue.

9/14-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 4 A grieving father's message about overdoses among teens. Family wants answers after mother's death in jail.

9/15-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 5 Plus, products under recall remain in homes across the country.

9/18-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 6 A father lost his son to an online extortion scam.

Mental health help for children. New concern about walking your dogs.

9/19-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 7 An in-depth look at why experts say not handling rechargeable batteries properly could lead to explosions and fires.

9/21-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 9 A rare look at how the DEA combats the opioid crisis and fentanyl-laced drugs. Plus, a family says a patient was placed on "DNR" orders without them knowing.

9/22-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 10 Hospital screenings for newborns aren't the same across the country and the disparity can be deadly.

9/23-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 11 "Phantom vehicles" create safety hazards on the road, and the dangers of sleepless nights.

9/26-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 12 Guns are the leading cause of death among kids and teens. A look at preventing accidental shootings.

9/27-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 13 Discipline for doctors whose substance use endanger patients is often lenient, secretive.

9/28- InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 14 A case of overmedication that nearly killed a grandmother. Checking up on emergency medical kits on airplanes. Plus, preventing kids' runaway in-app purchases.

9/29- InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 15 Companies don't have to immediately disclose gas leaks. Poison control sees rise in children eating THC.

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. MALLORY BEACH PARKERS LAWSUIT, OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING, HHI ALLIGATOR ATTACK, WTOC INVESTIGATION ON FAILED CONTRACTOR CONTRACTS, BULLOCH CO. ATV ACCIDENT, CHURCH SAFETY TRAINING, BONES FOUND NEAR FORSYTH MANSION, SAVANNAH NIGHT LIFE REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY IN SAVANNAH AT NIGHT, ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE RALLY, SAVANNAH TOURIST MURDER PLEA DEALS, LEILANI SIMON FILING, RINCON PARADE TRIAL VERDICT, CHATHAM CO. 911 CENTER COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS, HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS, CITY AND POLICE ON MULTIPLE SHOOTINGS ON A WEEKEND, TOWNHALL MEETING ON PUBLIC SAFETY, BULLOCH CO. TERRORISTIC THREAT, LOWCOUNTRY WEEKEND SHOOTINGS, CANDLER CO. ELDER ABUSE, BEAUFORT CO. EMA UPDATE ON SEVERE WEATHER, SOCCER FIELD SHOOTING RULED IN SELF DEFENSE, MEMORIAL STADIUM SAFETY, WTOC INVESTIGATES STORIES INCLUDING FAKE LEASES, BERWICK DOUBLE HOMICIDE ARRESTS, COVID LATEST, YELLOW HORNETS SPOTTED IN SAVANNAH, CHATHAM MURDER CONVICTIONS UPHELD, HHI HOMES DAMAGED BY GUNS, TITLEMAX WTOC INVESTIGATION, VARIOUS COUNTY IDALIA PREPS AND AFTERMATH, ASKED AND ANSWERED ABOUT MORGAN AND MORGAN VANDALIZED BB'S, BRYAN CO, JOINT INVESTIGATIONS LED TO ARREST OF 26 DIFFERENT OFFENDERS, CHATHAM CO. COVID NUMBERS, CCPD ACTIVE MANHUNT, MURDAUGH FINANCIAL CRIMES TRIAL, EASTSIDE SAVANNAH CRIME CONCERNS, THARROS PLACE MEETING ON TRAFFIKING, WW LAW COMMUNITY VIOLENCE, STATESBORO TRIPLE SHOOTING AND PUBLIC'S HELP, MEMORIAL HEALTH ON TRIPLEDEMIC POSSIBILITIES, RINCON SPEED PROGRAM, HUNTER SAFETY COURSES, SOURCE: SPD, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS,

7/2/2023 7AM
 7:00:00 DAYBREAK 5 ARRESTED
 AM SUNDAY IN GSP
 OD CHASE

Georgia State Patrol says it happened around 2 when they tried to stop a Chevy Tahoe near Polk Street and State Route 26. Troopers say the driver refused to stop which lead to a high speed chase that ended in a PIT maneuver. Officials say the suspect threw a pistol out of the window while driving- which struck the windshield of another car. No shots were fired and one person was treated for minor injuries. 5 people- including a juvenile- were arrested.

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Sot: Mark Tinsley - use lower from 5 pm for consistency* "This is about making sure this doesn't happen to anyone else's daughter or son." Vo Less than a month and a half from now, this courtroom will be filled... less than half a year from when Mallory's family watched Alex Murdaugh be handed down back-to-back life sentences for murder one county over. Sot "It was a lot it was a lot to deal with but they're thankful... they're thankful good is coming out of such tragedy." Vo Her wrongful death suit is a civil case, initially naming a handful of defendants the family alleges are responsible for that tragic night. Nat there's six of us and one is missing who's missing? a female. Mallory Beach is missing. Vo Paul Murdaugh was seen in surveillance video illegally buying alcohol at two different places before driving that boat... including a Parker's convenience store, who the family attorney says should now be held accountable for Mallory's death. Sot "If you don't train for that, if you don't have policies in place to look for that to identify that then it's going to keep happening." Vo This is the cause Tinsley says is a priority of their case... telling me a minor's ability to buy alcohol is a plight of our country. Sot "We've gone after and we've sued every single person that could be sued under our law that there was a claim against to the extent that they contributed ever so slightly or in a greater percentage in fault of causing this."

7/3/2023
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PM 6PM OD

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Law enforcement out here early this morning said that during the traffic stop by Effingham County sheriff's deputies, the man became combative and started shooting at deputies around 11:45 at night. The car chase ended with a crash. Law enforcement tells us he then got out started shooting at deputies again. They say deputies shot back, killing the man. All that information is according to Bryan County sheriff's deputies, as they and Georgia State Patrol assisted with the situation. I spoke to people living in a neighborhood just down the road from where the chase started. They were surprised to hear about the incident.

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Fireworks are allowed to be shot off between 10 Am and 11:59 p.m- but Assistant Chief Robert Gavin with SPD says that if they get calls about people using fireworks outside of those times, they will respond to enforce the law. Another concern that SPD has is celebratory gunfire. Gavin says they can generally expect a few instances of celebratory gunfire each year around this time- but wants to remind people that not only is it illegal, but it's extremely dangerous.

7/4/2023 6AM
6:00:00 DAYBREAK
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7/4/2023	6AM	530: SHEA	Assistant Chief Robert Gavin with the Savannah Police Department says that the best thing to do is	
6:00:00	DAYBREAK	LIVE	give yourself plenty of time to get there and get a parking spot, as those are sure to go quick. SPD's	
AM	OD	FIREWORKS	traffic engineering department will be helping direct things- but Gavin wants people to be aware that	
		AND TRAFFIC	they can still expect some delays getting in and out of the event.	00:00:22

7/4/2023		HHI		
5:53:00		POSSIBLE	Let's take you inside the community so you can see the South Carolina Department of Natural	
PM	6PM OD	ALLIGATOR	Resources surveying the lagoon where this happened earlier today. I spoke with a woman who lives	
		ATTACK	just down the street and tells me she and her two dogs encountered an alligator themselves very	
		FOLO	recently.	00:00:17

7/4/2023		HHI		
5:53:00		POSSIBLE		
PM	6PM OD	ALLIGATOR	As we are in the summer take a look at this alligator activity breakdown from SC DNR. It shows that	
		ATTACK	July is a nesting month for adult female alligators as they lay eggs in the hot temperatures.	
		FOLO		00:00:11

7/5/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TATTNALL SUSPECT PUSH TO 6 The GBI says 20-year-old Chase Craft is charged with murder and aggravated assault for a deadly shooting last Thursday. Tattnall County deputies responded to a home in Reidsville on the 29th and found Travis Arnold shot. They say Craft shot Arnold after a fight and then left the scene. If you know where Craft is, contact the Tattnall County Sheriff's Office or the G-B-I. You can find those numbers with this story on WTOC.com. 00:00:26

7/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD HINESVILLE DOUBLE SHOOTING FOLO LL INTRO: According to Hinesville Police, the two men shot Sunday morning had serious injuries, but now they are now stable at the hospital. Maj. Tracey Howard says the shooting happened after bar closing time at The Big Apple around 3 a.m. Sunday. "As the patrons were leaving, the two individuals that were shot were leaving the establishment when an individual fired a weapon into the entranceway of The Big Apple." Howard says Hinesville Police officers were already nearby the nightclub when the shooting happened, assisting with crowd control... "Alcohol, you have large groups of people, and you throw in confrontation, and it has a tendency to escalate to violence." He says the rush of people leaving the bar... made the scene even more dangerous. "When you have an incident where there's a large number of people, bullets don't always hit the intended target, it puts a lot of other people at risk and in harms way, to include our police officers." People who live nearby... say they want to see an end to the violence. "Everybody stop shooting at one another. If you pray like you shoot at one another, this world would be a better world, and I know this right now." Officers say this was a targeted shooting... but there haven't been any arrests in the case... and police are still looking for a suspect. LL TAG: Anyone with information about Sunday's shooting is asked to contact Hinesville Police. We'll have that number on our website. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:26

7/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TATTNALL DEADLY SHOOTING SUSPECT WANTED (sot) Tattnall County's sheriff tells me they're looking for any information in this shooting, including from the suspect himself. (vo) Deputies answered a call Saturday evening for a shooting at Goonsbay Circle outside Reidsville. They're now looking for this man, Chase Craft, in the shooting death of Travis Arnold. The sheriff says witnesses report the two got in a fight and Craft shot Arnold. (sot) All indications are that we have the person identified who did the shooting. We need to talk to that person and find out their side of the story. Sooner or later, they're going to get caught. So it's better to go ahead and turn yourself in. (vo) He says his deputies are working with GBI and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Squad to find Craft and get him into custody. (sot) The sheriff says anyone with information can contact his office by phone, by email, or social media and remain anonymous. In Reidsville, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:00:53

7/6/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BN: DWON FIELDS CASE SECOND ARREST

The 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office announced today that an 18-year-old has been arrested in connection with the 2021 shooting death of Bluffton teenager DJ Fields. VO While the suspect is currently 18, he was 15 years old at the time of the shooting. Because of this, he is currently being prosecuted in family court as a juvenile, meaning he could only be jailed up to age 21, and his identity cannot currently be released. The solicitor's office is asking family court to waive suspect to general sessions court, which would get rid of these limitations. DJ Fields' family are thankful to the investigators who have been working the case for two years. SOT: DJ Fields' Father "It won't bring our son back. But it did take somebody dangerous off the streets, you know, from possibly hurting somebody else. So, once again, I can't, we can't thank y'all enough for putting your time in and doing your jobs. And to us, it just, you know, just trusting the process and trusting the law. Looklive tag: A full list of charges the juvenile is being petitioned for can be found on our website, WTOC.com In Okatie, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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7/7/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD HHI GATOR ATTACK CAUSE OF DEATH

We continue to follow breaking news in the Lowcountry. The Beaufort County Coroner confirming a woman died because of an alligator attack earlier this week. First responders found 69-year-old Holly Jenkins dead on the side of a lagoon in the Spanish Wells community the morning of July Fourth. The coroner says Jenkins' death was caused by drowning. They also found bite marks on her body. The alligator was euthanized after the attack. It did not show any signs of being fed by humans. WTOC will have more details out of this update coming up on THE News at 6.

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7/7/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD HHI DEADLY GATOR ATTACK AUTOPSY

Today, the Beaufort County Coroner's Office called me and confirmed the cause and manner of Jenkins' Death. VO: The autopsy for Jenkins revealed alligator bites and drowning were causes of her death. They said they don't know what order those happened in. Earlier this week, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources necropsy on the alligator revealed that people had not been feeding alligator. The Department of Natural resources says to be careful around any body of water in the Lowcountry, as gators will most likely be in them. Even in residential areas. On Hilton Head Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC news.

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7/10/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD BEAUFORT CO. POLICE CHASE & CRASH

Deputies were called to Keans Neck Road and Coakley Drive after a caller said someone was drag racing. They told deputies the road was shut down because cars were blocking it to race cars. When deputies got to the scene, they found nearly 150 cars parked along the area and then took off. A deputy tried to pull over a car that was speeding in the area . The car didn't stop and sped away. Deputies say the car then hit a curve and struck a tree. One person in that car was pronounced dead at the scene. Another passenger was ejected and injured. WTOC's Ryan Tisminezky talked to people in the area. He'll have more on their reaction coming up on THE news at 4:30.

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7/10/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD STATESBORO SHOOTING FOLO

(sot) Statesboro Police tell me they're looking for three people in connection with this shooting, as well as trying to figure out what prompted it in the first place. (vo) The Parks at Lanier apartments looked calm today, a contrast to last night. Police got a call around 8pm Sunday of a shooting. Neighbors told police they heard an argument between several men. (sot) "...after that verbal altercation, that's when the shots rang out and he's injured in the shoulder and three males flee on foot." (vo) The victim was taken to East Georgia Regional Med Center, then Savannah for treatment. Akins says they don't believe there's any history between the men and the argument led to the sudden shooting. (sot) "We've gone from having an argument that didn't go any further than that to a fist fight that might have solved it many years ago to now the "ultimate response" that puts everybody in the complex at danger." (vo) The victim is expected to recover. Akins says the victim was visiting a friend at the complex. They're unsure if any of the three other men live there or not. (sot) Anyone with information is asked to get in touch with police by social media, by email, or by phone..and you can use those anonymously. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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7/10/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BULLOCH CO 14YO ATV CRASH

The Georgia State Patrol confirms it happened around 6-30, between Claxton and Statesboro. They say a 14-year-old girl's 4-wheeler rolled over on Newcastle Road and Ephesus Church Road. She was taken to the hospital in critical condition. We'll let you know if we get any more details.

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7/10/2023
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PM 5PM OD TATTNALL
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ACCIDENT New at 5 - first responders in Tattnall County are asking people to pray for a young boy injured in a four-wheeler accident over the weekend. Details are limited at this time, but Riedsville Fire posted about the incident. They say a young boy was life-flighted after the accident on Ronnie McCloud Road. No word on his condition at this time. WTOC will update you if we learn more details. 00:00:23

7/10/2023
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DETAILS A breaking news update - Georgia State Patrol is identifying the woman who lost her life in a deadly crash. 34-year-old Juatawna Kersey from Savannah died after being thrown from her car in a crash on southbound I-95 in Liberty County yesterday afternoon. She was driving four other people in her Chrysler when it happened. GSP says she swerved out of the way of debris in the far left lane and lost control, hitting a Chevy in the far right lane and causing both vehicles to flip several times. Troopers say the six other people involved in the crash were taken to the hospital, but did not share more details about their condition. They also say they found various controlled substances in the Chrysler while investigating the crash. 00:00:43

Laura Amador and her young family had no idea what they were signing themselves up for two summers ago. "I've never been that angry with somebody." The family of four hired a licensed and insured local contractor to remodel their kitchen and several other areas of their home on Wilmington Island... a 70-*thousand-dollar project. They signed a contract - agreed on the cost of materials - and had an end date. It all sounded good on paper. Until... "The very first day kind of had us scratching our heads. That's when they removed the wall. They said it wasn't a load-bearing wall... surprise! It was a load-bearing wall." Amador goes on to describe a constant battle. "You hire a contractor so you don't have to be the one overseeing the project, right? Well, I ended up having to do a lot of micro-managing just to make sure that things got accomplished that we hired them to do." Amador says, near the end, he stopped responding to her. She's not alone. "He's like a ghost. I have no physical address for him." Brittany deBergeret says, she's been fooled. Last summer, she hired a *different Savannah contractor to fix her roof and remodel her kitchen... a 40-thousand-dollar job. She says he insisted on a 20-thousand-dollar *cashier's check up front... but she says after just three days of work, he never showed up again. She did not sign a contract... putting herself in a tough spot. "One, I need the money, and two, it's just not right." Some people in this position may consider going to the police.. Tom Stephens with the Better Business Bureau says you likely won't get far.. unless you find other victims to come forward too. "If there's only one, then it's a civil issue. It may be fraud, it may be theft, but it doesn't rise to the level that they're going to pursue it." The BBB's advice: always do your research *before hiring anyone... ESPECIALLY a contractor. "The internet makes searching for issues with any business quite easy. So, you can just Google that company's name and put the words "review" or "scam" behind it, and you'll find all sorts of stuff." Amador's big take-away? Get everything in writing. "Contractors will say anything in the moment to appease and please, but there's nothing to hold them accountable unless you get it in writing."

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(sot) Statesboro Police tell me they're looking for three people in connection with this shooting, as well as trying to figure out what prompted it in the first place. (vo) The Parks at Lanier apartments looked calm today, a contrast to last night. Police got a call around 8pm Sunday of a shooting. Neighbors told police they heard an argument between several men. (sot) "...after that verbal altercation, that's when the shots rang out and he's injured in the shoulder and three males flee on foot." (vo) The victim was taken to East Georgia Regional Med Center, then Savannah for treatment. Akins says they don't believe there's any history between the men and the argument led to the sudden shooting. (sot) "We've gone from having an argument that didn't go any further than that to a fist fight that might have solved it many years ago to now the "ultimate response" that puts everybody in the complex at danger." (vo) The victim is expected to recover. Akins says the victim was visiting a friend at the complex. They're unsure if any of the three other men live there or not. (sot) Anyone with information is asked to get in touch with police by social media, by email, or by phone..and you can use those anonymously. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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A discovery of possible bones at the worksite of Savannah's newest luxury hotel. WTOC has learned of two finds at the new Hotel Bardo property since construction began on an expansion project there. According to Savannah police...officers were called to the site for the report of human remains found during digging. A police report says an excavator bucket dropped a load of dirt and debris...which is when crews observed the bone in the pile. Pritpal Singh with property owner Left Lane Development says crews made another discovery of potential bones at the site in late June. In a statement...Singh says, "City officials have confirmed that our team followed the proper notification procedures and protocols." Following community concerns about potential disturbances to possible burial sites...Singh says the group hired an independent archaeologist to assess the property. Left Lane Development said, "Her detailed research concluded that there were no cemeteries or burial sites at the project's location." The group recently announced their plans to transform The Mansion on Forsyth Park into a 140-room hotel called Hotel Bardo. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson says discoveries like these aren't uncommon in the Hostess City. "Once we're able to identify the type of bones they are, there's a process by which that occurs and so we follow the process." Last year...construction on the Broughton Streetscape project came to a temporary halt after crews discovered bones on that worksite...which the GBI later determined were from an animal.

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"The acronym CLARA, Calm and center yourself, listen, acknowledge, respond, access. That's one strategy faith based organizations are learning from the Mediation Center of Coastal Georgia and Chatham Emergency Management Agency." Members of several houses of worship under one roof to see demonstrations for de-escalation. So how should members address a person getting aggressive? Dan Rowe giving the presentation by the Mediation Center told the audience be attentive, listen to the person's needs, and control your body language. Rowe says they want to keep getting this important message out to worship centers for public safety. "The faith community really fits neatly into that kind of frontline community safety net for folks who could respond to or prevent some type of violence, whether it be mass violence, or just any everyday violence between individuals." For more information on de-escalation training, head to our website for more information. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News.

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They got word he was here and when they arrived, a standoff began. They evacuated several nearby homes out of precaution. Bulloch County sheriff's investigators say they've been dealing with him on domestic charges and warrants connected to him being a convicted felon.

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7/12/2023		SAVANNAH	You have two chances to hear from the office of special events, film and tourism on Thursday. One at	
5:29:00		NIGHTLIFE	1 PM and another at 6 PM. It's happening at the Coastal Georgia Center's auditorium on Fahm Street.	
PM	5:30pm OD	MTG TMRW	They will discuss strategies and goals all aimed at improving the safety and quality of the city's night	
			life. Those ideas come from a consultant report based on 10 months of public input.	00:00:23

7/12/2023		MINI GATOR	Sot: "I just saw this body moving little sexy like and all I could think was I don't know any animal that	
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PM	6PM OD	LOOSE	scared a Savannah neighborhood. This woman's mother was stuck in her doctors office. Sot "They	
			wouldn't let them stay outside because the alligator that was out." Vo It roamed around the yard, even	
			strutting it's stuff for the camera. You'd think it owns the place... but it doesn't... this gentleman does.	
			Sot "I don't believe that, because I ain't never seen nothing like it." Vo While folks could see it, the	
			gators presence was almost funny... so unusual nobody knew what to do. When it couldn't be seen	
			though, a concern hushed the curiosities... alllllll until... On cam tag Here's our conclusion. The alligator	
			found a field nearby playing calm right now thankfully and about to safely relocated. Reporting in	
			Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.	00:00:56

7/13/2023	4:30AM	SAVANNAH	They're going to break down the new nightlife report. They will discuss strategies and goals all aimed	
4:30:00	DAYBREAK	NIGHTLIFE	at improving the safety and quality of the city's night life. Those ideas come from a consultant report	
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You may remember this case - it's one we've been closely following for the last 5 years - since the bodies of the teens were found in their family's backyard. The tragic discovery came after fourteen-year-old Mary Crocker had not been seen for months. Her brother, Elwyn Crocker, Junior had not been seen since 2016 when he was also 14. WTOC Investigates was able to get a case file from the Department of Family and Child Services back in 2019 - just over a month after the shocking discovery. That file showed the Crocker family's long history with the department after abuse was documented, including almost bi-weekly visits in 2012 and 2013.

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The results of a study aimed at improving nightlife in the Hostess City are in. The Sociable City Assessment created by the Responsible Hospitality Institute lays out 24 recommendations to help promote what the group calls safe growth in the social economy. Savannah's Office of Special Events coordinated the study. "Savannah has reached the point where we have a very robust nighttime economy. That means we have to look at what services we're providing after five and on weekends to support that economy." The research focused on the city's historic core and other social areas. The research group says 100 people gave input for the project. Included in the 24 recommendations are calls for the city to launch a Office of Nightlife...improve resident information systems...expand mobility to and from the downtown area and Enmarket arena...and take a multi-team approach to public safety at night.. "Coordinating our public safety officials...to work with our community as opposed to only respond when something goes wrong. It's a process that's going to be built on a foundation of trust and communication." City council voted to conduct the study last year in April amid a series of shootings in popular nightlife areas. During a presentation meeting...neighbors were able to give feedback on the findings. Some...including bar staff...gave comments about police staffing shortages...short term vacation rentals, and noise concerns. "How am I supposed to change my entire business plan because somebody decided that they're going to retire in downtown Savannah, and sit right on top of my bar?" Earlier this week...mayor Van Johnson commenting on the report...saying it's ultimately city council's decision on what recommendations to adopt. "City Council may choose to adopt some or all or none of those recommendations, but we want to make sure that we keep the public, as we promised, in the loop on that process."

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7/13/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BULLOCH MANHUNT CHARGES & MUGS WTOC is getting one of our first looks at the mother and son charged after a manhunt in two local counties. Tommy Brown faces several charges of stalking and more after leading law enforcement on an hours-long search yesterday. According to the Bulloch County sheriff's office, Brown made threats to harm his ex-wife and her daughter and made statements to law enforcement that he will not go back to prison or jail. His mom, Brenda, is also charged after yesterday's search for Brown. She faces a misdemeanor charge of obstructing law enforcement. 00:00:32

7/13/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WTOCI: TORMENTA PLAYER HIT & RUN "it's tough talking about him but he's a soul that we will never forget" Some might say Carter Payne and Nick Akoto were inseparable. Especially on the soccer field as teammates for Tormenta FC. "we played the same position so we would be training next to each other. we were always talking about what we could do to improve". "He had good expectations good hopes of going pro" But Carter's dream of making it big, would never come to fruition. Troopers say- on July 9th, 2022, around 1 am Carter Payne was riding an electric scooter down Fair road in Statesboro when he was hit by a car. Nick tells me it was a night that plays in his head over and over again. "Calling out for his name and he's not responding to me was very tough" Nick quickly called 9-1-1 but before he could look up. The car responsible for hitting Carter had driven away. "I froze for a minute. I wasn't too aware of the situation. and then I kind of got back to my senses realizing it was worse than I imagined." Carter was flown to Memorial Hospital in Savannah where he passed away in the ICU. Breaking the hearts of his family, Nick, and their team. "we broke down, there's no other way to say it. we broke down pretty hard" Investigators say finding the person that hit Carter has been a hard job for GSP'S Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team to tackle. It's been a year and no arrests have been made. Our team went back out to the scene with Corporal Matthew Nelson to see if they had any information about the car that hit Carter. "We believe the vehicle to be white, silver, light in color a small car" but Nelson tells me that's all they have. Our WTOC Investigates team got security footage from the night of the accident. It's dark. but you can see a car driving down Fair Road and then its brake lights coming on. Nelson tells me this is the exact moment they believe Carter was hit. "we tried to get an in-depth observation of the video, somebody else who could maybe get a better picture of it unfortunately that was unsuccessful because of the roadway out here being so dark" Leaving GSP with no leads and Carter's loved ones forced to find closure in other ways. "I try not to think about that person too much, I just think about the positives in his life" "We've spent a lot more time making sure Carter's memory is alive and well. we've raised a lot of money for the Carter Payne foundation supporting youth scholarships" Carter's legacy lives on this field through jerseys and service. AS for GSP their search for a killer continues. 00:02:25

Earlier today the Bluffton Police Department called me and told me that they arrested Anthony Robert Barnhill. Barnhill was considered armed and dangerous before his arrest. He had warrants out for assault and battery, reckless driving and resisting arrest. "Earlier today we got some information that he was in the area of Kittie's Landing Road and Bluffton Road in Beaufort County Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction. At about 4pm today, Bluffton Police Department officers along with members of the Beaufort County Sheriff's office were able to locate him in that area and take him into custody without incident." VO: When asking for the public's help in finding Barnhill, Bluffton Police said there was a high possibility that he was in Old Town Bluffton. SOT runs 7: "Yeah, he was I would say, only a couple of blocks from that area, so he was still in that immediate area, and that's where we were able to locate him." VO: Marciano says the department puts a high priority on dangerous suspects. "When we have somebody that we deem a higher risk and armed and dangerous, we do everything in our power to try and locate them as quickly as possible so, with this individual, he ran from us twice in the past two days, and we had some information that he may be armed, so we try to get those people into custody sooner than later." VO: Barnhill is being booked at Beaufort County Detention center, and will have a bond hearing tomorrow. Barnhill's arrest happened less than 12 hours after the Bluffton police department asked for the public's help in finding him. In Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"He wants Alex there. Why? Because he wants to get the jury angry. Those jurors who were upset with him and convicted him of murder in Colleton, he's hoping that a jury in Hampton is going to be equally angry with him. In this case, trump up the verdict as best you can "Underage drinking is a blight on our society. There are ways to make us safer, they are not being offered in the position that's being advocated in this case by Parkers. That's the reason why." The judge also says he intends to sign a motion by Tinsley to dismiss the estate of Paul Murdaugh from the case.... Leaving Parker's and Alex Murdaugh As the main defendants on the case at this point.

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Two other members of the family were dropped from the lawsuit. Paul's mother, Maggie - who was murdered alongside him two summers ago - and his brother Buster - who's accused of giving Paul his I-D to buy alcohol. Their names were dropped in exchange for thousands of dollars to be paid to the Beach Family.
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Anthony Rodriguez was found guilty on several charges of aggravated assault and more. The conviction comes four weeks after the jury was selected in Effingham County. That happened on the eve of the Freedom Rings Parade. That was the event Rodriguez drove a car through last year and a police officer stopped them. Although the jury was picked last month - the trial started this week. Rodriguez will be sentenced on August 8th.
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Attorneys for Parker's say since Hampton County is the hometown of the Murdaughs.... It would be difficult to find jurors unfamiliar with them. They also say that according to state law, Parker's could foot much of the bill if both Parker's and Alex Murdaugh are found liable in the case. Meanwhile, the Beach family attorney - argues that they, too, could be impacted by the Murdaugh family influence --- but that Hampton County is still the best place for the trial.
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<p>7/14/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>MALLORY BEACH LAWSUIT MOTION HEARING</p>	<p>"The Murdaugh family, it's polarizing. It's national and international news. This was just simply against Parkers. It's a different case. However, we've said this from the very beginning. We had a valid legal transaction." "There's people who still believe that Alex was set up. I pointed out in the hearing, You can see them over my shoulder, his family's portraits are still hanging up. So, that is the risk, it's not that the risk evidence is going to fail, or the law isn't in our favor, the risk is something on tort happens." Something else of note today... Tinsley says Alex Murdaugh has a deposition in this case scheduled for next week.</p>	<p>00:00:37</p>
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<p>7/14/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD</p>	<p>CNN: GA RABID BEAVER ATTACKS LITTLE GIRL</p>	<p>Police say she was swimming in Lake Lanier when the 55-pound beaver bit her in the leg. The girl's father was able to rescue her and kill the beaver -- which tested positive for rabies. Officials put up signs warning people of rabies... and are urging them to vaccinate their pets against the disease.</p>	<p>00:00:18</p>
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<p>7/15/2023 6:00:00 PM WKEND 6PM OD</p>	<p>LEILANI SIMON NEW COURT FILINGS</p>	<p>Simon is charged with murdering her 20-month-old son, Quinton Simon, and throwing him in a dumpster. Simon's attorneys initially filed to throw out the charges... because they claim the indictment didn't say how exactly investigators claim she killed Quinton. The State, arguing the disposal of Quinton's body... shows an intent and hope that he'd never be found... and that investigators have been unable to determine an exact cause of death, due to the state Quinton's remains were in when they were found. The defense... also argues the false statement charges... violate Leilani's Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. The state... responding by saying -- the Fifth Amendment doesn't allow suspects to conceal material facts when asked -- after already choosing to talk. In these filings, the state also says investigators haven't determined a cause of death for Quinton yet... and due to the state of his remains, they may never. Another motion hearing is scheduled in the case for next week.</p>	<p>00:00:59</p>
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"He was murdered five days before he turned 21." TANAKA STRINGER STARTED *A MOTHER'S HURTING HEART* AFTER HER SON WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN 20-10. NOW A CERTIFIED VICTIM ADVOCATE...SHE SAYS SHE HOPES TO SUPPORT OTHER FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE IN A SHOOTING. TANAKA STRINGER/FOUNDER & CEO) "I have to lay on the ground and talk to my son, because I can't hear his voice. I don't want another mother to have to go through that. I don't want another sibling to go through that." THE ORGANIZATION HOSTED ITS FIRST PICNIC TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ADVOCATE FOR AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE. SOT: TANAKA "I'm gonna continue putting this event on, I don't care if no one show up, I'm gonna continue doing it. Because I don't want another parent to have to keep walking in my shoes." THE NON-PROFIT PROVIDES DIFFERENT TOOLS AND SERVICES...INCLUDING CRISIS INTERVENTION, COUNSELING, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS. "We would like for everybody to stop killing each other. And this is a good way to come out and support each other to try to help stop the violence in the communities." A-M-H-H PARTNERS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO INCREASE EDUCATION. SOT: POLICE OFFICER "Once you pull a gun on someone, it's hard to take it back. So we want to stop people and teach them, educate them and reference what to do." THE ORGANIZATION SAYS...THEY ALSO WANT TO PARTNER WITH SCHOOLS...FOCUSING ON INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION. (GWEN GREEN/SUPPORTER) "The more we educate our community and keep in touch with our community long after the funeral and after that. I think it helps to bring camaraderie in our community and bring us together. We can have discussions and talk about what's going on in our community in particular and what we can do to help." STINGER SAYS...COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS AND CHANGE MEANS BRINGING *ALL* VOICES TO THE TABLE. SOT: TANAKA "I know I'm not gonna let my voice be silent. I am my son's voice, and I'm gonna continue being my strong voice." ---- TAG: SHE SAYS...SHE HOPES THE ORGANIZATION GROWS AND CONTINUES TO ACT AS A SAFE SPACE FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES. IN SAVANNAH, ANNA BLACK, WTOC NEWS.

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An attorney for Beach's family says other people who were on the boat also settled with the company- including Morgan Dowdy, Miley Altman, Conor Cook and Anthony Cook. The trial for the civil case that was scheduled for next month has now been cancelled.

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liability in South Carolina to make Parker's pay for a verdict intended to punish the Murdaughs." 00:00:24

7/17/2023 5AM BEACH
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REACHES 19-year-old Mallory Beach was killed in a boat crash back in 20-19. The boat was driven by Paul
SETTLEMEN Murdaugh- son of convicted killer Alex Murdaugh. Investigators say surveillance video shows him
T buying alcohol with his brother Buster's ID the night of the crash at a Parker's convenience store. 00:00:17

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Two people charged with killing British tourist Benjamin Tucker have pleaded guilty in the case. Today in a negotiated plea...29-year-old Georgiamae Lawrence pleaded guilty to malice murder and was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. The plea comes on the same day the trial was supposed to start...following multiple delays. The other person charged in the case...43-year-old Corey Kent...pleaded guilty to a lesser count of voluntary manslaughter in addition to two aggravated assault charges last week and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Both Lawrence and Kent were charged with shooting and killing 27-year-old Benjamin Tucker at the Timesaver Store on Bay Street in Savannah. Police said Tucker was visiting the Hostess City from London last April when he was shot. Investigators later said they did not think the shooting was random. 32-year-old Henry McDonough was also shot in the incident...sustaining non-life-threatening injuries...according to police. *nats of soccer game* Tucker was remembered overseas as a dedicated soccer fan. A commentator mentioned his death during a soccer match in Liverpool...England in the days after the killing. SOT: "...and some applause inside the stadium for the memory of 27-year-old Liverpool fan Ben Tucker, tragically shot dead in Savannah, Georgia on Sunday morning. Ben actually played boys football with my son. So sad. RIP Ben Tucker." In previous court appearances...Lawrence told a judge she was not guilty of murdering Tucker. Now...she along with Kent have pleaded guilty to the killing as the two prepare to spend decades behind bars.

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They argue the indictment did not have enough evidence as to how exactly investigators claim she killed Quinton. In their response, the state says they may never know how Quinton was killed, but other facts in this case point to murder. Coming up on THE News at 6 - WTOC takes a closer look at the new details about the investigation in the filing.

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7/17/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD T ANNA 5:30 MALLORY BEACH SETTLEMEN They also say, "...The unfairness of that caused Parker's insurance carriers to resolve these suits to avoid paying the likely award intended to punish Alex Murdaugh." They also stated this marks the conclusion of all the boat crash cases and they hope all parties will find closure. 00:00:17

7/17/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FLYNN: LEILANI SIMON FILING In new court filings...state prosecutors in the Quinton Simon case say they may never know how the 20-month-old died. Court documents are providing graphic details about what happened to the toddler after prosecutors say his mother...Leilani Simon...discarded his remains in a dumpster. Investigators later finding them at a landfill. In the documents...investigators say "Quinton's body went through a lot"...claiming that Leilani Simon concealed her son's death and subjected him to the violence of the waste management system. Prosecutors write that Quinton's body had by then undergone severe trauma and decomposition saying law enforcement found his remains at a local landfill not in a "single location on the search deck; rather, they were dispersed across it." Damage to Quinton's body during the waste management process made it difficult to figure out how the 20-month-old died...according to prosecutors who say, "no cause of death has yet been ascertained forensically and likely will not ever be. Nor has evidence conclusively established Quinton's specific cause of death." It's that lack of evidence that Leilani Simon's attorneys say is why the judge should throw out the charges because they claim the indictment didn't include sufficient evidence as to how investigators claim she killed Quinton. Prosecutors push back in court documents claiming Georgia law does not require an indictment to include any more specifics that what the evidence shows. Prosecutors say, "The state of the evidence as to Quinton's cause of death, then is the fault of the Defendant and the Defendant alone." saying Leilani Simon's, "specific intent and hope was that Quinton would never be found at all. The idea seems to have been no body, no case." The state...later warning the judge...saying granting Simon's motion would be "tantamount to telling the Defendant and other would-be murderers: Get rid of the body entirely -- or do a good enough job trying -- and the Court will reward your cunning and depravity by declaring you beyond the reach of prosecution for murder." 00:02:03

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IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE A DRIVER PLOWED THROUGH RINCON'S FREEDOM PARADE. NOW...THE DRIVER HAS BEEN CONVICTED. W-T-O-C'S ANNA BLACK has reaction from POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY .

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"Last June, a driver plowed through Rincon's annual Freedom Parade, until a Rincon P-D officer stopped that driver at the intersection right behind me." Rincon Police say after just *2* days on trial...a verdict was reached. On Thursday...Rodriguez was convicted of *11* charges...including *7* counts of aggravated assault. Rincon Police Chief Jonathan Murrell says...it was a pretty *cut and dry* case given all the public videos and evidence. However, he says he feels Rodriguez could've faced more charges with everyone directly impacted...including parade organizer Susie Davis. "I knew I had just passed this little boy. And I stepped out in the path of the car because I didn't want them to hit the children on the side of the road." Regardless, Chief Murrell is glad it's over and ready to move on...especially since trial was originally set for February. Officer Ian Gallagher agrees.. "I'm happy it's behind us all we can all kind of move forward with everything." Gallagher says...he stopped Rodriguez's car. "I overheard that there was a vehicle that had run through a barricade and was traveling down the path of the parade weaving in and out of the parade. I observed the vehicle coming towards me and I placed my patrol vehicle on his path striking it head on to stop the driver." He says Rincon P-D's K-9 *Razor* was with him during the crash...and has since made a full recovery. The *hometown hero* says...the community has been very supportive. "Working in law enforcement, you're not used to people coming up to you and thanking you for what you've done. so it is kind of a nice change." As for sentencing...Rincon P-D says they hope the court will make a fair decision and do what's best for the victims. "Rincon police say Rodriguez's sentencing is set for August 8th, but we'll continue to keep you updated as that date gets closer. in Rincon, Anna Black, WTOC news."

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In new court filings...state prosecutors in the Quinton Simon case say they may never know how the 20-month-old died. Court documents are providing graphic details about what happened to the toddler after prosecutors say his mother...Leilani Simon...discarded his remains in a dumpster. Investigators later finding them at a landfill. In the documents...investigators say "Quinton's body went through a lot"...claiming that Leilani Simon concealed her son's death and subjected him to the violence of the waste management system. Prosecutors write that Quinton's body had by then undergone severe trauma and decomposition saying law enforcement found his remains at a local landfill not in a "single location on the search deck; rather, they were dispersed across it." Damage to Quinton's body during the waste management process made it difficult to figure out how the 20-month-old died...according to prosecutors who say, "no cause of death has yet been ascertained forensically and likely will not ever be. Nor has evidence conclusively established Quinton's specific cause of death." It's that lack of evidence that Leilani Simon's attorneys say is why the judge should throw out the charges because they claim the indictment didn't include sufficient evidence as to how investigators claim she killed Quinton. Prosecutors push back in court documents claiming Georgia law does not require an indictment to include any more specifics that what the evidence shows. Prosecutors say, "The state of the evidence as to Quinton's cause of death, then is the fault of the Defendant and the Defendant alone." saying Leilani Simon's, "specific intent and hope was that Quinton would never be found at all. The idea seems to have been no body, no case." The state...later warning the judge...saying granting Simon's motion would be "tantamount to telling the Defendant and other would-be murderers: Get rid of the body entirely -- or do a good enough job trying -- and the Court will reward your cunning and depravity by declaring you beyond the reach of prosecution for murder."

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The company the men worked for - Wolf Tree, Inc. and its parent company, Davey Tree Expert Company will pay nearly 4 million dollars to the federal government. The D-O-J says the settlement resolves claims over the hiring practices that allowed the scheme to happen. Part of the money will go to Montoya's estate for lost future income. Another piece of it will go to another employee for back wages. The company will also give up the money paid to it by Georgia Power. That was the contract the men were working under at the time of the killing.

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Sot "It is the most unusual case in every regard." Vo The deadly boat accident that took Mallory's life happened in 2019... Nats "There's six of us and one is missing Who's missing A female. Mallory Beach." Vo The wrongful death lawsuit settled more than four years later... Sunday, awarding Mallory's family 15 million dollars. Sot: use Tinsley lower "They have that sense of relief, they have those tears of relief and how they believe... they felt like they stood up for their daughter." Vo He tells me insurance companies for Parker's corporation will foot the bill.. as surveillance video shows Paul Murdaugh buying alcohol illegally at one of their stores before crashing the boat. Sot "It's sets a precedent that if a 5'7 140 something pound kid that uses an ID that says he's 6'2 over 200lbs, somebody's going to look twice at it." Vo Tinsley says that's what the case was about for Mallory's family, not the money. A statement from Parker's ..says in part quote -- GRAPHIC "..For Mark Tinsley, it was all about using the Murdaughs' bad actions and the unfair law of joint and several liability in South Carolina to make Parker's pay for a verdict intended to punish the Murdaughs.." Vo With the publicity this case has received, Parker's also says they wouldn't have gotten a fair trial.. explaining in part quote .. GRAPHIC "The application of the joint and several liability law in South Carolina meant that, if Parker's was found even 1% at fault, it would have paid for the entirety of any verdict rendered against the Murdaugh family. The unfairness of that caused Parker's insurance carriers to resolve these suits to avoid paying the likely award intended to punish Alex Murdaugh.." Tinsley believes they would have won the case at trial and been awarded far more than they settled for... but the Beach's wanted something more. Sot "It was about accountability and we think that represents a level of accountability... an objective level of accountability that somebody can look at and say yeah, we better make sure our people are carding."

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nats of water Streets looked more like streams in parts of Savannah's east side during Monday's evening commute. "It's not something we were expecting, to say the least. We haven't seen it like that since the last hurricane." From 37th Street to Habersham Village... *nats of water* Drivers navigated flooded roads as many homeowners watched the water rise to as close as their doorstep in some spots. "It rose in probably 20 minutes. It was super, super quick. The water just doubled up so fast." The flooding comes as Savannah's District Four Alderman...Nick Palumbo...says city council is expected to vote on whether to create a storm water fund at next week's meeting. "With our coastal position, and especially with flooding events like we experienced just yesterday, we absolutely need to improve existing neighborhoods and communities that are here." Palumbo says the fund would be used to update pipes in already existing communities. He says some of Monday's flooding didn't even happen in the areas with the most deficient stormwater infrastructure.. Palumbo says the city manager has identified some of *those* areas to be Hayners Creek...Liberty City and Springfield Canal. Tax dollars would help pay for the fund...according to Palumbo. "Newer development has much higher standards, so they've got the bigger infrastructure and the bigger pipes. This is to help the existing neighborhoods, existing communities. We still has subterranean infrastructure from the 1700's that we're operating with." *nats of water* Despite the vote's outcome...city residents are hoping the avoid more flooding events. "With the sheer amount of water, it is definitely a possibility that it could happen again."

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7/19/2023 9:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 7 19	SPD SHOOTING ARREST	Savannah Police say they've arrested a man in-connection to a shooting that injured another person last week. It happened on West 48th and Burroughs Street on last Friday. ? Monte Hilson is charged with three counts of aggravated assault and more.	00:00:15
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Employees of the 911 center currently training (NATS) "What's the address of the emergency?" to help during scary situations. But WTOC has heard from a couple of people who haven't been able to get through to a call taker. "I tried for probably 30 minutes to get a 911 operator." "No one answered the phone." 911 Communication Director Diane Pinkney says there a few reasons you may not get someone on the phone. She says sometimes lines get tied up during accidents or storms. But another issue is staffing. "But we want everyone to know that we're working feverishly to make sure that we have the staff to answer those calls." "Here at the 911 communications center, Pinkney says there are 19 vacancies. 4 for call takers and 15 for communications officers." However, that's a smaller shortage than November of last year when they needed 28 more employees. Pinkney says they started feeling the staffing struggles during the pandemic. Three years later, they've asked for back up in tackling the call volumes. "Chatham County Police they have allowed us to train some of their officers and personnel to help us to answer non emergency calls until we can stabilize." Pinkney hopes a new computer automated dispatch or CAD system coming in October will help operations run smoother and ultimately get to more calls. "We want all of that information right there for the call taker to utilize to garner the best response to that complaint. It takes time for us to train people to do that. It kind of narrows the pool and you have to be able to handle the stressors involved." She says they are recruiting aggressively with 20 people preparing to test for vacant positions. She also wants to hear the public's needs. "If we aren't doing something right let us know that." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Meanwhile - prosecutors say the subpoena for the writings is "only proper method" for the state to get the material - and is a different legal avenue than a search warrant. They also say the subpoena was "reasonable" in this case, because the writings are "pertinent and relevant" to the case." WTOC will be at the Chatham County Courthouse tomorrow - when the next hearing in this case is scheduled.

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7/20/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD DEADLY CHATHAM CO. SHOOTING

What we do know is that one man has died as a result of this shooting...but investigators have not said what may have lead up to it. Police have the area surrounding a home blocked off with crime tape. This home is in a subdivision on Winding Way near the intersection of Ogeechee and Quacco Road. Within the last hour or so we have seen a group of people arrive on scene...consoling two people who police tell me do live at the house. I did just do a quick check of crime stats...today's shooting marks the fifth homicide in unincorporated Chatham County this year. That is up from this time last year. Again...we don't know what lead up to this shooting.

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(ANNA BLACK/Anna Black) "I'm here outside of Rincon's Police Department where I talked to Rincon Detective Vance who says last month on June 25th four subjects robbed the Lowe's just down the street. Now when some of those subjects were leaving Lowe's, a senior citizen employee tried to stop one of those carts and that's when that subject got violent." DETECTIVE VANCE SAYS *FOUR* PEOPLE DROVE TO *LOWE'S*...*3* OF THEM LOADING UP BUGGIES WITH OVER *TWO-THOUSAND* DOLLARS WORTH OF STUFF...BUT NEVER PAID FOR IT/ THAT'S WHEN A 68-YEAR-OLD EMPLOYEE STEPPED IN. (SOT: DONNA HANSBROUGH/VICTIM & FORMER LOWE'S EMPLOYEE) "The guy decided he wanted me to let go, so he punched me. I grabbed my glasses, still held onto the cart and he punched me again and again." THE *NOW* FORMER EMPLOYEE SAYS SHE WAS LEFT WITH A BLACK EYE...AND A LOST JOB. LOWE'S COMPANY POLICY STATES EMPLOYEES CAN'T INTERVENE DURING A SHOPLIFTING OR ROBBERY INCIDENT. BUT SHE SAYS...SHE COULDN'T JUST SIT AND WATCH. SOT: DONNA "It's my fault, but I feel bad....but at the same time, I'm emotionally mixed." SOT: DETECTIVE LANCE "Two traumatic events all at once with being violently attacked and losing her job, her happiness, her peace, all at the same time." SOT: DONNA "I love my job...loved. I enjoyed working with the people I worked with..." I REACHED OUT TO LOWE'S BUT HAVEN'T HEARD BACK YET. POLICE REPORT SAYS...CHARGES FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED INCLUDE THEFT AND BATTERY. (ANNA BLACK/Anna Black: Vance says the investigation is still ongoing. Right now one of the subjects is in custody but on unrelated subjects. As for the other three subjects, they have pending warrants. In Rincon, Anna Black, WTOC News."

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As we get deeper into hurricane season - having a plan - is essential - not just for residents - but for those in charge of keeping us safe. ((DENNIS JONES##CHATHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY)) "How these departments are prepared, and how they are going to react to certain things that come up during periods where we are moving people. How are they handling the evacuation assembly areas, are they keeping track of their own records, are they keeping track of their own employees." According to Jones, there are 4 steps to hurricane prep when it comes to county government operations. Readiness Movement During and After Once a storm has made it through, as residents are eager to get back to normal often they are returning to power outages and storm damage but they aren't alone, those in charge are also left in the dark. "we can come together and talk about what each of these departments are doing during a hurricane operation condition, so we can find out any gaps." Each stage is addressed so that during evacuations, the county will still be able to operate, just in an adaptive state. "In 2015, we brought all county departments together to talk about how would you react. So the lessons learned during that exercise were actually implemented for Hurricane Matthew." Having an adaptive government in times of emergency is essential for things like county-run evacuation services.

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In court documents, Leilani's defense says that the murder counts on the indictment "fail to allege any manner of death, or the nature of any object or weapon which resulted in any serious injury to the victim." It goes on to say that the language of the indictment doesn't give Leilani or her lawyers enough information to know specifically what she's defending herself against. We brought the court filings to Jonah Pine- a Savannah criminal defense lawyer with 27 years of experience- and he says that while he suspects the motion will be denied, it could still help the defense down the line. "Ultimately what they're asking is that a judge make a determination that there's not enough there for the defense to be able to defend the case. And if they lose that, it's preserved on appeal, which is very likely to be a thing that they're conscious of. They want to make sure that they're preserving their ability to be able to handle things on an appeal."

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The state says that by the time Quinton's body was found after a 6-week long search of a landfill, that it had undergone "severe trauma and composition", also describing how his body would've been compressed by "the violence of the waste management system." The documents go on to say that if the murder charges were quashed because Quinton's remains were in such bad condition it's impossible to tell how he died, that would be the same things as saying "get rid of the body entirely, or do a good enough job trying, and the Court will reward your cunning and depravity by declaring you beyond the reach of prosecution for murder." We took the court filings to Jonah Pine, a criminal defense lawyer who's been practicing for 27 years- and he says that legal precedent is likely in the prosecution's favor. "there have been rulings, and some of those rulings have been cited by the prosecution in this case, that says that the amount of detail that a defendant is entitled to is not going to demand so much specificity when that specificity just doesn't exist. And that doesn't make the prosecution's job any easier."

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PM 5PM OD HHI SEA PINES POSSIBLE SHARK BITE Breaking now-- A man on Hilton Head Island was taken to the hospital after he says he was bit by a shark. The Town of Hilton Head says the possible shark bite happened around 3:20 this afternoon in Sea Pines. They say the man was in waist-deep water. He was then taken to the hospital. Out of safety, Shore Beach Services has closed the area where it happened for the rest of the day. 00:00:22

7/21/2023
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PM 5:30pm OD SAV CHILD EXPLOIT SENTENCING In a separate case - a Savannah man will spend 30 years behind bars for sexually abusing children and recording it. 24-year-old Perry Williams the Third pleaded guilty to a charge of Production of Child Pornography in federal court. Court documents show Williams was arrested after someone found videos of the abuse on his phone. In addition to the prison time, he'll have to pay 3-thousand dollars in restitution, register as a sex offender and serve 15 years supervised release. 00:00:29

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PM 5:30pm OD RESOURCES FOR REPORTING There are two big resources available to report crimes against kids. Like the first story mentioned - you can always submit an online tip to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. You can also submit tips to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation over the phone or online. 00:00:17

7/21/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BRYAN CO. CHILD EXPLOIT ARREST 48-year-old Timothy Stone is charged with one count of sexual exploitation of children. The Bryan County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force says the investigation started with an online tip to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. 00:00:17

7/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD LEILANI SIMON MOTION HEARING When the defense called Billie Jo Howell to the stand, she said Leilani's journals were in luggage stashed in the closet of Leilani's upstairs bedroom. Howell said the state subpoenaed her to hand them over while Leilani was in jail. Howell says she talked to Leilani while she was in jail before giving them up and Leilani never told her not to give them to the state. Prosecutors asked Howell several times if she knew about the journals before and she said no. 00:00:27

7/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD LEILANI SIMON MOTION HEARING "Was there ever a time where she told you there was information she needed in one those journals and asked you to go get it? No sir." Howell said Leilani was encouraged to journal by staff at a recovery center she was staying at for about three weeks before being arrested on charges of killing her son. The defense argued that it's unconstitutional and an invasion of privacy for the prosecution to have access to those journals. They also said they didn't agree that the state used a subpoena to get the journals. Prosecutors said it's against the state constitution to use a search warrant to get private information like what is likely in the journals which is why they used a subpoena. They also argued that Leilani never argued against it. 00:00:43

7/21/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	SAV CHILD EXPLOIT SENTENCING	24-year-old Perry Williams the Third pleaded guilty to a charge of Production of Child Pornography in federal court. Court documents show Williams was arrested after someone found videos of the abuse on his phone. In addition to the prison time, he'll have to pay 3-thousand dollars in restitution, register as a sex offender and serve 15 years supervised release.	00:00:22
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7/22/2023 11PM 11:01:00 WEEKEND PM OD	THREE SHOOTING SATURDAY	<p>"a really strange and unusual day here." tonight...a *third* shooting in *one* single day. savannah police say...a man was shot at indiana and ohio avenue this evening. he was taken to memorial with serious injuries. mayor van johnson says...police are looking for answers. "we're trying to now add this into this and see where it falls and if there's a connection, there may not be." the day's shooting surge started around 10-am at the eleven-hundred block of east bolton street. savannah p-d says...two people were shot and taken to memorial with non-life-threatening injuries. just a few hours later around noon... a *second* separate shooting at savannah gardens apartment on pennsylvania avenue. savannah police say...*another* two men were shot. they were treated at memorial for non-life-threatening injuries. mayor van johnson says...it's unacceptable. "i mean the fact of the matter is that, you know, people want to, you know, go to work, go to school, enjoy their city...and then these types of things occur." he says...summertime also plays a role. "when you have hot weather and you have hot tempers and a gun is available, then you have random acts of gun violence that are occurring." mayor van johnson says...it's important people cooperate with police and handle differences peacefully. "these things are very demoralizing when they do happen. we need to try to figure out what the common theme is and be able to address it to make sure those people are taken off the streets."</p>	00:01:27
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"If you do a crime and it's at the district, you will be held accountable." YESTERDAY'S *FIRST* SHOOTING WAS IN DISTRICT TWO ON EAST BOLTON STREET. IT BORDERS DISTRICT THREE...THE SITE OF THE OTHER TWO SHOOTINGS. *ALL* JUST A FEW MILES APART. "People come from other places and commit crimes here. A lot of crimes are sporadic." DISTRICT TWO'S ALDERMAN SAYS...POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS AND HAVE SECURED SOME WARRANTS. "I just want all these people who want to do heinous crimes in the city that we will track you down." LEGGETT SAYS...GUN VIOLENCE IS AFFECTING COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE. "When we don't have an opportunity to share, when we don't have time to spend with our neighbors and find out what it means to be a true community." I TALKED TO MAYOR VAN JOHNSON SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE SCENE OF THE FATAL SHOOTING ON INDIANA AVENUE. HE SAYS...IT'S IMPORTANT EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER TO LOWER VIOLENCE. "This is not the majority of our citizens. It's a very, very small percentage of individuals who are engaged in activity that we're not necessarily aware of. And so that's why it behooves us all, to make sure that we're communicating. We're saying something." AFTER THIS WEEKEND'S SURGE IN SHOOTINGS.... LEGGETT SAYS HE HOPES THE REST OF THE SUMMER... REMAINS CALM. "Despite how many shootings we've had or what crime looks like, we're relatively low. So, I want to continue that trend and try to push it down as much as possible." IN SAVANNAH, AB WTOC NEWS.

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New details about the moments before a plane crashed in Claxton last month killing a pilot...flight instructor...and passenger on board. The N-T-S-B says surveillance data shows the Piper P-A 30 plane took off from the Reidsville airport on June 25th at 11:40 A-M. 11 minutes later...it touched down at Claxton-Evans County Airport. After a refueling stop there...the report says the plane took off again around 12:30 P-M with the last location recorded only a minute later. Flight data shows the plane only reached 125 feet...which aviation experts say isn't normal for a typical departure on this type of flight. The Evans County Sheriff's Office found the plane's wreckage in a wooded area around five A-M the next day...less than half a mile from the runway. The reports says there was no evidence of a fire or impact with nearby trees.. Family members of those onboard contacted the Federal Aviation Administration when the plane did not return to Reidsville...according to the report. The N-T-S-B says the purpose of the flight was for the instructor to prepare the pilot for an F-A-A proficiency check...including speed demonstrations and a simulated engine failure. The passenger who also had pilot-experience and owned the airplane was onboard to observe. Once investigators found the wreckage...the report notes that an examination of both engines did not reveal any preimpact failures or mechanical anomalies. They later identified the victims as Bobby Smith and David Hodges from Reidsville. Mark Dement from Register also died in the crash. After the crash...those who new the people on board told us many learned how to fly from them. "You have two highly-skilled pilots at the controls of an airplane that they had a tremendous amount of experience flying." Now...the search for answers into what brought the plane down continues.

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7/24/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SCREVEN WOMAN CHARGED WITH ARSON The fire happened on Pine Circle back on July 14th. Jesup Fire reached out to the State Fire Marshal's Office in reference to video of the fire that was taken by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. The insurance and safety fire commissioner says investigators determined Sellers got her stepchild to start a fire inside the home for insurance money two different times. Sellers is now behind bars at the Wayne County Jail. 00:00:25

7/24/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH WEEKEND SHOOTINGS Tonight...a city reeling from a weekend of gun violence. Savannah police investigating four shootings in the past 72 hours that left two people dead. "Right now we have a few that's separate and we have some that may be connected. We're working...to see which ones are connected." Two adults were shot on East Bolton Street near Waters Avenue Saturday morning. Hours later...two more adults were shot near the Savannah Gardens apartment complex. The victims were taken to the hospital for treatment. The third shooting in Savannah Saturday happened around 7 p-m at the intersection of Indiana and Ohio Ave. 24-year-old Jaylan Martin was shot at least one time and later died at the hospital from that incident...according to the Chatham County Coroner. Then...around 9 p-m Sunday...on Savannah's Southside ..police were called to an apartment complex on Waters Avenue near Mall Boulevard. Police found 25-year-old Lavonta Mayers unresponsive and was pronounced dead at the scene. "It was just chaos. It was like 12-13 cop cars around here. It was just really crazy." The shootings...reverberating to city hall where leaders called for an end to the gun violence. "For the families who are reconciling loss and pain, we want to acknowledge that we feel your pain." Police...now urging an end to conflict...vowing to bring those responsible to justice. "Our goal is to bring some closure to the families and put the suspects that are responsible for the incidents this weekend in jail." 00:01:28

These shootings affecting families and people who live near the crime scenes. (off camera mos) "It's scary and it's dangerous." It brings Tanaka Stringer back to the day she says she lost her son to a shooting while he was robbed. "I started my non-profit because my oldest son Rashad Akeem Charles was murdered five days before his 21st birthday." That non profit is A Mother Hurting Heart and offers grief counseling and holds gun violence awareness events. "This is not just about my son. This was happening way before my son and as you can see several shootings." She believes it's time families who lost their loved ones to gun violence to get together to advocate to local and state leaders for change. "This is why I cry out so much and this is why I advocate so much and this is why I say I will not let my voice silenced. This is why I keep reaching out to other parents we have to come together." And pastors like Charles Roberson of Kingdom Life Fellowship are also disappointed by several shootings at once. "It hurts. I see myself in so many of the young people that are involved in some of these incidents." He also serves at an SPD chaplain. Roberson says pastors across Savannah are meeting often to come up with a way to get youth in positive programs. "It is complex. It's not easy but we are encouraged and we're going to keep working hard everyday to make a difference." He says Kingdom Life also has conflict resolution trainings for this very reason. "Whether it's a month with none or whether it's a month with several, we don't ever want to any to happen and we're going to keep working as hard as we can to make this the best Savannah we can."

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Savannah Alderman Kurtis Purtee is holding a town hall meeting tomorrow to discuss public safety. It will be held at the Windsor Forest Community Center off Briarcliff Circle. It's set to begin at 6 tomorrow night. Residents will be able to ask questions about public safety, the community center and the Southside area.

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It was at this house, back in 2018, that time stopped and everything changed. ((sound covered VO)) "It's just not the same, nothing, the parties, the... it's just not the same." "This pain is deep, it hurts real bad" The kind of hurt that leaves a hole in the hearts of those left behind. ((family of Pat Saab)) "They took my sister, they took my mom, you only get one mom, and you only get one big sister." 59-year-old Patrica Saab was in her kitchen when gunshots rang out on her street. Stray bullets pierced the walls of her home. She died hours later at the hospital. Now her family gathers together each year in her memory. It's become a tradition. And in a sense, this beloved grandmother is still holding her family close. ((family of Pat Saab)) "We are doing it for her, we are doing it for Pat. She is what brings us together and keeps us together and she would want her family to be together, so we all try to stay together." The Saab family knows that justice takes time. Healing takes even longer. Those responsible for her death are serving their time behind bars. But grief is a long-term prison of its own, with no chance of parole. ((family of Pat Saab)) "We hurting, they get to live, they get to see their family, we don't. We gotta go to the graveyard. It ain't right" Still, they come here to remember and find some comfort in recalling better days filled with love, laughter, and a little dancing just like their mother used to do. ((family of Pat Saab)) "Turn up Pat, let's go, lets two-step, turn up Pat, lets get it"

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5:00:00	DAYBREAK	WILDER	underneath the jail. I want you to live a long happy life in prison so you can think about the families and	
AM	OD	BRYAN ON	the communities you destroy." Right now...police have not announced any arrests. These latest	
		SHOOTINGS	shootings bring the homicide total in the city for the year to eight. Which is still down significantly from	
			this time last year.	00:00:25

7/25/2023		17 YO	That's when the F-B-I says they got information about a threat against a Savannah train station posted	
4:59:00		ARRESTED	to the social media app. They say they were able to address it immediately. Deputies say they met	
PM	5PM OD	FOR	with the F-B-I after tracing the threat back to someone in Bulloch County. 17-year-old Savalas Harden	
		THREATS	is charged with two felony counts in this case, including terroristic threats. He's the Bulloch County jail	
			until this case moves forward.	00:00:26

7/25/2023		YEMASSEE	PKG Car windows shattered, bullet holes in house, but no one was injured. A Yemassee police officer	
5:53:00		SHOTS	was on patrol near this gas station when he said he heard around sixty gunshots nearby. He headed to	
PM	6PM OD	FIRE	a nearby house on Jackson street, and began an investigation with help from the South Carolina Law	
		EXPLAINED	Enforcement Division. "In total there were about 91 shots that were fired in and around the building, of	
			various calibers between 9 millimeter, 45, 40 and 223." VO: Strauss says these different calibers	
			mean it was likely that multiple people were firing at the same time, from rifles and handguns.	
			Neighbors I spoke with told me that incidents like this are rare, and Strauss agrees. "I've been with	
			Yemassee for almost 8 years now and we've never had any incident like this before." VO: Strauss	
			explained that Yemassee is a peaceful town. "Yemassee's a very quiet place, we have very peaceful	
			people. Everybody gets along with everybody so it's a good place to be. Again, this is an apparition.	
			This isn't anything we ever see." Yemassee police tell me that the shooting is currently under	
			investigation. In Yemassee, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:01:07

A detective now out of a job following claims she lied during a murder investigation. "We're here today because the DA's office found a discrepancy in the report and the BWC footage that we need to get some clarification on." Audio recordings play the moment Corporal Ashley Wood was questioned about a report she filed following the 20-21 shooting death of Charles Vinson. A letter to the Savannah Police Department from the district attorney's office pointed out *this* interaction with a woman who was injured in that shooting. The DA's office says Wood wrote in a report that the woman saw one of the suspects grab a gun and leave and later started shooting towards her apartment. The letter goes on to say detective Wood's bodycam did not capture this witness actually saying that. Wood is later heard admitting to not watching her body cam video in this audio recording. "I realize that what I typed is not what is on the B-W-C. I typed that off of memory and I did not watch the BWC before I typed that paragraph." The recordings later play when Wood was questioned about a report she wrote that said she saw the co-defendants at Walmart. "That part was based off of Carlos' statements maybe?" "I don't remember exactly the video. I just remembers that...she was checking them out. I haven't watched that video in Lord knows how long." Earlier this year lawyers for Marquis Parrish who was charged in Vinson's death asked a judge to throw out some of this evidence from Wood. Parrish's lawyers said the information used to get search warrants in the case wasn't true. State prosecutors eventually dropped the charges against Parrish. Detective Wood was placed under internal investigation and according to a separation record was fired on July 17th. The notice says Wood violated policies related to ethics and court protocol.

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BULLOCH
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Right now-- A 17-year-old is facing felony charges after Bulloch County deputies say he threatened on social media to blow up a local train station.

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7/25/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BULLOCH CO. TERRORISTI C THREAT ARREST	Deputies say the FBI got word Saturday a comment was made on a Tik tok saying someone was going to blow up a train station in Savannah. Bulloch County Investigators and the FBI were able to track down the home of where the comment was made. They say the suspect-Savalas Harden--admitted to the post. Savalas was then arrested and charged with felony Terroristic threats and dissemination of information relating to terroristic acts through a computer.	00:00:27
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7/26/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SHEA CORONER ON RECENT SHOOTINGS	This past weekend was a long one for the Chatham County Coroner's Office. "We started around 2:00 A.M., and when I came to work I just didn't go back home." Campbell and his employees, spending that time getting files started for the homicide victims. That involves working with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and local police departments, as well as tracking down medical records. Several of the bodies from this past weekend had to be transported to Atlanta, as well, to be looked at by GBI medical examiners. Campbell: "It's so busy between Savannah and Atlanta until, we don't know when we'll get the bodies back, so families can't even make arrangements or finalize arrangements until we get an answer back from the medical examiner's office." Which, for grieving families, can make an already devastating situation, worse. Campbell: "It's sad because you know, when you lose a loved one, it's devastating to everybody. But when you've got to wait, and it becomes a problem, it's nerve wracking. So we don't mind entertaining the cause when the family calls, wanting to know."	00:01:03
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7/26/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	WAYNE CO. DRUGS & DRINKS CASE	A judge denied bond to John Yonkosky for a second time this afternoon. He faces charges that include sexual battery and criminal attempt to commit a felony. The charges stem from an investigation by the Jesup/Wayne Tactical Narcotics Team. Police say they'd received multiple complaints of people believing they had been drugged at local bars. After investigating the situation, officials say an undercover officer was hospitalized after drinking a drugged beverage. Yonkosky was charged in relation to the case -- and was denied bond the first time on July 5th... then again, today. Attorneys on both sides say a preliminary hearing in the case is slated for next month. Yonkosky will remain in custody at the Wayne County Jail. In Jesup, HB WTC NEWS.	00:00:45
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		SHEA	On July 21st, Chatham County prosecutors subpoenaed Memorial Health for "any and all lab test results for toxicology and blood alcohol." Toxicology results could prove whether or not Quando Rondo had taken drugs or was overdosing during the crash- which would be a violation of his bond. The subpoena also requires medical records, lab reports, or "other information pertaining to treatment" given to Quando while at Memorial. In the prosecution's motion to revoke bond, they accused Quando of getting belligerent with hospital staff, also alleging that because of that, he had to be sedated.	
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7/27/2023	6AM	RONDO		
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			WTOC is following two stories into our newsroom in the last hour. First - a judge signed the settlement between Mallory Beach's Family and Parker's Corporation. You may remember - the parties reached a settlement about a week and a half ago. The hearing today was a formality - but it officially approves the settlement in the wrongful death lawsuit over the crash that killed the teen back in 2019. We have more details about this case - and it's connection to the Murdaugh Family posted on WTOC dot com.	
7/27/2023		MALLORY		
4:59:00		BEACH CASE		
PM	5PM OD	SETTLED	Just look for the Murdaugh Cases tab.	00:00:32

			The first shooting happened around 2:20 yesterday morning where deputies responded to a shots fired call off of Busy Bee Road. When they arrived they found a home was from multiple gunshots. No one was injured inside and no word on any suspects at this time. Less than a mile away- deputies responded to another shots fired call- this time off of Miranda Drive around 5:30 A-M. When they arrived- they found a man and a woman both shot in the leg. They were taken to the hospital and are expected to be okay. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office says deputies have increased patrols in the area. Investigators have not said if the two shootings are connected.	
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Standup "Around 2:20 Saturday morning, the Jasper County Sheriff's office was called to Busy Bee Rd for the weekend's first shooting. Here nobody was hurt and the only thing shot was a house..." *nat sequence getting in car* "But three hours later there was another shooting." *nat sequence start driving* "Just two minutes away on Miranda Dr, two people were shot and had to be taken to the hospital." Nat Right there, that house yes Vo The second Saturday morning shooting just a few hundred feet from Cheryl Riley's home in Ridgeland. Sot: "I could hear the sound in my room like it was literally in my room." Vo This one, thankfully didn't hit her home... but during another shooting back in May her bedroom took a direct hit. Sot "There where that blind at, it went through there; went through my headboard, my tv, behind the tv in through my closet, through my closet into my laundry room." Vo The Jasper county sheriff's office tells us since the start of year there have been 25 shootings, with four of them coming the last two weekends. It's a trend the sheriff calls concerning, saying in our one-on-one interview his deputies are working overtime to try and combat the recent uptick in gun violence. Sot: "We've actually went from about 5-7 officers to about between 12-14 officers on a shift now." Vo The shootings this past weekend are active investigations. A murder the weekend before has multiple people already arrested. Sheriff Hipp with a message for suspects they haven't gotten to yet. Sot "If you're responsible for it, we're going to put you in jail." Vo Back on Miranda drive Cheryl Riley has a passionate plea to her community Sot "It has to stop it really does. It really does before we're burying every male it has to stop." LL On cam tag: As the investigations into these shootings continue, we'll keep you updated on air and online at WTOC.com. Reporting from Jasper County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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Standup Judge Richard Gergel denied each and every objection Laffitte's attorneys made as they tried to reduce what crimes he'd be sentenced for. The judge at one point saying there's no doubt these financial crimes wouldn't have happened without Alex Murdaugh, but they also couldn't have happened without Russell Laffitte. Vo The prosecution says Laffitte is the only one who knew where money came from and went, as Murdaugh stole millions from clients. The defense claimed Alex Murdaugh hid the thefts from everyone including Laffitte, but the prosecution argued that the jury already made a decision on that at the trial in November of last year... convicting him as guilty of conspiracy and fraud. LL tag Before the judge handed down Laffitte's sentence, a handful of people took to a podium and spoke about what kind of man the convicted criminal is beyond these charges. It's a stark contrast to the sentencing we saw at Alex Murdaugh's murder trial and I'll bring you those details on the news at 6. Reporting from Charleston, TM, WTOC News.

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BN: LAFFITTE Sot Sot On cam The guideline sentence is between 108-135 months in prison. Reporting in
 SENTENCING Charleston, Tyler Manion, WTOC new

On cam The judge affirmed throughout the hearing his sentence had to be sufficient, but not greater than necessary. Before the ruling came down, both sides brought up key witnesses from the trial that took place in November. Vo Nine people spoke on Russell Laffitte's behalf, asking the judge for mercy as they described a caring husband, father and friend. Russell himself took a turn to speak as well... and in doing so faced the victims to directly apologize to the people in the courtroom he had helped Alex Murdaugh steal from. He said to them he regretted the "actions and failures that led me here today". Against him, three groups of victims took to that same podium and explained the affect Laffitte's crimes have had on their lives. One saying "some of the most influential people in the Lowcountry took advantage of us. We were babies." Another saying Laffitte "took my heart and shattered it into pieces"

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CANDLER
 CO. ELDER
 ABUSE
 ARRESTS

New at 5 - two people are charged in an elder abuse incident at a Candler County assisted living home. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation arrested Ralph Cowart and Meghan McCullough. Both are charged with neglect to a disabled adult or elder person, exploitation and more. The GBI says they were called after a resident was removed from Southern Manor at Candler and left outside overnight in inclement weather. State agents say Cowart co-owns the facility and McCullough is the executive director. This investigation remains open.

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CHATHAM
 MOTHER
 CHARGED
 INFANT
 DEATH

This is video of the trailer where neighbors say this happened. Police responded there...in the 100 block of Quacco Road and found the infant dead with Cooper still on scene. After gathering evidence police say Cooper was charged with murder and taken here to the Chatham County Jail. According to a dispatch call...the infant was only one month old. We're hearing that call that plays the moments officers learned of what was happening for the first time.

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8/5/2023	11PM	BREAKING:	35-year-old Joseph Baynes was caught by officials in Savannah yesterday afternoon. He's wanted in	
11:01:00	WEEKEND	AIRPORT	Minnesota on felony stalking charges. He was arrested back in June by Georgia Southern University	
PM	OD	SUSPECT	officers for multiple charges including theft by taking and possession and use of drug related objects.	
		CAPTURED	Details on how he managed to escape custody remains under investigation.	00:00:23

8/7/2023		JEN. ROSS	Charges have been dropped against Mario Wallace. You may remember - Rajah Young was shot at the	
4:59:00		SHTG RULED	Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex back in December of 2021. It's important to note - the court ruled the	
PM	5PM OD	SELF	shooting self defense...and granted Wallace immunity from prosecution regarding this case. The court	
		DEFENSE	sided with the defense - who argued Young had pulled a gun on Wallace before, and Wallace was	
			reasonable in believing his life was in danger when he pulled the gun out at Jennifer Ross that night.	00:00:29

8/7/2023		BEAUFORT	Standup Most of the weather here on Hilton Head this summer has looked like this, bright sunny and	
5:53:00		CO. EMA	with a lack of tropical activity - knock on wood. The island's public safety director saying they don't want	
PM	6PM OD	UPDATE	that to lull anyone to sleep on the possibility for severe storms. Sot: "Severe weather doesn't	
			necessarily mean hurricanes and tropical storms. Severe thunderstorms can bring heavy winds, heavy	
			rains, creating hazardous driving conditions downed trees, down power lines so we just urge people to	
			pay attention to the weather and stay off the road should that weather approach." Vo He says the	
			typical reminders remain important... having an emergency kit ready along with an evacuation plan in	
			case you need either. LL tag Hurricane season carries us through November and the town wants you to	
			stay prepared until then. Of course our First Alert Weather Team is helping you do that each and every	
			day - you can download the First Alert Weather App - the town also points you to their website for safety	
			information. Reporting on Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	00:01:04

"It was a learning curve and it's a process." Panic swept through these stands at a football game last year after the crowd believed a gun was fired. While no one was hurt and police say a gun never went off, parents told WTOC they were worried not enough safety measures were in place. "Nobody could have anticipated that happening." This year, Chatham County Parks and Recreation staff says they're all hands on deck. "it was kind of an eye opening experience and awakening to all of us so we sat down at the table and we committed to get better." "If you're coming in the home side where I am or the visitors side of Memorial Stadium, you won't be able to bring a bag like this one. There's now a clear bag policy. You'll also be wanded with a metal detector." Deputy Director, Tony Murphy says school police, county and city police are all expected to be roaming around during sporting events here. You may not see them all because some will be disguised in the audience. But, you will see some in uniform in the sky box. "We've set up a command center to manage the event a little bit better so all parties are in radio contact and vigilant. We have cameras strategically posted all around stadium." Someone will be monitoring those cameras at all times. Murphy says if there's ever an active shooter situation at the stadium, they have a plan. "Have orderly crowd control and exit in a safe parameter from where the shots may have resonated or an active shooter may be. We do have some secure places like our locker rooms that can be locked up. People can hunker down in place and secured and locked in." Murphy says after each event they will be accessing how well it went and if any improvements need to be made. "Safety is of the utmost regard and we're doing everything and this is an ever evolving process." Looking forward to a safe season ahead. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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MEMORIAL
STADIUM
SAFETY

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Mario Wallace is no longer an accused murderer after a Chatham County judge dropped the charges against him. Wallace was charged with murder and aggravated assault after police say he shot and killed 27-year-old Rajah Young in 20-21 at a soccer complex following a youth football game. Wallace's lawyer Greg Crawford asked the judge to drop the charges...saying Wallace shot Young in self-defense. "They like to say that there are two sides to every story. That typically is not how criminal procedure works." "This was an exception. This needed to be heard pre-trial. Otherwise, my client goes on trial for a murder he did not commit." In his motion to drop the charges...Crawford said Wallace and Young had a contentious and at times dangerous relationship. According to court documents...Wallace feared for his life when Young pulled out a gun at the soccer complex and walked toward him. State prosecutors pushed back...pointing to inconsistencies between statements the mother of Wallace's children..who was dating Young at the time... gave during court testimony and her statements to police. Wallace did not want to interview. Crawford said it's because he's worried about his privacy. Crawford: "He always felt that he was not guilty of anything, but having his name in the media and having people talk about him on social media was upsetting to him, but he's really a private person." Ultimately the judge sided with Wallace...citing a Georgia law that says a person is justified in using force against another to the extent that he reasonably believes the such force is necessary to defend himself. Crawford says he had no other choice but to ask for the charges to be dropped. Crawford: "In this case, my hand was forced. I don't typically want to make my client available for cross examination more than once, if that. I did this reluctantly, but with good result."

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8/9/2023	6AM	5AM SHEA POWER	The Chatham County Police are urging people to use caution when driving through areas without power this morning- as several traffic lights are affected by the outages. Now take a look at this video from last night.. around 1300 people were without power at 11:30. Georgia Power crews worked to remove	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	OUTAGE	downed power line and fallen trees. The Enmarket gas station off of Highway 80 in Booklet was packed	
AM	OD	NUMBERS	as people were filling up gas for their generators to have power during the storm.	00:00:29

8/9/2023		SHEA:	"We heard the pop and then the power went out. We figured it was a transformer, but that's obviously	
12:00:00		POWER	not what happened there." Kingery says she and her husband received communication from Georgia	
PM	NOON OD	OUTAGES	Power saying that the power would be back on soon- but the estimated restoration time just kept getting	
			pushed back.. leaving people without power, or air conditioning, all night long. "It's rough. We just	
			bought from the store there, and it's hot." Delaney- worried that his fresh groceries might have to go in	
			the trash. Delaney: "That's just money. 400 dollars down the drain. I'm trying not to really think about it,	
			but you've got to think about it." Those worries- at the top of the minds of those without power this	
			morning.. and frustration, turning into something else. Kingery: "It's very frustrating. It's actually kind of	
			scary. Especially with kids in there, and dogs, in the heat."	00:00:52

8/9/2023		CHATHAM	((SOT)) "This tall pine fell and it fell towards are surgery clinic, Pet Fix Savannah." ((VO)) When that	
4:59:00		HUMANE	tree hit, Griffin says some animals were inside. ((SOT)) "We did have five cats in the building at the	
PM	5PM OD	SOCIETY	time, but they were all on the other side of the building, so no no animals were injured, no people were	
		DAMAGE	in the building at the time." ((VO)) For now, the surgery clinic will stay closed. ((SOT)) "At the	
			moment, we're without water and then obviously the roof needs repaired and we need to get plumbing	
			and electrical work done to be able to get back up."	00:00:30

Detraya Gilliard keeps pictures of her daughter...Desaray...throughout her home. They're how she stays connected to Desaray during what has been a painstaking and depressing year. "May 6, 2022, the day my daughter departed this earth, is where my life stopped." In May last year...15-year-old Desaray was found shot in Yamacraw Village where she lived. Desaray later died at a hospital. Gilliard: "People don't realize unless you have children or lost somebody near and dear to you how hard it is to go on." More than a year later...Gilliard hopes to find more answers into her daughter's death. Gilliard: "It makes me sad. It makes me depressed." "Who did this to her? Who could leave her out here in such a state?" Fearing for her life...Gilliard has since moved out of Yamacraw Village. In January...she sued Savannah's Housing Authority for the wrongful death of her daughter. The lawsuit claimed negligence...saying the Authority failed to properly secure Yamacraw Village and keep out criminals. Court documents show the suit was dismissed in March, but with the door open for it to be filed again. Gilliard: "The state of the deterioration, dilapidated buildings, broken windows. It was already in an advanced state of neglect. They pretty much let Yamacraw go by the wayside." This past December...Savannah police announced a 15-thousand dollar reward for information leading to an arrest. We checked back with S-P-D who have not announced any arrests in the case. Still...Gilliard says she feels let down by the lack of answers. She hopes her daughter's story is a cautionary one...that pushes others to do more in addressing gun violence and bullying...two factors she says led to Desaray's death. Gilliard: "She was a young lady who had things really going for herself. She was going places." As she looks at Desaray's photos...Gilliard remembers her fashion-loving daughter as an aspiring doctor...whose life was taken too soon. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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PARENTS
SPEAKS
AFTER TEEN
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35-year-old Joseph Baynes escaped police custody at the Savannah-Hilton Head International airport last week. Savannah Police sent us the incident report, saying officers spotted Baynes Friday on Jimmy Deloach Parkway. Before they got out of the vehicle, Baynes took off running but was eventually caught. Baynes asked if they could grab his belongings, saying he had winning lottery tickets. Officers did not say if the tickets were actually worth anything, but confirmed they were *not stolen. Baynes is now being sent to Minnesota where he's wanted on felony stalking charges.

8/10/2023 4:30AM AIRPORT
4:30:00 DAYBREAK SUSPECT
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Chatham County police say they've arrested three people after yesterday's double homicide at an apartment complex on Fenwick Village Drive. Roland Heyward, Akilee Wilson and Albert Mack...all in their 20's...face murder and armed robbery charges. The three are accused of murdering 27-year-old Robert "BJ" Johnson and 32-year-old Eric Townsend. "It was kind of just trying register what was going on. It was terrifying." Around 11:30 yesterday morning...Chatham County police says they were called to the complex for reports of a shooting. When police arrived...they say they found the two dead inside one apartment. We spoke with a man who says he's Johnson's stepfather. "Everybody loved him. He's going to be truly missed. A lot of friends out here, I don't know why they'd want to kill him. I'm at a loss for words." People who lived in the complex watched as police investigated...many of them hearing the gunshots themselves. Churchley: "I heard five or six gunshots go off. I ran in between my car and I could see the people running out, get in their car, and drive away. It happened in like 30 seconds. It was completely crazy." A family is left grieving...as three men now face charges in the case. Collins: "At the end of the day, you took my son. You took a part of my heart. I love that boy. His momma gonna surely miss him. She at a loss for words...she's at a loss right now. They took her only child."

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HOMICIDE
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Police arrested 30-year-old Shaquaysia Jackson last month on three counts of forgery and one count of theft -- months after Savannah police say she stole money from homeless people, veterans... a couple with a baby... and even the Catholic Church! Taking thousands of dollars from non-profits and charities *meant to help people in need... moving those people into homes she *didn't actually own... "We found out basically that we had been duped." Maureen McDermott with Veterans United says they work to connect homeless people and vets in Savannah with stable housing. She says it was obvious Jackson had done this before. "But, as we dealt with her a little bit more, asking for leases and more information, everything started to unravel." SPD records show Jackson *repeatedly targeted Galin Mortgage's rental properties by acting like a renter... making copies of their keys...turning around and acting like she owns the properties and moving people in. "I would show up and say, 'I don't remember renting to you.'... 'I hate to tell you, here's proof I own the property, you've just been scammed..." Owner David Guggenheim says - it forced them to make changes. They've replaced their physical keys with digital locks... they change the codes regularly... and they now limit the number of listings they post at a time. Guggenheim says he was frustrated at first, when an SPD detective told him it was a *civil issue, *not criminal. "It's not petty! I mean, if you steal a 6-pack of beer they'll throw you in jail. And you're gonna let someone steal 15-hundred dollars multiple times from victims? It's not petty at all." SPD did ultimately charge Jackson *this time. But back in 2018, Savannah Police responded to a fraud report... from a man claiming he'd paid a 700-dollar deposit to rent a property. The supposed owner? None other than Shaquaysia Jackson. That officer referred the victim to *civil court. Jackson was never charged. Five years, and thousands of dollars later... McDermott says, Jackson has taken a lot more than money from her alleged victims. "It just breaks my heart to see the veteran community suffering. And not just because she took money from non-profits, but because she took something to me more important to a veteran: your date of birth, social security number. The potential for further damage is there."

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8/10/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	2 SAVANNAH SHOOTINGS	<p>nat sound: "was very surprised when someone told me to not leave the house because there was a crime scene over here." a neighbor says he was trying to get to work this morning...but the street was blocked off. "i asked my mom when i looked at everyone over here. she said she went to the restroom saying she got up and she heard about four shots." he says...he's lived here around *15* years and never seen anything like it. sot: carlos "everyone's really friendly. everybody walk in the morning, they walk their dogs and everyone says hi everytime you drive around. everyone says hi, it's a very nice neighborhood. "area's been nice since we moved here. we've had nothing but positive interactions with our neighbors." another neighbor says...he's also shocked. "the area's been nice since we moved here. we've had nothing but positive interactions with our neighbors." he says...residents are worried and confused. sot: nick "i've met the neighbors over there before. i want to ask him why was he out at that time in the morning. maybe he heard something and went to go check on it."</p>	00:01:02
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8/10/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	ARRESTS IN CHATHAM CO. DOUBLE HOMICIDE	<p>Police went out to an apartment complex on Fenwick Village Drive yesterday after they got a call about a shooting there. They found two people dead at the scene. The victims were later identified as Robert "BJ" Johnson and Eric Townsend. All three suspects are currently behind bars at the Chatham County Detention Center.</p>	00:00:19
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8/12/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	SAVANNAH TEEN MURDER TRIAL	<p>After the shooting...Seaton told police that Mitchell was his girlfriend. On Tuesday...Seaton agreed to a bench trial...meaning a judge would decide the verdict...instead of a jury. Now...Seaton awaits his sentence. This week...Judge Timothy Walmsley found Seaton guilty of felony murder...aggravated assault...and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony. At 16-years-old...prosecutors say Seaton shot and killed 13-year-old La'Meya Mitchell. Seaton was found not guilty of malice murder. The shooting happened at the intersection of Seminole and Atwood Streets in Savannah in November 20-19. The trial began on Tuesday, with Seaton choosing for a judge to decide a verdict. During testimony, a detective said Seaton told police several stories about how the shooting happened. The detective later told the court Seaton admitted to having a gun. The detective said the confession only happened after investigators told Seaton police on scene had footage of him saying he had a gun. In 20-19... following the shooting...Mitchell's mother...April Jones...told WTOC about the horror she experienced seeing her daughter's body in the driveway. "I came out here and saw my child laying down.....I didn't know if she was unconscious. I didn't know if she was breathing." Now...nearly four years later...her daughter's boyfriend...convicted of murder. A sentencing hearing for Seaton is set for August 25 here at the Chatham County courthouse. LIVE in Savannah...FS...WTOC News.</p>	00:01:30
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8/12/2023 6AM
 6:00:00 DAYBREAK ORANGE Police say it all stems back to claims a mother and daughter were beaten and robbed by a group during
 AM SATURDAY CRUSH Orange Crush on Tybee Island. At the time, police told WTOC video was shared of the incident on
 OD INDICTMENT social media. Tybee Police say Murphey was sharing the videos and implicated herself as a suspect. 00:00:17

8/14/2023 5AM SHEA Savannah police say two people were shot at 4000 block of Ogeechee road early Sunday morning...
 5:59:00 6AM MAYOR ON Leaving one person dead and the other in critical condition. This was just *one* of several shootings
 AM DAYBREAK WEEKEND here this weekend. Savannah P-D say...one person was shot in the 1300 block of Kenneth Dunham
 OD SHOOTINGS Street early Sunday morning. Police say...that victim is in stable but serious condition at the hospital.
 And less than a mile away over on Richards Street... SPD says a person was shot and taken to hospital
 with serious injuries but is stable. Mayor Van Johnson says...it takes a community effort to help stop
 these shootings. 00:00:36

8/14/2023 5AM SHEA
 5:59:00 6AM MAYOR ON "But it's bigger than the City of Savannah. It's a community wide approach it's a statewide approach.
 AM DAYBREAK WEEKEND We have to be able to lock our guns because we're still seeing large numbers of guns being stolen from
 OD SHOOTINGS cars that are not secured. We have to secure our weapons." 00:00:15

8/14/2023	6AM	530 SHEA	WTOC spoke with people that frequent the areas that the shootings took place- and it was clear that	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	WEEKEND	people were taken aback by them- particularly the one at Enmarket. Something that many people said	
AM	OD	SHOOTING	to us is that this is a place that they come to often- so it was surprising to hear that a deadly shooting	
		REACTIONS	happened here. Many people said, however, that shootings are so common they don't feel safe	
			anywhere- but will have to be on guard a little bit more in the future.	00:00:27

8/14/2023	6AM	530 SHEA	"This is usually a safe area. It feels like a safe area. I've never really had concerns about my safety as I	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	WEEKEND	was visiting the store, so, late at night, maybe police presence will be increased a bit more." "It's kinda	
AM	OD	SHOOTING	scary when it's right here, at a place that I frequent quite often. So once again, you've gotta watch your	
		REACTIONS	back."	00:00:19

8/14/2023		7YO INJURED	The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office told me a physical fight on Saturday afternoon was the possible	
4:59:00		DURING	reason for the shooting that happened just under 30 minutes later. A stray pellet from a sawed-off	
PM	5PM OD	SHOOTING	shotgun blast hit the girl in the arm as she was running away, leaving her with non-life threatening	
			injuries. A father and son have been arrested in connection with the shooting. VO: Bluffton residents	
			Carlos Isaac Anchorena and Carlos Joaquin Anchorena, have four charges each, including assault and	
			battery of a high and aggravated nature and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. The Beaufort County	
			Sheriff's Office says a fight between two men, one of them related to the Anchorenas, broke out earlier	
			in the afternoon. Later, as one of the men was standing outside his apartment, the Anchorenas drove	
			up to him and started firing. The Sheriff's Office wants to talk to the man who was shot at. "We don't	
			believe that he was injured, based on what we observed on video surveillance. So if he would like to	
			come forward we would really like to speak with him. And in furtherance of that, there may be additional	
			charges for the two men that are already in jail." Looklive tag: The Anchorenas are currently in the	
			Beaufort County Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing. Viens says anyone with information is	
			encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office. In Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:01:22

8/15/2023
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PM 5PM OD CORY FLEMING COURT LATEST Former lawyer Cory Fleming pleaded guilty to federal charges connected to the Gloria Satterfield settlement. Satterfield was the Murdaugh's housekeeper at the time of her death. Fleming's plea came after he was accused of helping Murdaugh take money from her estate. As a part of his sentence, he'll also have to pay out more than 100-thousand dollars in restitution. Coming up on THE News at 6 - what the victims in this case are saying now that Fleming is serving his sentence. 00:00:28

8/15/2023
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PM 5:30pm OD HHI TEEN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER They're not identifying the 17-year-old boy, but say he was arrested after the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office was called to Hilton Head Garden Apartments Saturday. That was for reports of people breaking into an empty apartment. They say the teen jumped out a window and ran away when deputies knocked on the door. He was arrested after deputies found him sitting in a car in a nearby parking lot. He is charged with attempted murder and more in the shooting that injured an 18-year-old about a month ago. The teen is being held at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. 00:00:34

Fighting back tears Cory Fleming apologized to the people he and Alex Murdaugh stole from... the Satterfield and Pinckney families who were both in the courtroom. Fleming's wife, two kids, and parents sitting just an arms length from me... holding back emotions throughout. Vo Before starting his nearly four year sentence, inside this courthouse..the longtime former Beaufort attorney taking accountability for his actions... Fleming saying he has no right to expect forgiveness.. and stealing millions of dollars from vulnerable clients is no one's fault but his own. After explaining that, Fleming receiving an emotional hug from his son. His victims speaking shortly thereafter. We caught up with them following the hearing. "I just pray that God give Cory Fleming the strength to get through what he gotta go through, just as well as me and my family god give us strength to go through what we gotta go through as well as the Satterfield family." Vo Her attorney voicing his opinion after the hearing as well. "I do not believe that he's remorseful for what he did to Ms. Pinckney and the Satterfields. I think that he's sad he's where he's at." Vo The lead prosecutor says this case is about deterring any other lawyers from stealing client money, as Fleming did. "Our hope is that through Mr. Fleming's example others who are otherwise upstanding members of society will take his example and say no." Vo Both sets of victims forgiving the former attorney in court... Ms. Pinckney turning to face him to make direct eye contact. I asked what she felt in that powerful moment. Sot "I just still have love for him, in spite of the circumstance and situation I still have love. Love conquers all." Incredible grace shown there by a woman that lost her son and was wronged by the attorney who was supposed to help her through that time. Meanwhile, the sentence that attorney will serve is actually at the lower end of the guidelines for these crimes. Fleming could have received up to five years, but instead will serve less than four.

8/15/2023
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CORY
FLEMING
SENTENCING

Reporting in Charleston, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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(sot) "We're seeing more people with COVID and they're not as sick as they are fatigued." That tiredness is one a few symptoms patients with COVID are feeling this go around. Doctors at Memorial, St. Joseph's and Candler say hospitalizations are rising. At Memorial, 14 people are in the hospital with COVID. Two of them are in the ICU. "The testing kits are sold out in a lot of pharmacies and that;s a bit of a worrisome thing for us. Again, we had eight people a few days ago and then nine people and now we have 14 people in our hospital." St. Josephs and Candler Hospitals have seen a 14 percent increase in COVID emergency room visits. "It's more of a cold than anything else, a sore throat, little bit of a cough, low grade fevers. Healthy people have done well with it. As always our vulnerable population gets a bit more sick which is why we should be very careful and make sure that if you're vulnerable, you do the same things we did before." Which are washing your hands, masking up when needed and staying away from infectious areas, according to Dr. John Rowlett. (sot) "There are still some therapies we are recommending so if people do test positive, they should check with their physician to see if whether or not they qualify for one of the other medicines." The strains going around are the most recent variations of COVID, which are more contagious according to doctors. As far as protection, Dr. Connelly says if you don't have the recent bivalent booster, you likely aren't protected from COVID no matter how healthy you are. Dr. Rowlett also recommends you stay up to date on vaccines. (sot) "Vaccine recommendation hasn't changed. Everyone should be immunized. The current strain probably isn't covered as well be the vaccine as we'd like it to be." He says he expects the vaccine will see constant updates. Doctors say it's best to talk to your physician about how often to get vaccinated. Camille Syed WTOC News.

8/16/2023
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MEMORIAL
HEALTH
COVID
LATEST

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8/16/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	YELLOW HORNETS SPOTTED IN SAV	SOT: "Since Tuesday, I've caught about a dozen of them, and fed them to the spiders. We think that there's a hive nearby." VO: The yellow-legged hornet is nicknamed the bee hawk, for its method of hunting bees and other pollinators. SOT: "Just for the past few hours, we've also noticed them targeting bees that are flying and grabbing them right out of the sky unfortunately. They have not bothered us, but they are targeting the bees now." VO: Renick says the GDA took samples of the hornets for research and is developing traps to keep them controlled. They'll be looking for nests soon. The fact that the hornets eat bees can cause problems for agriculture and wildlife. SOT: Felicia Renick, Safety Manager, Savannah Bee Company "From what I just saw today, I am really worried about them attacking the bee population, they're also attacking other native pollinators besides bees which is a huge threat to our agriculture out here. The threat on our native insects is a real problem for sure."	00:00:58
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8/17/2023 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SHEA WTOCI KAYLA DAVIS HOMICIDE CASE	Fatima Davis says that she knew in her gut that her daughter had died, as soon as Chatham County Police came to her door on July 1st. Kayla had been gone for longer than normal, after making a trip to the corner store. "That feeling, I can't describe that feeling that I had. The hurt, the pain, the loss, the sadness." The initial police report from July 1st states that CCPD first responded to the backyard of a home on Bismark Avenue after reports of a stabbing. Davis' mother says CCPD officers told her originally that her daughter had died after being stabbed. However- according to the Chatham County Coroner's office- Davis died of a gunshot wound to the torso, and the cause of death- ((nats- Davis looking at death certificate)) It was also ruled a homicide. The initial police report shows that CCPD officers did hear reports of a gunshot that day, The report says that a witness ".was woken up by a 'gunshot' outside of the residence near the backyard. He went out to the backyard and observed the victim lying on the ground." Police also interviewed a woman who says that she "observed the victim lying on the ground and foaming at the mouth." She told police that she was the only one home. Court records show that on July 6th- the woman's son, 17-year-old Javonte Ward, was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence in connection to the case. He's being held at the Chatham County Detention Center after being denied bond. Davis's mother says that the tampering with evidence charge is not enough.. and that she wants to see someone charged with murder. "You have to put your finger on the trigger for a gun to go off. If you drop a gun, it won't go off. But they're trying to spin it as if it was an accident."	00:01:38
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LL: This is the intersection where Rachele Ruggiano says her life changed forever. Police say she was riding a moped west on Ogeechee Road...when a driver in a Chevy Silverado leaving a business struck her from the side and then drove away. PKG: "I briefly, in the corner of my eye saw his headlights, and he was in a big truck, so I thought, 'Oh bleep, this is going to hurt.'" That hurt...becoming an agonizing 43 days in the hospital for Rachele Ruggiano. Ruggiano: "I had two collapsed lungs, a broken foot, a shattered shin. I had a broken femur, a broken hip, a broken pelvis, a broken shoulder, a broken finger, and a fractured finger on this side." The past four months have been mentally and physically challenging for the 55-year-old. Ruggiano: "I still can't walk. I still can't get a job. It's hard to get to transportation. I'm a person who likes to work, I like to move, I'm very active." Her very long road to recovery...made worse by what she's calling a lack of answers. Ruggiano's frustration grows as she believes some businesses have been slow to release information that could help lead police to an arrest. The driver...and his four door Silverado...caught on surveillance just prior to the hit and run...but police have not named the suspect. Ruggiano: "He's out there walking around and he should be in jail. And that's the biggest thing for me and he should be in jail." S-P-D has not announced any arrests...but a spokesperson says the department is actively working several leads in the case. Ruggiano has been able to keep a roof over her head thanks to the help of friends and charity. She says despite her injuries...she tries to stay positive...but ultimately wants someone to be held responsible. Ruggiano: "He might've beaten me physically, but he will not beat me emotionally. It's as simple as that." LL: Ruggiano has started a GoFundMe for support. She and police are asking anyone with information to give them a call. Those numbers are on our website...WTOC dot com.

8/18/2023
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FLYNN: HIT
AND RUN
FOLO

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"Chatham County Police got the call to the Red Roof Inn around one in the morning. When they got here, witnesses told them the suspect went to the front desk and shot the clerk and pointed her gun at someone else." Police say witnesses also told them Collins shot her gun once into a hotel room that two people were staying in. The two guests were not hit and did not even know Collins, according to witnesses. Detectives say Collins had been staying at this hotel for several weeks. We haven't been told whether the suspect and victim know each other. So, we are still waiting to learn if this was random or targeted. "Detectives are still trying to figure out the motive behind all this so an investigation is underway. We'll keep you updated on air and online. In Chatham County Camille Syed WTOC News."

8/18/2023
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CHATHAM
CO. HOTEL
SHOOTING
ARREST

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8/20/2023 6:30:00 PM WKEND 6:30PM OD VIDALIA: BOMB THREAT @ FAMILY DOLLAR Police were called to the store on East First Street around 9 in response to the threat. When they arrived, the store was evacuated to do a search. During the search- they found a suspicious item which caused them to then evacuate the entire shopping center. A certified bomb technician deemed the item and location safe and then allowed employees back into the store. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crimestoppers. 00:00:25

8/21/2023 4:50:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD VIDALIA: BOMB THREAT @ FAMILY DOLLAR We are continuing to follow an investigation by the Vidalia Police department -- after a bomb threat was called about a Family Dollar. Police were called to the store on East First Street around 9 in response to the threat on Saturday. When they arrived, the store was evacuated to do a search. During the search- they found a suspicious item which caused them to then evacuate the entire shopping center. A certified bomb technician took a look and said the item and the location were safe. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crimestoppers. 00:00:32

8/21/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD VIDALIA: BOMB THREAT @ FAMILY DOLLAR Police were called to the store on East First Street around 9 in response to the threat on Saturday. When they arrived, the store was evacuated to do a search. During the search- they found a suspicious item which caused them to then evacuate the entire shopping center. A certified bomb technician took a look and said the item and the location were safe. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crimestoppers. 00:00:25

8/21/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD APPLING CO. CHILD PORN CASE The D-O-J is asking for anyone with information or who may have had contact with Sisk to come forward. They say he had regular routes to Atlanta and Charleston working as a truck driver. He also was known to travel to Alabama, Tennessee and lived in Ohio, Florida and Georgia. You can call the Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line. WTOC will keep you updated as this case moves forward. 00:00:23

8/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD STATESBORO DEADLY SHOOTING (sot) Police that I spoke to say they can't remember the last time they had a call on this street..in a longtime neighborhood..just a few doors from a church! (vo) Cars came and went from the home 17 year old Jabari Walker shared with his parents on Ladd Circle near the intersection with Lynn Avenue. Police say neighbors called 911 for what they thought were fireworks. Police got there and found Walker shot in the yard. Detectives spent the morning talking to neighbors, looking for any clues. (sot) We need any camera footage that people might have. If anybody saw anything that stuck out as usual, we need them to come forward and contact us. It might be nothing, but it might be everything. (vo) He says they're also contacting Walker's friends to try to figure out a suspect and a motive. (sot) We do think this was specific to this location, to this individual. We don't think it was random. (sot) You can contact police by phone, by email, by social media message and you can do that anonymously. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:00:59

8/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD OKATIE TRIPLE SHOOTING Deputies say a private event was being held and a large argument broke out inside the building. They say witnesses then heard multiple shots fired out in the parking lot. Two women and a man were shot and taken to the hospital. One of the women has been treated and released. If you have any information that could help deputies solve this case, give the sheriff's office a call. 00:00:22

8/21/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD 4 ARRESTED IN TEEN STING OPERATION The men on your screen were all arrested and facing multiple charges including Sexual Exploitation of Children Using any Visual Medium. Officials say all four men went to a location with the intention of having sexual relations with a 14-year-old girl. The joint investigation began on the 16th and ended yesterday with multiple agencies- including the G-B-I. There could be more arrests in the case. 00:00:24

8/22/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CHATHAM MURDER CONVICTION S UPHELD The other conviction upheld was also challenged over evidence. The court upheld the conviction of Tony Locklear. Locklear was arrested in 2019 for the murder of Billy Long. Court documents show Locklear was arrested after Long's friend found Locklear sleeping in his truck. They show Locklear was homeless at the time of the murder. Long's body was found about 50 yards away from Locklear's tent near East Lathrop Avenue and Bay Street. 00:00:26

BAM LL: These were the wild moments caught on camera last June. You can see a car barreling through Rincon's "Let Freedom Ring" Parade route. Now...more than a year later we know how long the convicted driver will spend behind bars. GFX: Alex Rodriguez's attorney tells me that his client was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 10 years probation. Earlier this summer...in July...a jury found Rodriguez guilty on 11 counts including multiple aggravated assault charges. VO: Prosecutors say Rodriguez ignored police demands to stop driving. Fortunately...no one was injured in the incident...but the Rincon community was left reeling. In the days after the guilty verdict in July...we talked with the Rincon police officer credited with stopping Rodriguez's dangerous drive. He told us he's looking forward to moving on from the incident.. and also talked to us about the day it happened. SOT: "I overheard that there was a vehicle that had run through a barricade and was traveling down the path of the parade weaving in and out of the parade. I observed the vehicle coming towards me and I placed my patrol vehicle on his path striking it head on to stop the driver. STATEMENT GFX: In a statement...Rodriguez's attorney Lloyd Murray told me "While we were hoping for a lesser sentence, the court was mindful of everything presented by us and the State, and in its wisdom imposed a sentence it felt appropriate & we accept their ruling." BAM LL: Murray also told me that Rodriguez will get credit for time already served in prison. Rodriguez has been locked up since the June 20-22 incident.

8/23/2023 RINCON
 4:59:00 PARADE
 PM ASSAULT
 5PM OD SENTENCE 00:01:33

In a letter to Liberty County Superior Court, Shelly Perry makes a cry for help – saying quote "The felony jumpsuit doesn't define me. I'm an RN, a mother, and a daughter." The letter details some of her experience growing up – and apologizes to the court, saying "I want to apologize for the situation that has put me in jail and court." She ultimately states " I personally want to go to mental rehab, drug rehab and counseling... I want help." Perry was initially granted bond back in June... for \$25,000 cash... for each of the four charges she faces. In her letter, Perry says " With the little resources the jail offers, it's not the place to get the help I need." She goes on to say "I would like a rehab bond or be recommended for drug court as soon as possible. If my recommendations aren't considered, I would like a bond reduction." A judge has decided to hear Perry's request in court... that is set for September. She remains in the Liberty County Jail. Hayley Boland, WTOG NEWS.

8/23/2023 ANIYAH
 5:29:00 PERRY CASE
 PM 5:30pm OD LATEST 00:00:56

8/23/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD STEGALL NOT GUILTY PLEA The man accused of killing 5 people in a boat crash on Memorial Day Weekend in 2022 has pleaded not guilty. Mark Stegall was driving a boat that hit another boat on the Wilmington River that weekend. 5 people died in that crash. According to the indictment, he was driving the boat under the influence of alcohol. His charges include homicide by vessel and reckless operation of a vessel. Stegall has been out on bond since last September, 00:00:26

8/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM BOAT CRASH SUSPECT COURT This was the first time our cameras captured Stegall in a courtroom. He was indicted in this collision just over a year ago and has been out on bond since September. Stegall faces a slew of first-degree homicide by vessel charges after prosecutors say the collision killed four members of the Leffler family...including a husband...wife...and their two sons as well as 37-year-old Robert Chauncey. Several others were injured in the collision as well. Stegall is also charged with operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol. An indictment says that he drove the boat recklessly by driving on the wrong side of the river. Today...Stegall answered to those charges...through his lawyer... 00:00:42

8/23/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CHATHAM BOAT CRASH SUSPECT COURT He pleaded not guilty to all 18 counts he faces. Stegall was indicted last year - and has been out on bond since September. He faces multiple 1st-degree homicide by vessel charges... after prosecutors say the crash killed four members of the Leffler family... including two kids... along with 37-year-old Robert Chauncey. Stegall's also charged with operating a boat under the influence of alcohol. The indictment claims he drove the boat recklessly by driving on the wrong side of the river. 00:00:29

8/23/2023 CHATHAM
7:00:00 BOAT CRASH "Yes, your Honor, he is entering a plea of not guilty, waives formal arraignment and requests trial by
PM 7PM OD SUSPECT jury. We have received voluminous discovery. Your Honor, the not guilty plea has been entered on the
COURT face of the indictment." 00:00:13

8/25/2023 HHI HOMES
5:29:00 DAMAGED Both happened on Hilton Head Island off Marshland Road. Right now - deputies are trying to figure out
PM 5:30pm OD BY GUNS if the two incidents are connected. Deputies were called to Rollers Mobile Home around 12 30 last
night after multiple reports of gun shots. there they were able to find several shell casing in the road.
Shortly after...they started receiving calls of more gun shots only a quarter of a mile away. Deputies
confirmed that a house was damaged from gunshots. 6 people were inside the home at the time,
luckily, no one was injured. They are asking any one with any information to please call crime stoppers. 00:00:36

Barber Rickie McGregor hears a lot inside of Jazzy's Barber shop... but one recent topic hit home for him: TitleMax. "Somebody's like, 'hey, did you all see that story on WTOC this morning?' I was like yeah, I saw that too!" *That story resulted in a man getting *his title back. It's something McGregor is working to do himself... after he says, a TitleMax salesperson misled him. He says after our story aired, a woman in the shop who claimed to be a TitleMax employee chimed-in. "She said, and I quote... 'I wouldn't recommend TitleMax to my worst enemies.'" In 2016, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fined TitleMax's parent company millions of dollars after finding that, in part, their employees misled customers by not explaining the true cost of their loans. We decided to track-down a former TitleMax employee ourselves. Former store manager Cordelius Brown says she worked for the company from 2014 to 2021. She asked us not to show her face. "The problem is, they're taking advantage of people who are already desperate." Brown says she was instructed to tell customers their title loans were *just like paying off a credit card..and would go towards the original amount owed. The problem? They're actually *actually just paying off the interest. "The fact is, TitleMax misled plenty of employees in order to mislead the community." Brown says one particular situation pushed her over the edge. She says a customer suffered a stroke... and had to physically come into the office, to get her car back. "She can't walk, she can't talk, she can't write, she can't feed herself. And they repo'd her vehicle. She owed less than \$1,000..." "... I'm like 'why are we doing this to this lady? Her life is more important than this bill. Can we not just relieve her of this debt?' They wouldn't do it. They didn't care. And I said these people don't care about these customers. At the end of the day, it's about the money." Brown says when she tried to help customers like that pay off their loans more quickly, by explaining that their monthly interest payments do NOT go toward their loan's principal... she says she was reprimanded. "They treated me like I did a bad thing! That's how I trained my team: to tell customers, 'pay a little bit more. Even if it's just a dollar, pay it.' Because the goal is to get your title back with TitleMax." Again, Brown hasn't worked at TitleMax since 2021 so we don't know if these practices she told us about are ongoing. Back at the barber shop in Hinesville... McGregor says he's stunned... and hopes stories like these will keep others from becoming victims. "To find out that this is regular practice, and it's legal! It's amazing, I just can't believe it."

8/25/2023
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He was convicted of felony murder...aggravated assault...and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Seaton was found not guilty of a malice murder charge. No cameras were allowed inside the courtroom today...so this is video from the trial portion that happened earlier this month. Seaton was wearing a jumpsuit today and had his head down at times during the hearing. The shooting happened at Seminole and Atwood Streets in Savannah more than three years ago. The trial was conducted as a bench trial...meaning a judge decided instead of a jury. Judge Timothy Walmsley said today that it's very rare for a bench trial to happen. He also said that this case will be one he remembers and described it as effectively a throwing away of two lives. We were able to speak with Mitchell's mother...April Jones...after the sentence. She said the result was expected and she just wants people to remember her daughter.

8/25/2023
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PM 6PM OD

SEATON
SENTENCING
TODAY

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8/28/2023 SAV "They should be preparing their homes, picking up lawn furniture, umbrellas, and whatnot, securing
4:59:00 CHATHAM their homes, being ready to hunker down. This is a non-evacuation event for us. Therefore, people
PM 5PM OD HURRICANE should be ready to ride it out and maybe be without power for a couple days after." And that's the main
PREPS concern we've heard from emergency officials is that potential for a prolonged loss of power from Idalia. 00:00:24

As Idalia approaches, emergency management divisions across the Lowcountry are preparing for and monitoring the storm. I spoke with Bluffton's new emergency manager who says both he and the town are ready for it. VO: Although the exact impacts from Idalia are still uncertain, the town has learned from past major storms, and is putting those lessons into practice. Stormwater drains are maintained and cleaned regularly, especially prior to a storm. Emergency management makes sure that necessary equipment is operational, and staff is ready to handle anything, from a small storm to a hurricane. SOT: Craig Karafa, Lieutenant, Bluffton Emergency Management "Basically as it is right now, as it stands, we are preparing for the worst, we're going to hope for the best, but we're going to make sure all resources that we have, that we may need are available and operational, so we can respond to whatever's needed." LL TAG: WTOC will have team coverage on Idalia as it crosses through the coastal empire and the Lowcountry this week. In Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

8/28/2023 LOWCOUNTR
4:59:00 Y STORM
PM 5PM OD PREPS 00:01:04

Police arrested William Cole on aggravated assault and cruelty to children charges. They say he chased the group of teens away from his house before getting into his car and catching up with them. Police say that was when he tried to hit the group with the car. They say after that Cole got out of the car, chased them down and caught one of the teens. A witness told police Cole chocked one of them before someone intervened and Cole ran away.

8/28/2023 TYBEE MAN
4:59:00 ARRESTED
PM 5PM OD 00:00:26

Tonight...the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry brace for Idalia. Shoppers at this Costco in Pooler...buying essentials like water...toilet paper and batteries...including this woman visiting from Florida. "We do this about four times a year. And I'm not sure why there's still water in there because in Florida, there is no water. We've been talking to our friends back home and they're ready." Command posts across the area have boosted staffing in preparation of any needed response. Chatham County's emergency operations center...now in an advanced monitoring stage and partially activated. "We've got extra staff in here today doing that monitoring and also collecting situational awareness about what our partners are doing. Making sure they are aware that there is a storm headed this way and what the potential impacts for Chatham County could be." Officials don't anticipate any evacuations in our area with Idalia...but say now is the time to prepare for any potential impacts...expected to arrive by Wednesday. Jones: "Isolated flooding issues. There's a potential for wind-blown hazards and things to be knocked out of the trees, possibly some downed power lines." Back at the grocery store...shoppers expect store shelves to become empty as Idalia set sights on southeast Georgia. McIntosh: "I think by tomorrow, as the storm gets closer, I think you're going to see people act a little bit differently. I think the shelves will probably be empty by tomorrow."

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PKG (nat) "This is my first rodeo you know." Dianne getting ready for her first named storm since she moved to Tybee. "I'm afraid of getting water in so I'm getting some sandbags ready just in case." City leaders say sandbags will be available at Memorial Park starting Tuesday. Proof of Tybee Island residency is required to get them. (mayor sot) "Safety truly is our first priority." The only way on and off the island, Highway 80, is expected to close Wednesday night because of a 9.4 foot king tide expected, according to fire chief Jeremy Kendrick. He says the timing of Idalia also falls on a blue moon, which usually means higher tides. Still no mandatory evacuations are expected. Chief Kendrick says it's time to decide if you want to evacuate. "With us being on the coast, we have to move a little bit faster because we're going to see that water before anybody else." If you plan to stay home, he says to make sure you have your insurance policy ready to go in case of flood damage. Plenty of water, food and other essentials will also go a long way as there can be power outages. "If you need to get refills to prescriptions with your meds then go ahead and do it now. You might not be able to do it later. If you're staying, charge your phones. Buy those portable chargers." Tybee Island Police Chief Tiffany Hayes says the island's 911 center is prepared to stay open. They ask people to report any downed power lines. "We're going to do what we can do to ride the calls until it's no longer safe to ride calls and please utilize 911 if you do have a life-threatening situation."

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With Idalia approaching, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division is monitoring the storm and making sure they are prepared for any level of intensity. The division's commander says they're ready. "We are prepared, we have plans, we have exercised the plans, we've worked with all our partners, we are prepared. Colonel Baxley has been with the Sheriff's office for forty years, and has served as emergency management commander for ten, he has seen his fair share of storms, and is using that experience to be ready for anything. "In my staff meeting this morning I asked them simply, 'is there anything that needs to be done, that has not been done?' And my staff ensured me that all preparations have been made, we're just waiting for the event." Right now, the plan is to monitor the storm and prepare to respond accordingly. Colonel Baxley wants to make sure residents of Beaufort County follow the proper channels for emergency updates. "Just pay attention to authoritative news services, sources, such as WTOC, such as our Nixle messaging. Don't pay attention to Facebook." Throughout the week, WTOC will have team coverage of Idalia from the Lowcountry to the Coastal Empire. In Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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8/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. BOATER PREPS FOR IDALIA

PKG SOT: BUTCH "Our experience with these storms is you really don't know what you're going to get until you're about 24-48 hours away then you have a pretty good idea. Fish Tales Restaurant owner says this time tomorrow he'll have a better idea of what he needs to do. in the meantime...he says they're prepping by taking most smaller boats out of the water. Nat sound: Boat owner "To know whether we need to pull up anchor and get out of here or stay." A boat owner docked at marina says he's also watching the weather closely to figure out next steps. "I'm not planning on leaving, but I know I will if I should." If he stays here on his boat... SOT: THOMAS "I'd take everything off that I can, and everything that I can't will get tied down super good." And if he leaves... SOT: THOMAS "Just make sure I have lots of fuel, lots of water, lots of provisions." Like Fish Tales owner, he says the next steps depend on the next 24 hours.. "At Fort McAllister Marina, AB, WTOC News." 00:00:55

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((PKG)) ((ANNA)) The director here with Wayne County Emergency Management says making sure you're prepared before the storm hits is one of the best ways to ensure your safety. ((VO)) That's why Donnie Ray, the county's EMA director says they started preparing today. ((SOT)) "Make sure all our generators are ready, our storm drains are cleared, any debris off the roadway and firing up the old generators, and just making sure we got all of vehicles gassed up, ready to go." ((VO)) He says residents in Wayne County need to start getting ready for the storm as well. ((SOT)) "With this storm here, you know always make sure you have enough water in your house and, course like I like, snacks in your house." ((VO)) He says it's good to check the outside of your home as well. ((SOT)) "Any kind of debris you have in your yard, lawn chairs, low lying limbs or old trees, go ahead and get them removed before the storm gets here." ((VO)) And as for cleanup after the storm hits... ((SOT)) "All our deputies' trucks, police cars, fire trucks, volunteer firemen, road departments, all of them have a chainsaw and a snatch rope in their vehicle, so just soon as the danger goes by the storm, we'll actually start going out and clearing the roads right away." ((VO)) And if you have debris in your yard, Ray says you need to be cautious. ((SOT)) "The main thing is, stay away from down trees, just because there might be power lines in them and all. You don't even, just because they look like they're not active, they could still be active." ((ANNA)) Ray says if you have any questions before, during or after the storm hits, to contact the Emergency Mangagment team here in the county. Reporting in Wayne County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News. 00:01:34

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8/29/2023	6AM	IDALIA	According to store employees, they've seen an influx of people buying things like water, bread, and non-	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	STORM	perishable items to have on hand in the event that they can't leave their homes or the power goes out.	
AM	OD	PREPS	The owner of the Coastal Market tells me that they've been able to stock up on essential items, so they	
			don't think they'll run out of anything- but it's better to get what you need sooner rather than later.	00:00:24

		5AM SHEA		
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8/29/2023	6AM	IDALIA	"We've limited water at times and some canned good things, so there are some occasions- we haven't	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	STORM	done that yet, but we are monitoring the situation for that." "It's very important because sometimes the	
AM	OD	PREPS	hurricanes move faster than they project, and I don't ever like waiting until the last minute. So we've got	
			our generator ready, just in case, so it's just better to be ready and not have to get ready." There are	
			some folks that have gotten a jump on grocery shopping to avoid running into any potential food limits	
			or shortages. I spoke to one woman who said that she's buying water, as well as flashlights- just in case	
			things get dicey.	00:00:37

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8/29/2023		PREPS	"That could have an impact on hanger doors that are open that could be stuck open with the wind, it	
4:59:00			could impact airplanes that are tied down on the private side so everything has to be double checked,	
PM	5PM OD		and double secured. So that's when we get into safety issues, you could have debris flying around at	
			that point."	00:00:18

It was a packed house in the McIntosh County Emergency Management building today.. as leaders from different public safety divisions got a briefing from the National Weather Service. (nats) Ty Poppell, the director of McIntosh County EMA- says they're preparing for flooding, wind damage, and power outages. "We're gonna have some trees down. It's a given with any tropical storm force winds coming through. We haven't had any real big winds in the last couple of years, and I'm afraid this one is gonna push down a couple more trees." People living on the barrier islands are under a voluntary evacuation to the mainland.. The department of natural resources has halted ferry service to Sapelo island.. Poppell says anyone that's still there, needs to hunker down. Poppell: "Supplies and securing stuff in the yards that could blow around and become a projectile in high wind would be the best way to get ready, plus sandbagging any areas they think could get flooded." That goes for people on the mainland, as well. Poppell is urging those that are staying in McIntosh County to shelter in place- and be aware that emergency services will likely be suspended. Poppell: "Through the entire event, there will be no emergency services once the winds stays at a steady 35 miles an hour or better. We also urge them to after the event, conserve water. Don't run sprinkler systems. Don't go wash your car after the event, until we've got everything back in order." Stick with WTOC on air and online over the next several days for the latest updates about Hurricane Idalia. Reporting in McIntosh County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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(sot) You can see behind me part of Baxley's water treatment plant. One challenge cities large and small will face is dealing with the volume of rain water and say they're taking steps now to get ready. (vo) They're lowering the levels on the treatment pond to absorb inches of rain expected from Idalia. Baxley's mayor says they expect four inches of rain or more to pass through sewers and storm drains and they're doing everything they can to have room in the system and have back up systems to keep clean water running to homes too. (sot) As far as emergency generators, we have the capability to continue our deep wells pumping water and do away with storm water. As far as daily usage, once we fill the tanks we'll have a two day supply. (vo) He says city crews started days ago, cleaning ditches of any debris that would keep the water from flowing out from city streets. (sot) And we'll continue to monitor conditions and keep you updated. In Appling County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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((ANNA)) "That tornado from April of 2022, did a lot of damage right here in Hendrix Park, where all the fields fully reopened just a few weeks ago." ((VO)) Randall McPherson, Bryan County's EMA Specialist, says although there's not much that can be done to protect from strong winds and potential tornadoes, crews have been going around the entire county, trying to bring anything that can be moved, inside. For homeowners, he says the best thing you can do, is try and clear out any debris you might have in your yard and bring any personal items, like chairs and tables, inside if you can. Another tip he has is to make sure you're staying aware of what's going on around you and notify officials if you see anything that appears to be a tornado. ((SOT)) "If you see one, do report it as fast as you can. And then basically is hey, find yourself a low place, low lying place." ((ANNA)) McPherson says the county will be working hard after the storm to pick up any down trees or powerlines as fast as they can. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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take pkg Sot: "This one appears to be the storm that just wasn't." Vo Idalia huffed and puffed Nat Vo Testing every ounce of strength in all kinds of objects Nat Vo But with all said and done, residents here are thankful it wasn't worse. Sot: "A lot of wind a lot of rain. Nothing too crazy like what we really expected." Vo We saw conditions worsen as the storm approached, but the town's mayor says the only thing damaged is property. Sot: phoner no lower needed - mayor "We're at 28-30 trees that have fallen whether over roadways, cars or houses." Vo With zero injuries reported on Hilton Head Island at this time, efforts to take care of those few dozen trees are already taking priority. Sot "We've got crews out there already that are working on some of the trees. The fire department responded to that and got them cut off and moved away and then tomorrow they'll go through and get them picked up but come the weekend it'll be back to business back to normal." Vo He expects Labor Day tourism business to go off like Idalia never even happened... another storm to be looked back on as nothing more than a stress test. Sot "It's also a good time to run your programs to make certain you're prepared for the big one." 00:01:10

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(nats) Heavy winds on Tybee Island as Idalia came through Georgia's coast. Some coming to see the crashing waves for themselves. "I like to see what a hurricane does at the beach. It's interesting." And some bars like Windrose still had their doors open, according to owner Jessica Hadley. "They always like to have somewhere to have their hurricane parties." The wind knocked some power lines down, like this one on 2nd Ave. Limbs and debris can be seen on the streets. But there wasn't as much rain as what might have been, meaning little flooding. That's something Deb Barreiro is grateful for. "We got off really easy today." She's been living here for nearly 30 years and has seen many storms. "We were really lucky today. The wind was scary and the gust were frightening but the damage seems to be minimal." And fellow islander Ashley Stille may have a mailbox to get situated but she shares the same relief. "I said none of the neighbors had any big damage and we didn't either. So a mailbox, if that's all it is, I'm happy with. While Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions says she is also grateful, she acknowledges the fact that the beach endured some powerful winds. Erosion being her main concern. "A lot of wind, a lot of flooding and that's what really causes damage." She's says city staff will be teaming up with the Department of Natural Resources to take a look at how much sand was lost and go from there. "If it was significant, we will be able to get some funding to help with those repairs. But all in all, we're very fortunate. My hearts and prayers go out to our neighbors in Florida and inland, who were not as fortunate." 00:01:34

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"This will be the first time in 100 years since McIntosh County has had a hurricane. We have had close brush byes that went up the center of the state or went offshore in the Atlantic and we have gotten hurricane gust from some of them but never sustained winds..." And the wind was surely one of the main characters in this story... In this shrimping community boatersm, while cautiousm still made time to check on their charters... Throughout it all, emergency management officials made sure to warn everyone to find a safe sturdy shelter to weather the storm in. "Couple years back we had storms come in for hurricane Matthew. They blew down the weak trees and weak limbs now over the years since then we have gained more weak trees and limbs and lines and we expect those to fall with this depending on the wind." (Ty Poppell Emergency Management Agency Director for McIntosh County) Throughout Darien, trees and branches were broken on the roads-- this one knocking the power out for residents in the area... "We had a lot of downed trees, just about the whole city is without power but we are blessed God is good and we spared us no one has lost their lives no one has been hurt first responders are top notch and on the ball..." The mayor says falling trees is common when the city has a storm... as well as neighbors helping neighbors... Just anytime we have a disaster or need, this is one thing I love about Darien -- it is growing a lot smaller but it still has that small-town love for each other. We all pull together and when we all need something neighbors come and help." 00:01:28

Bryan County felt the storm the hardest in the morning and early afternoon. Several trees falling throughout the county, but especially in the Richmond Hill area. That's something the county's EMA specialist says was their main focus in terms of up clean up. ((SOT)) "Well, we'll want to get out on the roads and make sure that the roads are clear, there's no powerlines down or anything like that, make sure there's no people stranded or anything like that." ((VO)) Many folks in the county losing power throughout the storm. ((SOT)) "What is it? It's two o'clock now, so 8:30 at the earliest in the morning and they just got done restoring it about 15 minutes ago at the very most." ((VO)) And as those afternoon hours continued, Barevich says conditions near his house were calm. ((SOT)) "The wind itself, this is just about what it is, right. You can see trees swaying and that sort of thing. The rain has been negligible." ((VO)) Officials say although this storm didn't hit as hard as they feared, they'll still be working hard to make sure everyone is safe. ((SOT)) "As we get trees down, we get wires down, along that, we got stuff blocking the roads and things like that, that's where the team has to get out and get the roads clear." ((VO)) Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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It's a storm many in South Carolina felt well prepared for. "This is not as bad as some that we've seen. We don't think it's going to be destructive as some." Bursts of wind and light flooding early in the day did little to deter...if not encourage some from trying and take advantage of the conditions. "It's kind of hard to surf right now, it's just mushy. A lot of wind, a lot of water moving around. It's hard to stay in one spot. But it's still fun, nice to be out here." But like seasoned pros they knew a slow start wouldn't necessarily mean dodging the bullet. "It is going to be destructive, there is going to be high winds, a lot of water, in the lowcountry." High winds turned tornadic lifting a car right off the road in Goosecreek, South Carolina. "These storms are dangerous." So, sure, many in the Palmetto State are no strangers to storms like these, which is way they may know better than anyone never to underestimate them. "You can definitely get hurt if you don't know what you're doing." Sam Bauman WTOC News

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nats of wind Hurricane Idalia brought wind gusts and pounding rain to the Hostess City. This fallen tree and light pole barely missing homes near 50th and Habersham. "So I ran and got the keys and moved her car, and by the time I went around the block, the tree came all the way down." *nats of wind* Further east on Wilmington Island...fierce winds knocked down trees onto driveways...forcing this homeowner to brave the elements and work to clear branches. "I mean it completely blocked the driveway. It's actually the driveway to our house and our son's house. What we had to do was just cut it limb by limb and it took a couple hours." On Savannah's iconic River Street...city officials kept a watchful eye on the Savannah River...as a looming high tide threatened to inundate local businesses with water. Fortunately...Idalia's speed kept water levels at bay during high tide. *nats of water* Now as Idalia leaves the Hostess City...the focus shifts to getting the power back on as both school buildings and local government offices in Chatham County remain closed on Thursday. "They're ready. As soon as we get the green light. As soon as conditions are safe, they're going to get to work getting the lights back on where we're experiencing those outages." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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		LIVE	rain as what might have been, meaning little flooding. While Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions says	
8/31/2023	6AM	REPORTER	she is also grateful, she acknowledges the fact that the beach endured some powerful winds. Erosion	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	HIT IDALIA	being her main concern. She's says city staff will be teaming up with the Department of Natural	
AM	OD	AFTERMATH	Resources to take a look at how much sand was lost and go from there.	00:00:27

Parts of Evans County are water-logged after Hurricane Idalia dumped several inches of rain in the area. nats of water? This may look like a river... but it's a dirt road inundated with flood waters...cutting off some residents and pets near Lotts Creek. "Apparently there was just more water than the area was prepared to handle." I rode along with county emergency crews surveying the damage. The water here...too high for their truck to drive through. nats of rushing water? Nearby...flood waters ripped off a chunk of land on the side of F-E Beasley Road...temporarily shutting it down. Stand up: Take a look at this creek behind me...even hours after Idalia has passed...the water still overflowing the banks...leading to flooded yards in surrounding homes. Denton: "Most of the roads that we have issues with are dirt roads. Our paved roads, most of them, they shed water really fast and you can open it back up in a couple of hours, but for the dirt roads, it takes a good bit longer." County officials say road crews have been out in full force post-Idalia...but can't nail down a timeline for fixes as flooding issues persist. Denton: "If it's as easy as clearing a storm drain, it won't take long. If it's a plane issue, it'll take a good bit longer than that."

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((PKG)) ((SOT)) "When the water was coming in there, there was so much in there, I was trying to bail everything out in the bathtub." ((VO)) Robinson was staying with her mother, who she takes care of, when the storm hit. ((SOT)) ROBINSON "And then I said, mama, I got to get you out of here. I said, because this water is rising too high." ((VO)) they called in the help of her nephew and sister Jessie. ((SOT)) "My mom FaceTimed me yesterday and when the bulk of the problem was over, my mom's feet and her ankles were, that's how high the water was." ((VO)) now assessing damage. ((SOT)) WORK "She has a bed that you hit the control, and the bed goes up and down, that whole bottom mechanism of that bed is gone." ((VO)) other items also destroyed.. ((SOT)) WORK "The whole back is gone, the bottom drawers are all wet. Two Chester drawers in the room have to be thrown out. Piles and piles of her important papers and clothes." ((VO)) Right now, the family is trying to get as much as they can out of the apartment to try and dry it out and hopefully save it from having to be thrown away. Reporting in Appling County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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OUTAGES

"Before people can get their power restored. Our crews have to do damage assessments. Before they do that, the storm has to have completely passed. Debris and trees and all that stuff has to be cleared out of the way by our partners. Then, our crews go in and do damage assessment tests and they communicate what equipment they need. What may be broken, power line down and what they need to restore the power.

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LL INTRO: Trees damaged several homes across Liberty County, according to the county's emergency management, and one of them was this home right here on Mount Olivet Church Road. "A long, long time. It's going to take a while to clean." When June Loflin came home from work yesterday- she found a tree had fallen on top of her house... And several in her yard uprooted by the tornado that touched down near her home in Fleming. "I'm just glad I wasn't here, because I am alive, and it's material things that can be repaired." According to Liberty County Emergency Management, falling trees damaged three buildings around the county... with more than two dozen trees reported down in total. EMA Director Bob Dodd says he's happy with his team's response. "You can always build on what you've got, but overall, I was satisfied with everybody in the EOC, and all the residents by heeding to our messages." Some buildings – like this business along Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville... had some close calls – with trees nearly missing the building. But some people like Loflin... weren't so lucky. According a preliminary report from the National Weather Service – Fleming's tornado had wind speeds as high as 85 miles per hour... and traveled about half a mile near Mount Olivet Church Road. "It tore down one half of my shop... two vehicles in the shop are partially damaged." Loflin says thankfully, no one was home when the tree fell on her home... and everyone is safe. The tree damaged the bedroom, bathroom, and a portion of the living room. "The ceiling is sinking in as of now. But, I partially fixed the roof. I put a tarp and tin on it for the time being." Now that the storm has passed... tornado cleanup... will continue. LL TAG: As for what's next for the family that lives in this home, Loflin says they're just taking each day one step at a time. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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9/3/2023 12:47:00 AM	11PM WEEKEND OD	GA: 5 EMPLOYEES INDICTED AFTER TEEN DEATH	the g-b-i says they're charged with cruelty to children for the death of 16-year-old alexis sluder at the dalton youth detention center. the department of juvenile justice says it fired two of them previously -- and just terminated the other three. according to the g-b-i -- the defendants are detention center director david mckinney, a sergeant, an officer, a cadet, and a nurse. it alleges the five maliciously caused the girl excessive physical pain -- by depriving her of necessary medical care.	00:00:30
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9/5/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BREAKOUT: FINANCE CRIMES	He's accused of stealing money and property from his personal injury clients in the federal case. Less than two weeks ago - court documents were filed requesting a change of plea. That means the disbarred attorney is looking to plead "guilty"...after initially entering a "not guilty" plea.	00:00:17
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Jacqueline Somesso was sentenced to 18 months in prison for bank fraud. The D-O-J says Somesso submitted a fake pandemic relief loan application. She'll have to pay back that money. All this comes after Somesso pleaded guilty in the case back in April. At least four others also pleaded guilty in the case that's linked to drug trafficking out of Savannah-area strip clubs. 00:00:22

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We first got calls about it around 11:20 last night. We're working to get more details about what caused the fire. It happened on Shad Road and Middle Landing Road. Chatham County Fire responded to the fire. At least one building was destroyed by flames. We'll let you know if we get more details. 00:00:17

That investigation led to the arrest of 26 different offenders. Sergeant Jenneifer Fleming says the GBI reached out to the Byran County Sheriff's Office, as well as other agencies throughout Georgia, because they knew they needed some extra help in this operation. ((SOT)) "What they will do is reach out to the department that has the jurisdiction and say we have a case, can you help us with some manpower within this time frame." ((VO)) Fleming says another reason they turn to Bryan County is because of a four-legged friend they have on their team named Darcy. ((SOT)) "She is one of four in the whole state." ((VO)) Darcy is an electronic detection K-9. ((SOT)) "She finds a specific component that's on all electronics, it's not optional, it's on everything." ((VO)) Which helps investigators, especially in cases like these, where they are trying to find hidden laptops, hard drives and other things like that. Fleming says investigations like these are so important because they help protect our children. ((SOT)) "Parents today shouldn't have to worry about that, about strangers praying on their kids, wanting them to do inappropriate things with their kids, that's scary." ((VO)) As a parent herself, Fleming says this work is rewarding. ((SOT)) "These kids are exactly that. They're kids and those type of actions are incredibly grotesque." ((VO)) Here are some things Fleming says you should be on the lookout for. ((SOT)) "If somebody is asking your child to move off of that platform to talk somewhere else, that's definitely a red flag." ((ANNA)) Fleming says the Sheriff's Office does plan on hosting classes for parents so they can know what to look out for some time soon. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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this is just one of the morgan and morgan law firm billboards that are posted around Georgia. *nats of cars* At first glance it looks like it's been vandalized with pink and green spray paint. but as the wtoc investigates, the team discovered things aren't always what they seem. *nats* our team found several morgan and morgan billboards around savannah. this one was on i-16. and this photo *nats* was taken on the corner of Derenne and waters. STAND UP: we also found this billboard on US 80. similar to the others. it has the word for crossed out and replaced with chase. we reached out to Morgan and Morgan to see if the billboards had been vandalized. they sent us this statement saying quote "we take this very seriously, and are investigating exploring all of our options" keeping that response in mind. our team reached out to savannah police and Chatham County police. Both departments told us they didn't find any recent police reports by Morgan and Morgan. *nats* The WTOC Investigates team then contacted the Lamar Advertising Company of Savannah. who owns the billboard. and we got this statement from them. saying quote "Those are the intended designs of the advertiser within their current marketing campaign. These boards have not been vandalized." Our team continued to dig into this story and found other articles online from places as far as Mississippi. claiming they too thought the ads might have been vandalized. But in the end found that these billboards were created this way. so, if you're driving down the street and see the billboards and find yourself doing a double take. don't worry. it's all a part of their plan. IN SAV AJ WTOC News

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9/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MURDAUGH REQUESTS NEW TRIAL LATEST Sot: "When we considered what factors and what we should and should not do and considered whether he should take the stand, we never considered the likelihood as reported to us by the jurors that the clerk of court would go into the sanctity of the jury room before he testified and tell the jurors, don't be fooled by his testimony, watch out for his body language, and that is what the sworn testimony that we have filed in court today says and if that is true - which we have every reason to believe that it is and no reason to believe that it is not - there is no choice but for the court to grant a new trial." 00:00:35

9/5/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD MURDAUGH REQUESTS NEW TRIAL LATEST Murdaugh's legal team cited three different jurors in support of their claim that there was intentional jury tampering from an elected official. They're claiming that Colleton County clerk of court Rebecca Hill advised jurors not to believe Alex Murdaugh's testimony, pressured them to reach a quick guilty verdict, lied to the judge to get a juror removed that might have voted not guilty, and more. 00:00:24

9/6/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD FORT PULASKI REOPENS Fort Pulaski has reopened today following it's closure to prepare for Hurricane Idalia. Park officials say after the storm they completed an assessment of the facilities and found minimal damage. The park is open on it's regular schedule, 9 am to 5 pm. Park officials say visitors should still be mindful when exploring the park, as there still may be some debris. 00:00:22

9/6/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	LEILANI SIMON NEW MOTIONS	In the new motions - defense attorneys are asking the court to block prosecutors from using statements Simon made to investigators as a part of the state's case. They say their client was unlawfully detained and she didn't talk to investigators voluntarily. WTOC will follow these motions and any others filed in the weeks ahead.	00:00:20
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9/6/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	LABOR DAY WEEKEND ON TYBEE ISLAND	<p>LL INTRO: Now that the storm is gone, people and businesses here on Tybee Island are ready for a weekend full of fun in the sun. While Hurricane Idalia caused some travel delays earlier in the week... "I was supposed to come on the 30th, but our flight got canceled. So, we had to come on the 31st" Visitors are happy... to be able to make it out to the beach. "I wasn't really worried about it. I watched the weather before we came through, I've just seen it a little bit and thought it may miss us. Then we actually got here, got a little nervous for a bit, but, it ended up being alright." And businesses are ready to cash in on the last big weekend of the summer... after a couple of days of closures due to the storm. "It's good to know that we're back open today, rather than two weeks from today. So, it's good to have everyone back to work, and visitors coming back to the island." Allen Newkirk owns Boardwalk Ice Cream... he was closed all of Wednesday and part of Thursday... but now, he's ready for what he says is their second busiest weekend of the summer. "Any business is good business. Having to shut down for a couple of days hurts, but we should hopefully make it up this weekend." Some visitors... are enjoying their first nice beach days... after waiting out the storm here on the island. "The first night, we got all excited to go to the beach, and we ended up just playing some games instead. But, it's really fun. I'm excited to be able to go beaching today." Thousands of visitors.... continuing to make their way to Tybee... for the last big bash of the summer. LL TAG: Something else to keep in mind – is parking. Leaders here on the island say it's best to come early on in the day to claim your spot. On Tybee Island, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:39
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"I've had patients, this is their third or even fourth time they're testing positive for COVID 19 and they're definitely different strains of COVID." Right now, Dr. Tim Connelly says the Eris strain is predominately going around our area, which is in the Omicron family. But new strains are arising and mutating quickly. "What's happening is just when we get used to one, we get another one and our body hasn't seen that so people are getting sick with it multiple times." What's worrying Dr. Connelly is a new variant popping up called Pirola. He says it's mutating rapidly and reminds him of the Omicron variant's first appearance in winter of 2022. Some symptoms are... "Sore throat, some people are having that loss of sense of smell." He says a new vaccine that should be hitting the pharmacies and doctors offices in a few weeks is supposed to protect you more than the current one available. It will focus only on fighting the newest variants of COVID because the first form of the virus in 2020 doesn't circulate often. But, there are still some questions about how accessible the new vaccine will be. "Whether it's going to cost money or not, still has yet to be determined to some degree, how much the government is going to cover." He encourages anyone interested to get it. But he says you should wait if you've gotten vaccinated in the past six months. With COVID still going around and mutating, another recommendation of his... "Perhaps they have some kind of comorbid medical conditions that if they're going to be in tight place, it absolutely might be a good idea to put a mask on and they're less likely to get sick."

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The allegations were raised in a motion filed by Murdaugh's attorneys on Tuesday. Murdaugh's legal team said the Colleton County clerk of court, Rebecca Hill, advised jurors not to believe Alex Murdaugh's testimony, and pressured them to reach a quick guilty verdict, among other things. In a joint statement with the Attorney General's Office, SLED said quote, "The State's only vested interest is seeking the truth."

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1) What can viewers expect from the show? · An investigative, in-depth and inspirational journey across America that connects viewers to compelling and emotional stories drawn from Gray affiliates, national investigative team and our team of reporters. (This is our original mission statement) · Strong storytelling from reporters across the country. Viewers will connect with people through the lens of their life's point of view – whether that be to inform or inspire. · In all seriousness, each episode is an opportunity to laugh a little, maybe cry, but walk away with a story that will stick with you because it's memorable. 2) How does investigative journalism play into the show? And what other types of stories will be included? · Investigative journalism is the cornerstone of every show. Our goal is to inform and ultimately create change from the stories we investigate. In this first season we have investigated everything from college hazing, to children in danger because of blocked railroad crossings and guardrails that take lives rather than protect. We have a team of award-winning journalists working to uncover and seek the truth. · There will also be stories about consumer issues and scams, medical "myth-busting" segments and feature stories that will leave viewers inspired. We want to cover the country and many topics. 3) Will we see stories from our region in the show? · We have stories from across the country, so naturally every region will be featured at some point in time. That's the great part as well, because viewers will have the chance to get a "slice of life" from a part of the country they may have never lived or visited. 4) What do you want viewers to take away from the episodes? · We want them to feel informed and inspired. We learn something from every episode we put together and viewers will too. That's the exciting part about a show with longer form reporting, we have the chance to go in-depth and educate viewers while also bringing them content they wouldn't get in a daily newscast. · We want them to see our commitment to investigative reporting. Our team is not afraid to take on nationwide issues, dig deep, and get results. It's part of why we love being a part of them team – to be able to serve viewers with this content.

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Imagine having a rough weekend- then rushing to head out the door to the airport on Monday morning. When you go to get in your car- there's just one problem. It's not there. That's what Jacob Bowers says happened to his wife. "I was like, in disbelief. I came outside and I was like, it's just, gone, gone. No sign of anything. It was just a shock." Bowers reported the incident to the police- and is still waiting to see if this car will be found. Meanwhile- several other folks have made reports of items being stolen from their cars over the last few days- a situation that Alderman Nick Palumbo says, is being taken very seriously. "We've been able to track from the crime reports in real time that this appears to be happening all the way from the East Side to Midtown Savannah. We anticipate that it's a small crew and a small team." People I spoke to in the area say that this isn't the first time car break-ins like this have happened. Marissa Prouse says she's seen people prowling through cars on multiple occasions- and her husband has been stolen from. "Stole some checks that were already cashed, stole a gun. It never was recovered." Bowers: "The car that got stolen was broken into probably a couple months ago. They didn't steal the whole car that time." Bowers says his wife is particularly disturbed to know that the theft happened feet away from where their children sleep.. and now, they feel a little less safe in their own homes. Bowers: "It's definitely alarming. Like, our defenses are up now."

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9/13/2023			According to the attorney general's office -- the status hearing will be about the dozens of financial charges Murdaugh is currently facing. The state alleges Murdaugh stole over eight million dollars from victims during his time as a lawyer. The hearing will be in front of Judge Clifton Newman -- who presided over his double murder trial and sentenced him to two life sentences.	00:00:23
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9/13/2023		RINCON		
4:00:00		PARADE	According to the motion- one of the arguments for a new trial is that the court allowed the parties to use a mixture of masculine and feminine pronouns, which they say quote- "manifested an environment inflaming the passions of the jury and causing irreparable prejudice and depriving the defendant of a full and complete defense as well as a fair trial." That motion was filed on Sept 11th.	00:00:23
PM	4PM OD	DRIVER NEW TRIAL REQUEST		

9/14/2023			Police are looking for 17-year-old Travis Washington. Chatham County police tell us he is the suspect in a shooting that happened back on September 4th near the intersection of Bismark and LaRoche Avenues...right where we are. The victim later died from his injuries. In the last hour, CCPD says they ended the large-scale manhunt that was underway this morning...but that police are still looking for Washington. Throughout the morning...we've seen police scouring this area. We've seen several departments pass by as well as an armored vehicle with people in tactical gear hanging off the side. Neighbors have also peered out of windows and front porches to see what's going on. I heard one woman yell to her child to get inside.	00:00:43
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SOT: "We served a search warrant on a particular location at Oak Forest apartment complex, believing he was there. We executed that search warrant. That individual was not there, but through investigation and sources, we believe that he was in the area. He was aware of the search warrant, and one of our officers spotted him and that's when he took off running." That's what led up to several agencies responding to this area including an armored vehicle with people in tactical gear. I spoke off camera with neighbors who say police told them to remain inside this morning and they also told me that they believe they saw Washington walking in the area shortly after the manhunt got underway.

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Murdaugh faces 101 charges for stealing almost 9 million dollars from his law clients' money, including the family of his former housekeeper Gloria Satterfield... who he specifically took an estimated 3.8 million from. Murdaugh was in the courtroom for less than a half hour in between being walked in and out by a handful of South Carolina Department of Corrections officers. While he sat at the defense table, the state asked for Murdaugh's financial crime trial to start in the next few months... a suggestion his attorney was insulted by. Ultimately though, both sides agreed to start the trial specific to the millions he stole from the Satterfields on Monday, November 27th of this year.

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PKG: Tonight...the search continues for 17-year-old Travis Washington. Following a manhunt spanning several agencies in neighborhoods near DeRenne and La Roache Avenues...police coming up empty handed. pop: "Unfortunately, we are unable to locate him at this time." Washington is a suspect in a deadly September 4th shooting that left one person dead. A woman claiming to be the victim's mother says her son...22-year-old Rashad Gooddine was the person killed in the shooting. "He basically walked down the street to get his oldest son some snacks from the corner store, four streets down from where we live, and he was murdered." Chatham County police providing new details in the shooting...saying it did not appear to be random. "It appeared to be somewhat of an ambush. It's obviously very concerning. It was a targeted attack. The criminal investigations division has put a lot of time, energy and effort into this case in the last seven days." According to police...two nearby schools were placed on lockdown during the manhunt...but were able to continue with normal operations later in the day. Neighbors say police told them stay inside with some saying they spotted Washington walking in the area shortly after the manhunt started. Now a homicide suspect remains on the loose...with a grieving mother praying for his capture. Jackson: "When I found out that he escaped, it was like a pain in my chest. I do believe the fine officers of Savannah, Georgia will catch him and bring him to justice, I do believe that."

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Sot: "It doesn't take him long to steal a couple of checks so that he and Alex Murdaugh can fly in a private plane and go to college World Series." Sot: "He has fully acknowledged that he is wrong, that he committed illegal acts and that he is guilty. And he can only give this court and he can only give the government the facts as he knows them." Sot: "I think the greatest crime for a lawyer in the history of the state of South Carolina."

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9/15/2023		FOR	Right now...Chatham County police tell us the large-scale search for Washington has been called
4:00:00	VICTORIA	MURDER	off...but they are still looking for him. We spoke with Chatham police chief Jeff Hadley who says officers
PM	PRACTICE	SUSPECT	arrived at a nearby apartment complex on Oak Forest Drive to serve a search warrant around six this
			morning. That's when they realized Washington wasn't there.
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9/15/2023		FOR	SOT: "We served a search warrant on a particular location at Oak Forest apartment complex, believing
4:00:00	VICTORIA	MURDER	he was there. We executed that search warrant. That individual was not there, but through investigation
PM	PRACTICE	SUSPECT	and sources, we believe that he was in the area. He was aware of the search warrant, and one of our
			officers spotted him and that's when he took off running." That's what led up to several agencies
			responding to the area including an armored vehicle with people in tactical gear. We spoke off camera
			with neighbors who say police told them to remain inside
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9/16/2023	6AM	TO	The Attorney General's Office says that an investigation has revealed significant factual disputes in the
6:00:00	DAYBREAK	MURDAUGH	defense's claims. The defense is alleging jury tampering. In court filings, the state is arguing that the
AM	SATURDAY	MOTION	motion for a new trial should be dismissed... because there is a rule in place that a motion for a new
	OD		trial based on evidence discovered after the fact cannot be made while the case is on appeal. An
			exception for this rule, according to the ag's office, would be if the appellate court had already
			suspended the appeal and filed a motion for leave.
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9/16/2023	6AM	MEMORIAL	Dr. Dunn says they have to an operating room for incoming trauma patients, and enough qualified	
6:00:00	DAYBREAK	TRAUMA	surgeons on standby. They also have to have a program that monitors improvement. He says if our	
AM	SATURDAY	CENTER	area didn't have a level one trauma center, patients may have to travel hours to Macon or another	
	OD	LEVEL 1	Georgia hospital for care.	00:00:19

9/18/2023		CHILD	If you can't go to that one -- The Hinesville Police Department and Safe Kids Savannah are hosting	
3:00:00		PASSENGER	their own car seat safety check on Wednesday from Noon to 2. In addition to checking car seats, some	
PM	3PM	SAFETY	seats will also be available for those who need new ones. Your child must be with you. This is	
			happening in the front parking lot of the Hinesville police department.	00:00:21

9/18/2023		SAVANNAH	According to court documents- a vendor was restocking an ATM on Burroughs Street back in	
4:59:00		WOMAN	September. That's when 25-year-old Shannan Barnwell waved a handgun and declared a robbery.	
PM	5PM OD	SENT. TO 10	Officers say she took containers of cash from the vendor when he drew his firearm. Barnwell ran away	
		YRS FOR	and fired 2 shots- no one was struck by the gunfire and the vendor did not shoot. She was later	
		ROBBERY	arrested at a nearby park and the cash and 2 pistols she dropped was recovered. She was already on	
			parole from a previous conviction for armed robbery and her sentence will be served consecutive for	
			her parole violation.	00:00:35

9/18/2023		CHATHAM			
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PM	5:30pm OD	HURRICANE		If you still have any left over debris from Idalia, Chatham County Public Works will be coming to	
		IDALIA		different neighborhoods this week to pick it up. They are asking residents to place all the debris at the	
		DEBRIS		curb. They are also asking that any loose pieces be placed in paper bags. Limbs should be 4 feet in	
		PICKUP		length or shorter. The debris should also weigh less than 50 pounds. We have the schedule for pickup	
				posted on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:26

9/20/2023				((PKG)) On Gina Barragato's table.. what looks like school supplies have taken over. But they're	
5:59:00	6AM	5AM SHEA		supplies she's using to get her message out. (nats) "No more silence, end gun violence" Barragato says	
AM	DAYBREAK	EASTSIDE		she's witnessed gun violence near her home, several times. She doesn't believe that it's her neighbors-	
		SAVANNAH		but people coming from other places. "They congregate all day, they shoot the lights out up there so it's	
		CRIME		dark, they'll be here all day, all night sometimes." Barragato has been working on the signs in	
		CONCERNS		preparation for a neighborhood meeting about what they feel is an uptick in crime. Her breaking point,	
				she says, was when she caught gunfire on camera. Barragato: "When I saw it on the camera and he	
				was just running and shooting his guns off in the air, you know, we have dozens of kids just on this	
				block. Just on the 1100 block. And they could be out at any given time. And it's only a matter of time	
				before a stray bullet hits a child." Or. Barragato says, anyone else. According to Savannah Police	
				Department data, there have been at least three reported shootings in the area since May. The situation	
				to the point where Barragato says she doesn't even go outside to walk her dogs sometimes- and she	
				says her neighbors, are also living in fear. Barragato: "A girl a couple blocks away was afraid. She said,	
				'I've only been here a short time, and I'm ready to go home.' Because she has the same problem by her	
				house." She's encouraging her neighbors to attend a safety meeting tonight, where she hopes to find	
				solutions to the issue. "I'd love to start a neighborhood watch. Something. Anything is better than	
				nothing."	00:01:33

9/20/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	YEMASSEE: TRAIN DERAILMENT	<p>Around 7 this morning, three freight train cars derailed in Yemassee. Those cars did strike a bridge on Frampton road, causing the road to be closed while repairs were made. The company that owns the train said no crew members were injured, and no hazardous materials were involved. Officials from the town of Yemassee told me that the damage to the bridge on Frampton Road was considered to be significant, meaning the bridge should be closed for the next few weeks. Detour signage will be placed around the area. All other closures from this morning have been reopened. A representative for CSX, the company that runs the freight train, said that two of the cars that derailed were empty, and the other was loaded with steel. They told me that derailments of this scale are not common. While I haven't been told who will be paying for the repairs of the bridge, an employee from the South Carolina Department of Transportation told me that in situations like these, usually the train company foots the bill. Looklive Tag: Reporting in Yemassee, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:04
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9/20/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	THARROS PLACE HUMAN TRAFFICKIN G MEETING	<p>"People are really interested in this issue. They're starting to realize this is happening in our community to our young people and they want to get involved. Everybody agrees it's absolutely awful and abhorrent and people are ready to do something about it. So, seeing this huge mix of people from around our community come together is really exciting for us." If you missed today's meeting but would still like to find a way to get involved just head over to our website wtoc dot com</p>	00:00:28
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9/20/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	THARROS PLACE HUMAN TRAFFICKIN G MEETING	<p>Tharros Place, a local nonprofit serving underage survivors of human trafficking, hosted their Fall Human Trafficking Stakeholder meeting this afternoon. The goal is to bring different organizations and community members together to learn more about human trafficking and work together to bring it to an end. The executive director of Tharros Place says a day like today is an important step in the right direction.</p>	00:00:25
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nat sound "I'm a hostage, I dont want to do all that, I dont want to be a snitch and I dont want to be none of that, but you need to help us." A cry for help from residents of East Bolton Street . *nat sound* "You've got people coming from different neighborhoods and shooting in board daylight, they had like 2 not even 10 minutes ago." According to the Savannah Police Department, there have been 4 shootings in the area of East Bolton St. since August 1st. In that same time period, police have responded to 242 calls just in that area, of those calls 41 were in the 1100th block of east Bolton. Precinct Captain F. Small - Lloyd says that moving forward she has plans to resurrect ideas in the eastside precinct like foot traffic officers and readily available communication. ((CAPT F. SMALL-LLOYD##EASTSIDE PRECINCT)) "This type of policing that I'm talking about is gonna be the change for the eastside precinct and I promise you that, you ain't gonna hear that, you're gonna have an officer that's gonna come to you and listen to you and hear you." Gina Barragato has lived on Bolton Street for the past 5 years and says that the gun violence has just gotten out of control. ((GINA BARRAGATO##EAST BOLTON STREET RESIDENT)) 'All my life in South Florida and I have never experienced it like this, and to be so close to it. I love it here and I dont want to leave here but it's scary." Mayor Van Johnson also talked to the group about gun violence and his intention of creating a ordinance to crack down on stolen guns. "We have had 288 guns stolen this year, through Sept 2nd of this year, 288 Guns from cars, 150 of those guns were stolen from unlocked cars" The hour meeting gave the residents the chance to get information from of law enforcement and city government and ask for the help they say they desperately need.

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A vigil was held Wednesday in front of the Kayton Homes on Brewer Street. where Alphonso was shot and killed back in May 2022. Wednesday also marked what would have been Alphonso's 28-th birthday. Balloons were released and candles were lit We spoke with Alphonso's father who wants everyone to step up... and find a better way to solve their problems than violence.

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 4:59:00 AM 5AM ALPHONSO OLIVER VIGIL "I challenge the community to do better as far as this gun violence we have to find another solution better communication a better way to get out of things besides murder and violence that shouldn't be the answer because not only do the victim's family loses but the suspect's family loses as well." Alphonso's father also said he is starting a non-profit called "Alphonso's Purpose" to provide a support network and resources to parents who have lost their children to gun violence. 00:00:28

9/21/2023
 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD SC BRIDGE DERAILMENT UPDATE This just into the WTOC Newsroom - a Lowcountry bridge hit by a derailed train will have to be completely replaced. South Carolina D-O-T says they're still doing damage assessments on the bridge on U-S 21 near the Hampton and Beaufort COuntY line. They say they do not have a timeline for the construction at this time. There is a detour in place to get around that bridge right now. WTOC has more details about that in thise story on WTOC dot com. 00:00:26

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 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD MURDAUGH FEDERAL GUILTY PLEA "His plea agreement requires him to cooperate and be fully truthful and if we are satisfied that he has done so by the time of sentencing, we will make a recommendation to the court that the sentence the court imposes here be in federal court will be served concurrent to any sentence the state court would impose for the same conduct, but we make that determination at the time of sentencing." "There's been a lot of sneering and skepticism about - does Alex have a drug addiction? - and so Judge Gergel and the probation office that does the pre-sentence report will be given all those records and they will make a determination as part of the sentencing, and so that will be a big part of sentencing hearing - what was the scope of his drug addiction." The defense will have time to raise objections before Murdaugh is sentenced. No word yet on how soon that sentence could be handed down. 00:00:52

9/21/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SC BRIDGE DERAILMENT UPDATE A Lowcountry bridge hit by a derailed train will have to be completely replaced. South Carolina D-O-T says they're still doing damage assessments on the bridge on U-S 21 near the Hampton and Beaufort County line. They say they do not have a timeline for the construction at this time. There is a detour in place to get around that bridge right now. WTOC has more details about this story on WTOC dot com. 00:00:24

9/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MURDAUGH FEDERAL FINANCIAL GUILTY PLEA Today Murdaugh appeared in Charleston's Federal Courthouse and told the judge quote, "I want to take responsibility. I want my son to see me take responsibility." He went onto say, "It's my hope by taking responsibility that people I've hurt can begin to heal." This is all part of a plea deal Murdaugh's attorneys filed Tuesday. As part of the deal, prosecutors would recommend Murdaugh's sentence run at the same time as any sentence given to him on the state level for financial crimes. Murdaugh will also be forced to pay restitution as set by the court. 00:00:32

9/21/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD WTOCI: CHATHAM CO. INFANT DEATH A newly obtained police report and audio of a dispatch call are giving us a better idea of the timeline leading up to the death of 6-month-old Liam Rye. Upon receiving multiple tipstake a listen... "Chatham 7A1 turn around to this call at 4, correction, **, it's gonna be in reference to a 5-month-old having breathing issues, just turned into a CPR call." Wednesday we broke the news of this ongoing case that Chatham County Police are now investigating as a possible homicide. That was the same day the County Coroner called Rye's death "suspicious." Both agencies confirm baby Rye died on September 5th—that's 3 days after this police officer says he found Rye unresponsive. The Coroner says Rye passed away in the Children's ICU at Memorial Hospital in Savannah—but says the baby's exact cause of death is still unknown. Police say no arrests have been made and no charges have been filed in this case. We will of course continue to bring you the latest updates right here on WTOC. Reporting in the WTOC Newsroom. I'm Madeline Hunt. 00:01:36

"As you heard today - Murdaugh's financial crimes were calculated and heartless." Federal prosecutors say this is the first time Alex Murdaugh is being held accountable for about 10 million dollars in money stolen over the span of a decade. That money, they say, stolen from clients, his law firm and more when he was a lawyer. "Our goal is to make sure that the victims are made whole, and we will do that by whatever means is legally possible." Prosecutors say part of that will be letting them make their case to get damages from a fund made up of money seized from Murdaugh...that money sitting in an account called a receivership. The plea nearly wraps up this case. All that's left is for the judge to prepare a sentencing report. The prosecution could make a recommendation for the sentencing - which they say depends on how the next few weeks go. "His plea agreement requires him to cooperate and be fully truthful and if we are satisfied that he has done so by the time of sentencing, we will make a recommendation to the court that the sentence the court imposes here be in federal court will be served concurrent to any sentence the state court would impose for the same conduct, but we make that determination at the time of sentencing." Meanwhile - defense attorneys say one of their claims will likely play a big role. "There's been a lot of sneering and skepticism about - does Alex have a drug addiction? - and so Judge Gergel and the probation office that does the pre-sentence report will be given all those records and they will make a determination as part of the sentencing, and so that will be a big part of sentencing hearing - what was the scope of his drug addiction." The now disbarred attorney said in the courtroom today he wants to "take responsibility" for those hurt by the financial crimes.

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According to Statesboro Police-- officers heard multiple gunshots fired around the area of Pine Street and Johnson Street.... When they arrived at the scene-- they discovered gunshots were still being exchanged between people.... Three people were shot and arrived at the hospital in a private vehicle one of them was later transported by helicopter to a hospital in Savannah.. a fourth victim was taken to the hospital with a non-gunshot leg injury No suspects have been named at this time but anyone with any information is asked to call Statesboro Police.

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((ANNA)) "This shooting happened in between the areas of Johnson Street and Pine Street." ((VO)) Captain Jared Akins with the Statesboro Police Department says officers were in the area of the shooting when they started hearing gunshots. ((SOT)) "Immediately start hearing the sounds of gun fire, fairly rapid gunfire, a large number of shots." ((VO)) As officers approached the multi-block scene with hundreds of people, they say gunshots were still being fired. ((SOT)) "They see an individual running with a firearm, with an AR style pistol, away from that area. Couple of the officers give chase and get him into custody." ((VO)) Then, Captain Akins says officers started looking for anyone who was hurt. He says they found someone with a leg injury. Others who were hurt were already at the hospital. ((SOT)) "But three other individuals presented at East Georgia with gunshot wounds of varying degrees." ((VO)) One of those victims was later taken to Memorial Hospital in Savannah by helicopter where he remains. The other two victims have been released. Although the police department was able to get one of the shooters in custody, Captain Akins says they're still looking for more. ((SOT)) "There were multiple firearms, multiple shooters in that crowd and those are the ones we need to identify." ((VO)) That's why he's asking for your help to find them. ((SOT)) "We know there were, you know, just a ton of potential witnesses in this crowd and what we need for them is to come forward, tell us what they saw." ((ANNA)) "Akins says he hopes witnesses come forward soon as this investigation continues. Reporting in Statesboro, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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(sot) "From July to August, we had almost an eight fold increase for our positive numbers up to about 250." That's for COVID cases and Memorial Children's Hospital Dr. Michael Bossak says RSV cases aren't far behind. With a busier emergency room, Dr. Bossak says patients are getting younger than years passed. 2 to 3 babies a week are ending up here with COVID. "We definitely are seeing a slow rise in the amount of young babies that have COVID. A lot of those babies have fevers that need to be watched. Fortunately, not a lot of those babies are being admitted to our ICU." If your child is showing sick symptoms, he says irregular breathing is a key reason to take your child to the hospital. (sot) "Significant cough, a significant increase in work of breathing where they look like they are really working hard, using their stomach to breathe and using their abdomen to really pump air in and out." "And with COVID and RSV cases still on the rise and the FLU season around the corner. Dr. Bossak says he is worried about a "tripledeemic" again this year but says the hospital is more prepared to handle it." He says they haven't seen many FLU cases so far and the season starts in October. (sot) "We don't know if the flu is lagging behind. If it's not going to spike up until December, January of this year or if it's going to relatively low Flu season but I think the hospital has made preparations for the possibility that we have another "tripledeemic." And as far as what to expect in the years to come, Dr. Bossak says it's likely these three respiratory virus will be back every year around this time and through the winter. (sot) "The kids are together again. They're passing it around and then it kind of starts to die out of again as the winter sort of lags off." He says they should have the Flu vaccine next month. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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The body of Maria Telles-Gonzalez was found here in Beaufort County back in 1995 but was only identified as her a few months ago in December. The search for her killer now spanning multiple states with law enforcement agencies in South Carolina and Florida involved. "Based on the evidence at the scene it appears she was murdered somewhere else, and her body was dumped in Beaufort county. So there's a very good chance she was murdered in Florida." Vo After using new technology to figure out the body was Gonzalez, investigators used aging software to figure out what an unknown suspect only known as Carlos could look like now. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office telling us new leads are thanks in part to cross-state cooperation. Sot "I reached out to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement - that is their state police - Their media team put together a press release, sent it out to the media, put it on social media and we're already receiving leads." Vo To protect the investigation, Bromage isn't able to detail what those leads are at this time... but he's hopeful they'll lead to the identity of Gonzalez's killer. If there are any breaks in this cold case, we'll let you know on air and online at wtoc.com. For now, though reporting in Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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PM 11PM RINCON SPEED PROGRAM
The department says it will activate cameras on Monday to catch people speeding at Rincon Elementary. They say the move comes after a 2021 traffic study that showed "a significant problem with speeding." Monday also marks the start of a 30-day warning period. Drivers will start getting a citation with a fine after that. That starts on November 2nd. 00:00:21

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9/27/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM	ALL DRUG RING MEMBERS SENTENCED	WTOC covered Somesso's application for a liquor license earlier this year. In July of this year - council considered a license for the same business with a new applicant attached to it. The D-O-J says Somesso formerly owned a Savannah-area strip club. WTOC previously confirmed another person charged in this case worked for her at Karma Entertainment and Lux Gentleman's Club in Hardeeville.	00:00:23
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9/27/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM	WTOCI: LIAM RYE DFCS RECORDS	According to DFCS intake reports, Liam sustained a fractured skull, a swollen head, and two brain bleeds. Bruises were – quote – observed in a picture around the front of Liam's neck. It is unknown what caused the bruises. As for what led up to this – the intake report states on or around August 31st, Liam fell off of his bed and hit the floor. The same report says his mother didn't take Liam to a pediatrician as recommended by a nurse hotline she texted. A Chatham County police report shows the family called 911 two days later on September 2nd.. SOT "Chatham 7A1 turn around to this call at 4, correction, **, it's gonna be in reference to a 5-month-old having breathing issues, just turned into a CPR call." When officers arrived - Liam was unresponsive and taken to the hospital. Three days later, he died at the hospital on September 5th . Chatham County Police confirmed a homicide investigation of the six-month-old last Wednesday, September 20th.	00:00:59
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<p>9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM</p>	<p>WALB: GA HUNTER SAFETY COURSES</p>	<p>With cooler temperatures it means, deer season has begun in Georgia. It's already Archery season and rifle season will open in less than a month. According to the Georgia department of natural resources, there were more than half million registered hunters in the 2021-2022 season. So safety during the hunt is imperative. Before hunters can go out in the field, they must be trained on how to be a responsible hunter. The Georgia department of natural resources hosts hunter safety classes across the state to teach new hunters about habitat conservation, firearm safety, Georgia hunting laws and regulations, first aid, wilderness survival and more.</p>	<p>00:00:39</p>
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<p>9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM</p>	<p>WALB: GA HUNTER SAFETY COURSES</p>	<p>"Hunter education is really important for the young because it gives them the foundation to be safe ethical hunters. It's just as important for adults of all ages to have hunter education because they will be the ones continuing the growth long after the hunter education course."</p>	<p>00:00:16</p>
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**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. SPD ON CELEBRATORY GUN FIRE, JESUP POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS, BOOKS, BIKES AND BADGES, GA AND SC POLICE SHOOTING NUMBERS, SC FIRST RESPONDER DEATH BENEFITS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON INTERNET CRIME AND THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE, CHATHAM CO. OPIOD EPIDEMIC, SPD ON 8 HOMICIDES IN 2 MONTHS, SPD REMEMBER ONE OF THEIR OWN-CPT. HERRON, BLUFFTON DV ABUSE PREVENTION, NEW JESUP POLICE CHIEF, WAYNE CO. DEPUTY CHARGES, EFFINGHAM SHERRIF'S OFFICE HIRING, ARDSLEY PARK-CAR BREAKINS, SPD CHIEF ON CRIME DOWNTOWN, BLUFFTON TRAFFIC SAFETY, CHATHAM CO. INMATE DEATH, HOMICIDE UPDATES, PORTS POLICE EXPANSION, SC RAPE KIT BACKLOG PROCESS, NEW HARDEEVILLE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER HELPING EMERGENCY REPSPONDERS, SAV LEADERS REACT TO FEDERAL LAWSUIT FROM MARQUIS PARRISH SAYING HE WAS WRONGFULLY PUT BEHIND BARS, COFFEE WITH A COP
SOURCE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

7/7/2023
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PM 5PM OD JESUP POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS Continuing coverage out of Jesup - where the City's police chief submitted his letter of resignation. It happened last night at the city council meeting. Here's what we know right now. Jesup Police Chief Perry Morgan says his resignation is effective Tuesday. Morgan was the city's first black police chief. He's held the job for about two years but served with the department for 33. WTOC is working to get more details about the departure. We'll share those when we get them. 00:00:28

7/7/2023
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PM 6PM OD JESUP POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS Jesup's chief of police is resigning. Chief Perry Morgan tells us he submitted his letter of resignation to city council last night. And that his last day will be Tuesday. Morgan became the chief back in April 20-21. He's been with the department for over 30 years. At this time, there's no word about why he decided to step down. 00:00:19

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PM 7PM OD JESUP POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS WTOC has learned Jesup's chief of police is resigning. Chief Perry Morgan tells us he submitted his letter of resignation to city council last night. Tuesday is his last day. Morgan became the chief back in April 20-21. He's been with the department for more than 30 years. We don't know why Chief Morgan decided to step-down. 00:00:19

7/10/2023
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PM 5:30pm OD BOOKS BIKES & BADGES PREVIEW It's happening at Chevis Oaks Baptist Church in Savannah From 10 a-m to 2 p-m., the Sheriff's Office, along with the Chatham County Police Department and more will be giving away things to get your kids ready for back to school. That includes bookbags, bikes and school supplies. Again, that's happening this Saturday. 00:00:19

7/11/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	GA AND SC POLICE SHOOTING NUMBERS	Our WTOC Investigates team looked into this issue locally. In our area, both South Carolina and Georgia have seen fewer officer-involved shootings this year than in years past. According to numbers from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, there have been 51 police shootings in the state this year. South Carolina has had 22. 3 of those shootings were in our area. The most recent police shooting in our area happened on July 2nd in Effingham County. Law enforcement officials say 40-year-old Sam Knight of Brooklet opened fire on police after running from a traffic stop. That shooting shut down a stretch of I-16 in Effingham County for hours.	00:00:38
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7/15/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	ANNA: BOOKS BIKES & BADGES	(**PKG**) "The day is always about serving the community. You know there's a lot of places in Savannah that don't have a lot of things for kids for back to school." And today... there was no shortage of school supplies. Backpacks... books... and even bikes. Sheriff Wilcher says... this is something he looks forward to every year. "It's always a pleasure for the sheriff's office and the county police to come together to put on a big function like this." He says it's all about inspiring children in the community to accomplish their dreams. "Be somebody in the community, want to take my job? You know and that's what it means to us, to see them be very successful in life, the young kids and young adults in this community." Wilcher says that every year... this event reminds him just how much the Chatham County community is willing to give back. "When you put on an event like this, you'd be surprised that the phone calls you get. What you need? How can I help you? This, that and the other. Because people want to help people in the community." Wilcher says that during today's event... they were able to give away 50 bikes... all because of donations from local businesses. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.	00:01:10
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7/17/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	RICARDO: FIRST RESPONDER DEATH BENEFITS	New tonight- South Carolina governor Henry McMaster signed a bill into law last month that's set to provide death benefits to first responders, officers, firefighters, and more. The amount of the one-time benefit is 75-thousand dollars and then increases to 150-thousand if they are killed in the line of duty or accidentally killed while responding to an emergency. Today- members of the Beaufort County Delegation held a conference to explain why this law is so important.	00:00:28
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7/17/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	RICARDO: FIRST RESPONDER DEATH BENEFITS	"I am proud that on times when law enforcement gets called into question a lot in our society, and movements like defund the police tend to have hashtag trending, I like to have the opposite of the effect. South Carolina and the South Carolina General Assembly unanimously- 170 members of the General Assembly voted for this bill, acknowledgely what law enforcement and first responders the critical role they play in our society. And I'm really proud they were able to get this across the finish line."	00:00:30
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7/26/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	JESUP POLICE CHIEF RESIGNED FOLO	<p>LL INTRO: Former Police Chief Perry Morgan dedicated more than three decades of his life to the Jesup Police Department. He says it's always been about protecting and serving his community. Morgan grew up in Jesup.... Which added to his drive to serve. "I bled blue every morning when I got up, and I looked forward to going to work. I never missed days from work." As the city's first black police chief... he says he's proud to have left his mark on the department. "It meant a lot to the community to be the first black chief. But, like I told them when I made chief, I'm here for the people. Anybody can maintain the position as the first black chief. But, I don't want to be recognized as the first black chief. I want to be recognized that I was here for the people of Jesup." He worked his way up through the ranks.... Joining Jesup PD in the 1980s, and eventually becoming chief in April 2021. "It was a smooth transition moving from Captain to Chief. I just had a great command staff that was already in place, and we just took off running." City leaders agree.. "He had a lot of respect from his officers. He brought in a lot of community policing, where they really tried to get into the community and get to know the community. Just the respect and care given to the community is what I'd seen, and I was proud." Morgan says... he's thankful for the city he's served. "I just thank the people for their support. Wayne County, the whole county has come together and supported me as chief." LL TAG: Morgan says he wants to spend more time with his family..In Jesup, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:30
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7/26/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	MAX: TYBEE WORKSHOP ON EMS RESPONSE	Data shows the average response time for EMS calls has gone up *significantly over the past two years... from 10 minutes and 20 seconds, to more than 14 and a half minutes. That's about a 40-percent jump!	00:00:12
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		YEMASEE		
8/1/2023	MORNING	POLICE	Some things you need to know this morning-- Today is National Night out day and Yemasee police are	
9:00:00	BREAK OD	NIGHT OUT	hosting a National Night Out event this evening. They will be celebrating the town's first responders.	
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"The Bryan County Sheriff's Office says that with the rise in internet access, especially to young children, these cases are becoming less rare." "So currently with Bryan County, we have a problem." ((VO)) Fleming says numbers in the county aren't extremely high, but... ((SOT)) "One is too many, however we do have some cases going on in Bryan County that have appeared." ((VO)) She says these cases are particularly hard to stop, because of who's involved. ((SOT)) "As far as children are concerned, they really don't have a voice. And the internet is given to kids incredibly young, and it just allows for predators to make it easier to reach out to their targets and after awhile they do grooming behaviors, become their friend, gain their trust and then that's when decisions start being made, and the child gets exploited." ((VO)) She says they recently arrested someone for doing something similar. "Currently he's facing possession of child pornography, child exploitation charges." That's when the county's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force jumps in. "We work off of what they call cyber tips, and that's throughout the state, and in fact it's throughout the nation. That comes from NCMEC, which is the National Center of exploited and Missing Children. They will take in tips, then they will send it to the appropriate state and then it keeps breaking it down until it gets to the best jurisdiction." Fleming says these numbers are up nationwide because it's so easy to lie online. "You can never really say who you're talking to on the internet anymore. It's so easy to create these fake profiles." ((VO)) That's why Fleming says the sheriff's office is doing everything they can to make people more aware of the issue. ((SOT)) "We have a really great CHAMPS program, which is taught by Corporal Reed, and we teach in the fifth grade, and we bring K-9 Darcy out as well, and we teach internet safety because we're trying to get the younger kids as early as we possibly can. But internet safety goes for all ages." ((VO)) The sheriff's office says they're planning on hosting some events where teenagers and parents can come and learn more about internet safety as well. ((ANNA)) "The sheriff's office says that if you think you or your child is being targeted by someone, to call the sheriff's office immediately. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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8/7/2023		OVERDOSE	20 percent. It's even higher in South Carolina - where the death rate due to drug overdoses is nearly 43	
4:59:00		DEATH	people per hundred thousand. The death rate from gun injuries is about half that - at 22 point 4 per 100-	
PM	5PM OD	RATES	thousand people.	00:00:19

<p>8/7/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>CHATHAM OPIOID EPIDEMIC LATEST</p>	<p>"Don't use it because you will get addicted. It will cause untoward effects and you will die from it." Dr. Jay Goldstein paints a picture of how real drug addiction is, especially when so many different drugs are laced with fentanyl. Reviving patients multiple times in one day. "She knew she almost died three times. She kept going back and trying to use again. So, this is real. The addiction is real. The affect is real." And Dr. Maulik Patel giving a different perspective of the pain relieving aspect of opioid addiction. "Our general understanding of the picture of the opioids crisis doesn't include the elderly population and how they deal with the opioids." Dr. Patel works in geriatric medicine. He walked me through one of his own experiences with an elderly patient battling an addiction. She told him... "I feel like I need to take the medicine and I don't have the pain anymore and that was my first realization about what these medications can potentially cause." Dr. Patel and Dr. Goldstein emphasizing how serious the problem is in Chatham County. They both say they've started trying to find different way to treat pain before prescribing opioids. Dr. Patel tries different therapies. "Usually it's not the medication that we're reaching for first because of it's adverse affects. I do make sure that patients are well educated." Dr. Goldstein and Patel agree their several ways to tackle this problem. Goldstein believes our is need of more resources. "We actually probably need more centers and more opportunity and more resources and funding to go into the crisis."</p>	<p>00:01:33</p>
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<p>8/8/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>SPD DATA: 8 HOMICIDES IN 2 MO</p>	<p>New data from Savannah Police show most of the homicide cases investigated this year came from shootings in the last two months.</p>	<p>00:00:08</p>
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<p>8/8/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>SPD DATA: 8 HOMICIDES IN 2 MO</p>	<p>New data from Savannah Police show most of the homicide cases investigated this year came from shootings in the last two months. A deadly shooting on Boyd Street early Sunday morning marked the 9th homicide case in Savannah this year. 8 of those 9 deadly shootings have happened in the last 2 months. You can see all 9 of those cases marked as red stars on this map. The blue pins on the map are shootings where no one died.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>
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8/10/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HINESVILLE OFFICER DRAGGED	Police say they were looking for the teen from Long County who might have stolen her parents car and was heading to the Horizon Learning Center in Hinesville. An off-duty security officer found the teen sitting in a parked car at the school. Police say the teen tried to put the car into reverse when the officer tried to talk to her. Police say the officer was then dragged several feet. Officers eventually used a PIT maneuver to stop the teen in Walhourville. The officer was taken to the hospital with injuries.	00:00:30
8/12/2023	6:00:00 AM	6AM	DAYBREAK SATURDAY EMS RIBBON CUTTING	LIBERTY CO. Check it out! A ribbon cutting held YESTERDAY* in Liberty County for the new Emergency Medical Services station. Station number 2 is located in Midway. The director of Liberty County EMS says this new facility gives emergency workers a place to unwind after stressful or traumatic calls.	00:00:17
8/12/2023	6:00:00 AM	6AM	DAYBREAK SATURDAY EMS RIBBON CUTTING	LIBERTY CO. "This is 911, this is EMS, it's raw, it's real, and a lot of the calls that we respond to are not good in nature per se and it allows them now to just come back to a place where they can relax as much as possible and decompress after a situational call like that." Hensler went on to say this station is also much larger than the one they had been using and will provide EMS workers with more resources down the road.	00:00:24
8/15/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SMITH STATE PRISON INMATE DEATH	The Georgia Department of Corrections confirms an inmate died at Smith State Prison yesterday. Few details have been released at this time, but they say Quenton Mayo's death is being investigated as a suspected homicide. That will move forward pending autopsy results from the coroner and Georgia Bureau of Investigation. G-D-C records show Mayo has been in prison since 2011 after he was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in Fulton County.	00:00:27
8/15/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	MAYOR JOHNSON ON STOLEN GUNS FINES	SOT: "So you have a legal gun that is obtained illegally that is now used in an illegal act. If you're able to stop that flow, then I think we might have less of those acts."	00:00:10
8/16/2023	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	CPT. HERRON FUNERAL PLANS	The public is invited to show their support during that transport by lining the route. S-P-D says the procession will start on Waters Avenue at 63rd Street, go down Stephenson Avenue, then take a right towards Hodgson Memorial.	00:00:14

Nat video: "Hello, how you doing, I'm detective Serrano with Bluffton PD." Straight VO Last month, Bluffton Police Department Domestic Violence investigator Angela Serrano began a new initiative that uses these stickers to help domestic violence victims connect with resources they need. The stickers, placed around local businesses, have a qr-code which links to a survey where people can describe their situation. Many businesses responded to the department's post asking for volunteers, and Serrano got even more by going door-to-door today. "I think you don't know everybody's ins and outs, you think you do, but if there's somebody that I care about in my restaurant that is going through this kind of situation, I'd much rather them have an out, instead of having to stay in the same position that they should not be in." VO Detective Serrano says that in most cases, the victims of domestic violence are women. Women-owned businesses in Bluffton are volunteering their spaces to help with the initiative. SOT "Being a women-owned business, we definitely want to support our women and give them the options and be a place where they can turn to to give them advice, and give them the availability to get a hold of someone that can help them."

8/16/2023		BLUFFTON			
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The funeral will be held at the Calvary Baptist Temple, who will also livestream the services. Following the funeral, there will be a procession that will begin south on Waters Avenue from 63rd Street towards Stephenson Avenue, then turn right onto Stevenson towards Hodgson Memorial Drive. It'll then take a left on Hodgson and finish at the funeral home. Members of the community are welcome to line the route of the procession to pay respects.

8/18/2023	6AM	530 SHEA			
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	CPL HERRON	FUNERAL		
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"This community will show this hero the love and respect and the admiration that he deserves. Again, I've ordered flags to be ordered to half staff and they will be so for the remainder of the week."

8/18/2023	6AM	530 SHEA			
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	CPL HERRON	FUNERAL		
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<p>8/18/2023 5:53:00 PM</p>	<p>6PM OD</p>	<p>SPD CPL HERRON FUNERAL TOMORROW</p>	<p>LL: Fellow law enforcement, family, and friends gathered to pay their respects for Cpl. Herron. VO: The fallen officer known as "Twin" lied in state at the Fox & Weeks funeral home today. Several officers...firefighters and relatives were in attendance. The Savannah Police Department says Herron died early last Friday morning after having a medical episode while working an off-duty assignment. Tomorrow...the Calvary Baptist Temple at 63rd and Waters will host funeral services for Corporal Herron. After the funeral...there will be a procession back to Fox and Weeks. The route will start at Calvary Baptist before turning right onto Stephenson Ave...eventually ending at the funeral home on Hodgson Memorial Drive. The public is encouraged to line the route to show respect to the fallen officer. People who came the pay respects today put it simply. They say Corporal Herron was a good man. That was echoed by city leaders who spoke on his passing earlier this week. SOT: "He died doing what he lived for and dedicated his life to doing. He was assigned to the Savannah Impact Program. He was well liked and well respected among his peers. So, for all of us, this is a huge loss." LL: That funeral service is set to get underway at 11 tomorrow morning. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.</p>	<p>00:01:16</p>
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8/19/2023		TYLER: CPL.	Herron died after a medical emergency while on an off-duty assignment last friday. He served in the	
6:02:00	WKEND	DOUG	Police Department for more than 35 years. Herron's funeral service was held at Calvary Baptist Temple	
PM	6PM OD	HERRON'S	this morning... Those who loved him.... spoke about his life, and the impact he leaves behind on	
		FUNERAL	Savannah. As a part of today's ceremony.... Chief Lenny Gunther... promoted Herron to Sergeant.	00:00:24

			"I now promote Corporal Doug Twin Herron to the rank of Sergeant." *cheers* An emotional Saturday morning... as those who knew and worked with now Sergeant Herron honored his life. "You don't become a police officer for fame and fortune. You don't do it to make a name for yourself. You do it because you want to serve others. That's what Doug did." Herron dedicated 35 years to the Savannah Police Department... a city that he's always called home. "What an officer he was. He was from a cadre of young men in this community, some 30 some odd years ago, young men who were raised from this community." Savannah Police Chief Lenny Gunther... says Herron leaves behind a legacy here in the Hostess City. "He was a great man, a great man. The footprint he's left in our community will forever last." Herron's brother, who is also an officer in the Savannah Police Department... says he had a lot of life in his years... "Even though he has passed and gone, he lived a full life. We have to take advantage of every day that we have. And even though his was cut short, he wasn't lacking for anything." Following this morning's service... Savannah Police led a procession through from Calvary Baptist Temple to Fox and Weeks funeral home... a farewell... to one of Savannah's public servants.	
8/19/2023	11PM	TYLER: CPL.		
11:01:00	WEEKEND	DOUG		
PM	OD	HERRON'S		
		FUNERAL		00:01:13

			Family, friends, and community leaders have said their goodbyes to a member of the Savannah Police Department. Corporal Doug Herron was laid to rest Saturday -- just over a week after his death. Herron had a medical emergency and died while working an off-duty assignment. He spent 35 years with the Department. Herron's funeral was held at Calvary Baptist Temple Saturday morning. Those who loved him.... spoke about his life, and the impact he leaves behind. Chief Lenny Gunther also gave Herron one final honor.	
8/21/2023	4:30AM	TYLER: CPL.		
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		FUNERAL		00:00:31

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		FUNERAL		00:00:17

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PM 5PM OD JESUP POLICE CHIEF SWORN IN ((ANNA)) "Christopher Hamilton, the new chief of police here in Jesup, says he's ready to take on this role." ((SOT)) "Oh man, I'm feeling overwhelmed. This day is a day I've been dreaming about for a long, long time." ((VO)) Hamilton says, although he wasn't expecting this day to come this early in his career, he always made sure to take the steps to get himself ready. ((SOT)) "I've prepared myself for it and I'm excited that everybody came out to support me and we're going to do good things in Jesup." ((VO)) And that support was felt in Jesup's City Hall today... with dozens of people filling the room. ((SOT)) "I know over the years I've built a lot of great working relationships in different agencies, so, and it feels good for them to come show their support today." ((VO)) Something Hamilton says he is eager to start doing is getting more engaged with residents in the area. ((SOT)) "I'm looking forward to just get out and actually meeting some people, getting in neighborhoods and actually finding the concerns that the different neighborhoods have and see what we could do to help them out." ((VO)) He says his whole outlook on beginning in this position is to make sure people know he cares. ((SOT)) "We're going to serve with compassion, that's my new thing that I really want to serve with compassion and help people out." ((VO)) And because of that, he's always looking to hear from people living in Jesup. ((SOT)) "I have open door policy. If you got any questions, come to the police department." ((ANNA)) "Hamilton says he's already looking to make a few changes he thinks will help the community here as well as his officers. Reporting in Wayne County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News." 00:01:32

8/23/2023
5:53:00
PM 6PM OD TOOMBS CO. SHERIFF RETIRING (sot) Toombs County has had 11 sheriffs dating back 120 years. Sheriff Alvie Kight announced today that voters will pick their 12th sheriff next November. (vo) He announced today he won't seek re-election in 2024. He came into office in a special election in 1998 following the death of Sheriff Charles Durst. Voters reelected him for six full terms. While he's overseen everything from manhunts to murder cases, he says it's not always about arrests. (sot) "A sheriff's job is not always to just lock people up. It's to help people. That's what a good sheriff does. He's out there in his community." (vo) He says law enforcement in general has changed over the years and peace officers aren't held in the regard they once were where their word on the witness stand was beyond question. (sot) "...it's not that way anymore. You have to prove to them that what he's saying is true." (vo) He believes the sheriff's office has evolved with the times and serves the community well. (sot) "I love our people. I love working for them, our citizens, and I love helping them. That's always been my job." (vo) He says it will be business as usual for the remainder of his term in the office. (sot) In Lyons, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:08

8/25/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WAYNE CO. DEPUTY NEW CHARGES Weldon Lawson was initially charged with possession of a sawed off shotgun. He's now facing at least 4 other charges after what the Sheriff says was an investigation into illegal activities. The Sheriff's Office says all this comes after the search of the home turned up electronic devices that led to the additional charges. Lawson is being held at the Pierce County jail. They say that's due to the security risk of him being a former deputy. 00:00:26

8/29/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SPD PREPS FOR IDALIA "For example, if the Southside is getting a lot of wind, we'll pull officers off the street in the Southside, they may still be riding in the northeast precinct. It's for their safety. It's for the safety of our equipment, our people, and for the safety of our community. We don't want to have an officer wrecking into a house or something like that. It's for everyon'es safety at that point. We hunker down, we ride out the storm, and as soon as the winds die down, we're right back on the streets again to patrol. The department says it is staffing up for Idalia. Officers say the best thing you can do to help first responders is to not be on roadways unless absolutely necessary. 00:00:39

9/5/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BLUFFTON TRAFFIC SAFETY The town of Bluffton sees on average 1400 car accidents a year. This year, five people have died from those collisions. The town of Bluffton police department held a community safety discussion last month to hear the town's concerns, and will be holding another later this month, here at the Bluffton Police Department. SOT: Joe Babkiewicz Chief of Police, Bluffton Police Department "Over the past 6 months we've had five fatalities here in the town of Bluffton, and that's five too many. That's five people who lost their loved ones because of something that could have been prevented had somebody been driving safer on the roadway." VO: In the last meeting, officers and Bluffton residents voiced their concerns, with a common theme being distracted driving. This can be anything from texting and driving, to focusing too much on adjusting your radio. Another topic was driving under the influence. SOT: Joe Babkiewicz Chief of Police, Bluffton Police Department "Overall it just becomes driving safer, being aware of your surroundings, and if you've been drinking, get an Uber. There are so many different ways to get a ride home nowadays, don't risk it and get in that car. It could cost your life, or even worse, someone else's life." LL Tag: This month's meeting is set for the twentieth at 6 pm. Reporting from Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:01:20

9/6/2023		BLUFFTON	"Overall it just becomes driving safer, being aware of your surroundings, and if you've been drinking, get an Uber. There are so many different ways to get a ride home nowadays, don't risk it and get in that car. It could cost your life, or even worse, someone else's life." The next chance to share your concerns will be on the 20th of this month -- at 6 p.m. at the police station.	00:00:22
12:00:00	NOON	TRAFFIC		
PM	EXTRA	SAFETY		

9/7/2023		EFFINGHAM	"Effingham County Sheriff's office is hosting a hiring event in hopes of filling some key roles and growing." VO: Effingham County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Brian Bailey says they're looking to fill some open spots... Strongly focusing on jail and communication officers, as well as deputies. He says on the jail side...there's *13* open positions. Bailey says there was a steady turnout today... With a handful of people coming in to ask questions and learn about roles. The Sheriff's Office says...requirements vary. But to work inside the jail or on dispatch...you just need to be 18 or older. The department says they're currently have around 170 people... Seeing a dip in numbers during the pandemic. Sheriff's Office says they're looking to rebuild and help lighten the load for its members. "So, in the meantime, just trying to do these recruitment events in order to slowly but surely get to a full-staff status for the jail side, patrol side...so everyone that's working now doesn't have to continue to possibly do, you know, double positions or working overtime on a constant basis." He says if you weren't able to make it out...you can still apply or reach out to see about joining. "In Effingham County, AB, WTOC News."	00:01:11
5:53:00	6PM OD	SHERIFF		
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9/12/2023		BLUFFTON	Looking ahead to Thursday The Bluffton Police Department is hosting "Night of Unity" a community event at Oscar Frazier Park September 14 It will be held from 5:30 P-M to 9 P-M. Neighbors can gather at this free event for live music...food... fellowship. Bluffton police and firefighters will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Many faith-based organizations will provide live music and speak about the power of community.	00:00:26
7:00:00	7PM OD	NIGHT OF		
PM		UNITY ON		
		THURSDAY		

9/13/2023		SPD CHIEF	"There's different things you can roll into these apps. What we were looking for is one that gave information out that the public needs to know. You'll be able to see crime stats. You'll be able to pull up things that are going on. You can see our news releases and different pieces."	00:00:16
5:53:00	6PM OD	ON CRIME		
PM		DOWNTOWN		

9/13/2023		SPD CHIEF	Chief Gunther spoke at the at the Downtown Neighborhood Association meeting.. he says entering auto incident have increase about 10 percent in the downtown area. Additionally, domestic violence incidents are on the rise. This is bringing the police department to start a new domestic violence council. Also new in the department, Assistant Police chief Robert Gavin talked about an app in the works so people in the community can report crime and be aware of it.	00:00:28
5:53:00	6PM OD	ON CRIME		
PM		DOWNTOWN		

9/16/2023	6AM	CHATHAM.: INMATE	The G-B-I is investigating after an inmate at the Chatham County Detention Center died friday morning. Officers at the Detention Center discovered Lloyd James unresponsive in his cell around 5 am. EMS attempted life saving measures and then rushed him to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. No further details have been released at this time- WTOC will continue to follow this and will update you as we learn more.	00:00:25
6:00:00	DAYBREAK	DEATH AT		
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9/19/2023		CHATHAM	Inmate Lloyd James was found unresponsive in his cell early Friday. Inmate Marco Ochoa was found unresponsive in his cell yesterday afternoon. Both were taken to the hospital...where they were pronounced dead...according to the sheriff's office. Today...a member from the sheriff's office said an investigation is underway to figure out who is responsible bringing what they say is likely fentanyl into the facility. The sheriff's office also says that unprecedented measures were taken following these deaths to search inmate housing areas.	00:00:33
3:00:00		CO.		
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		CENTER		
		DEATH		

9/19/2023		CHATHAM	"Us relocating or moving 135 inmates from the area. Those inmates were searched and checked, they received new linen and moved to another area in the facility. After we moved them to a new area in the facility, we had another entity go down and actually search the housing area where these inmates resided in."	00:00:18
3:00:00		CO.		
PM	3PM	DETENTION		
		CENTER		
		DEATH		

9/19/2023		ANNA B.:	*Crush Nutrition and Energy* owner Makayla Gant says the store always offers a discount to first responders... But to help honor and remember 9-11 and all those who put their life on the line *daily*... She says she doubled the discount. Gant says...she knows how much first-responders sacrifice, being a former nurse and having a husband who actively serves... She says this is a way of showing appreciation to everyone dedicating their lives to helping others.. including firefighters, military members, nurses, doctors, and more.	00:00:32
7:30:00	DANIELLE	LOCAL BIZ		
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9/19/2023		ANNA B.:	"It just helps with the community and bringing people together and just remembering those who were in that tragic time. And appreciating everybody that helps out on a daily basis."	00:00:11
7:30:00	DANIELLE	LOCAL BIZ		
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9/19/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD RIDGELAND OFFICER CHARGED SLED says Kyle Horton is charged with 2nd Degree domestic violence. According to a warrant - the incident happened back in July. The warrant says Horton was not only employed by the Ridgeland Police Department at the time - but he was on duty when it happened. Horton was booked into the Jasper County Detention Center. 00:00:19

9/22/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM OD DAYBREAK 530 SHEA CHATHAM HOMICIDE UPDATES There have been seven homicides so far this year in CCPD's jurisdiction- that's up from four at the same time last year. The number of rapes are also up- there have been 26 so far this year- compared to 14 last year. There have been 68 assaults involving firearms this year- compare that to 44 at the same time last year. The good news? Shoplifting and thefts from cars are down- which was a particular problem at the end of the year last year. 00:00:26

9/22/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD FORMER OFFICER APPEALS TERMINATIO N Parrish was in jail for two years before his release. Wood was fired just over two months ago. The Savannah Civil Service Board listened to her appeal her termination over the last two days. The city has told us they will let us know when a decision is made. 00:00:15

nats of horn At the Port of Savannah...trucks...trains...and ships are loaded with millions of cargo containers each year. It's a constant operation that requires round the clock patrol from the port's own 200-person department. "We're doing traditional police work, but we're also providing industrial security. We're creating a safe environment for all port users because it's very important to us that people go home just as they arrived." Kevin Doyle with port police says his officers are tasked with protecting the port...but the department is now faced with a new challenge. Stand up: "Several port expansion projects are currently in the works. Officials here say the need for more space brings the need for more officers." The Georgia Ports Authority recently announced a nearly two billion dollar infrastructure project that aims to increase capacity and add 100 acres of storage. Doyle: "Right now we have approximately 60 openings for port police officers." Port expansions mean the port police department must now grow by 30 percent. Doyle: "Most police departments in America right now are facing some sort of shortage. Ours is coming a little differently. It's not because people are leaving it's because we're growing." Not only is the port growing...but so too is the port police's jurisdiction. Earlier this year...the Georgia General Assembly passed a bill giving port police officers the power to arrest for offenses committed within one mile of port property. Doyle: "It's to help to help with truck traffic or trains or anything on the properties just outside of our gates so we can be good citizens." Despite the need to expand...Doyle says he's confident the department can fill the new openings. With a starting pay for academy certified officers at \$31.20 an hour...the department is hosting a hiring fair at 100 Main St. in Garden City on November 3rd at 9 a-m. Reporting in Garden City...Fs...WTOCN.

9/26/2023
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EXPANSION

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Today, Nancy Mace partnered with Representative Barbara Lee to introduce the Rape Kit Backlog Progress Act. According to a newsrelease from Mace, South Carolina has over a thousand kits waiting for DNA testing right now. The new bill would improve reporting requirements in hopes of increasing awareness on how many kits still need to be tested at the state and local level. Mace said in part quote - "Every rape kit represents a survivor seeking justice under the law. We have an inherent duty to ensure the voices of these women are heard." The bill is scheduled for a markup in the House Judiciary Committee tomorrow morning.

9/27/2023
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PM 11PM

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After a four-year development process, this new communications tower is helping Hardeeville emergency responders who say that for years, they would lose connection in the area south of the city. "Biggest thing is, we had a lot of areas down here we couldn't communicate in, at all." The new tower, which is used by all emergency services in the county, adds over 10 miles of communication range in the area near the South Carolina-Georgia Border. Although a ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week, the tower has been in use for over a month, proving itself during Hurricane Idalia. "So just in the nick of time, this tower was built prior to hurricane Idalia hitting the area, and that was a very big help, we had thousands of radio hits on this tower during that couple of day span." Although the tower took four years for planning and construction, Chief Camp has been pushing for its creation since 2004. "I originally worked in Savannah, so we had good radio coverage. And when I started working over here, there was no coverage on this end. You were lucky if you could talk to anyone down here. It was really bad, and this has made a huge difference." Hardeeville officials told me that the tower will soon also help the public's connection as cellphone carriers are looking to use the tower as well. Reporting from Hardeeville, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

9/28/2023 HARDEEVILLE
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PM 6PM SERVICE 00:01:20

PKG: For the first time...Savannah leaders are reacting to a federal lawsuit from Marquis Parrish that claims he was wrongfully put behind bars and is now seeking damages from among other things, a loss of income, pain, and suffering. I asked Mayor Van Johnson about the suit during his weekly news conference. Reporter: "Did the city violate Parrish's rights?" "This is a legal matter, so it's within the courts. The trial facts will determine that." Parrish was charged with murdering Charles Vinson in 2021. His charges were dropped nearly two years later after lead detective Ashley Wood was accused of making up evidence in the case. Parrish says "Defendant Wood withheld the Walmart video which did not show Plaintiff Parrish participating in the purchase of cleaning supplies used in connection with the murder of Mr. Vinson. Suppression of said video dramatically mischaracterized Ms. Wood's account of events and concealed the fact that there was no evidence linking Plaintiff Parrish to Mr. Vinson's murder." In the lawsuit....Parrish claims "SPD had a policy, practice, procedure and/or custom which permitted employees to alter material exculpatory evidence and/or suppress it from being turned over to criminal defendants and their counsel." Today, Mayor Johnson defended SPD training practices. Johnson: " We train people right, so ultimately people have to follow their training. Each officer is trained properly, trained the right way and officers have to rely on their training." "His claims are his claims and those issues will have to be decided in court."

9/28/2023 SAVANNAH
5:53:00 CITY
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It's very important because the job today is very vital for police officers so while we are out there, it is good to know our community and the community to know us. You've got to be comfortable in what you do. It's nice to say hello to people when you are in a police car, its nice to know who they are. So that when things do happen, we are able to quell the situation more than anything." He says along with connecting with the community, it's also important to support local businesses, like where we are now at Mailbox Cafe.

9/29/2023 MICHAELA:
9:00:00 MORNING COFFEE
AM BREAK 9 29 WITH A COP 00:00:30

A FUGITIVE WANTED ON CHILD RAPE AND MOLESTATION CHARGES IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTOUT WITH US MARSHALS AT A COLUMBIA-AREA HOTEL FRIDAY MORNING. THE US MARSHALS SAY 78-YEAR-OLD GEORGE CURTIS, WHO FLED THE STATE OF GEORGIA, SHOT AT THEM AS THEY WERE TRYING TO ARREST HIM AT THE EXTENDED STAY MOTEL OFF LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD... ((SOT)) "Very surprised when I woke up this morning I know it sounds cliché that never happens to me, but to wake up and see that much chaos." RCSD, COLUMBIA POLICE, SLED AND THE US MARSHALS ALL RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. COURT RECORDS SHOW CURTIS WAS SET TO BE TRIED EARLIER THIS MONTH ON THE CHILD MOLESTATION CHARGES... BUT HE FAILED TO APPEAR, AND A JUDGE ISSUED A BENCH WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST... THAT SEARCH TO FIND HIM LED MARSHALS TO THIS HOTEL... RYNE COX, A FORMER PROSECUTOR ON THE CURTIS CASE, SAYS THE OUTCOME DIDN'T SURPRISE HIM, GIVEN THE EVIDENCE AGAINST CURTIS... IF CONVICTED, HE WOULD HAVE LIKELY SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON, COX SAID. ((SOT)) "It's something I'd almost anticipate in these situations when a person has skipped bail, and are subsequently found by US Marshals Office." THE US MARSHALS SERVICE SAYS AFTER SHOOTING AT MARSHALS, CURTIS SHOT HIMSELF. ONE HOTEL GUEST, DESCRIBING TO ME THE MOMENT WHEN HE SAW DEPUTIES OUT HIS WINDOW -- WITH GUNS DRAWN... ((SOT)) "That changed the scheme of things drastically. Then you have the thought of did they enter the building? Not knowing they did enter the building. So that caught me by surprise, made me a little worried."

9/30/2023 6AM WIS: GA
 6:00:00 DAYBREAK SUSPECT
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ISSUE3-ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ROAD HAZARDS. TYBEE 4TH OF JULY SAFETY TIPS, SWIMMING LESSONS AFTER TODDLER DROWNS IN STATESBORO APT. COMPLEX, ALLIGATOR SAFETY TIPS, FDA ALZHEIMERS DRUG APPROVAL, I16 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, HHI 278 CORRIDOR PROPOSED CHANGES, COOLING CENTERS FOR THOSE THAT NEED TO BEAT THE HEAT, HEAT SAFETY TIPS INCLUDING BABIES AND HOT CARS EXHAUSTION FOR ATHLETES, RACCOON TEST POSITIVE FOR RABIES, YELLOW HORNETS, OGEECHEE MEGA SITE POLLUTION CONCERNS, DANGER OF COYOTES ON TYBEE ISLAND, FLU AND SICKNESS SOURCE: POLICE DEPTS, STATE OF GEORGIA AND SC , etc

7/1/2023 ANNA:
 6:00:00 WKEND SAFETY AT
 PM 6PM OD TYBEE

Jeremy Kendrick - Tybee Island Fire Chief "We can't stress enough people to study up on what a rip current is before you come to the beach because the waters not controlled so we always hope that study the beach and know what they're getting into and recognize these types of situations."

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			<p>Tybee Islands fire chief says he can't recommend more how important staying hydrated is on days like this. He says in order to stay safe... make sure you're bringing coolers filled with water and bring lots of sunscreen to reapply throughout the day. He also says to make sure you're watching the ocean. He says rip currents are a serious danger out here... and if you don't know what they look like... he says you should make sure to ask a lifeguard when you get to the beach. He does say though... that your best bet is to come to the beach already knowing what to do.</p>	
7/1/2023		ANNA:		
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			<p>"The theme for this weekend seems to be all about finding a way to beat that summer heat. Many people from the coastal empire have turned to Tybee Island as their solution." "We out here for the first time to visit our sister!" "We're just spending some quality time with each other... we're best friends" Like many... these folks are out just trying to have a good time. "Well today when we came, we've been to the sea. All the children were there. We built sand castles, we sat around, we had food, we had drinks." While having a good time on the beach, Tybee Island's Fire Chief says it's important to remember to take care of yourself. "Staying hydrated. You know I can't stress that enough. It's very important. We have a lot of people that get very dehydrated and have episodes of heat exhaustion." That's why Fubuh says she knew she needed to come prepared. "Well we came with a lot of coolers, we have water inside, we have ice inside." These high temperatures are what make many turn to Tybee. "It's been really hot lately, so this is why we chose the beach." But again... Chief Kendrick says it's important to make sure you're always watching the water while trying to cool off. "The north jetties can be dangerous at some points, the sand bar depending on whether the tide is going in or going out." Beachgoers say they hope everyone can enjoy Tybee and stay out of danger. "I'm getting that everybody's having a good time. I hope everybody just stays safe and just enjoys... seizes the day." "Like Chide Kendrick said... if you plan on doing any outdoor activities throughout this weekend.. Make sure you're coming with lots of cold water, sunscreen and anything else that can help you stay cool in this extreme heat. Reporting on Tybee Island, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	
7/1/2023	11PM	ANNA: TYBEE		
11:01:00	WEEKEND	HOLIDAY		
PM	OD	WEEKEND	FOLO	00:01:42

			<p>(sot) If you spend time around water, a pool can be a fun place to play. If you don't get much exposure, it can be dangerous. (vo) Two year old Mariah Jackson drowned in an apartment complex pool in Statesboro. Police and Splash in the Boro have teamed up to offer a water safety class this Friday to help children get exposed to the water but maintain a healthy respect for water. Organizers hope children learn the do's and don'ts around water and ways to keep themselves safe in our around it. (sot) It could be a pool, could be a river, could be a lake or anything. It could be a kiddie pool in your backyard, it doesn't take much water. (vo) He hopes kids who've had limited exposure to pools and other spots will come and learn ways to stay safe. (sot) The class will happen here at Luetta Moore Park Friday at 10am. They're asking you to preregister. The first 50 kids who preregister AND show up Friday will be signed up for free swim lessons from Splash in the Boro at a later date. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	
7/3/2023		SWIMMING		
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I'm here at critter management incorporated on Hilton Head Island. Where wildlife education is the mission. "Know your surroundings. If you go out at night, carry a flashlight. Don't go near water's edge. I mean enjoy the alligators from a safe distance and you can take your pictures 15-20 feet away from the water. The alligators not going to come out charging you" Joe Maffo runs Critter Management Incorporated, and says he has captured over 1,700 alligators over the past 40 years. He has made wildlife education his goal, visiting schools and museums to educate people on how to be safe around alligators. Maffo's education primarily focuses on the Lowcountry area, so I asked him if he as any advice for people visiting Hilton Head from out of town. "The gator is not dangerous. But when these people started throwing crackers out of their golf bag to get pictures the alligator on the golf course, which I've seen many times. Most golfers carry a snack with them. And when they see the alligator they start throwing stuff to him. I've scolded him and they cost the gator their life." Almost all alligators that are caught are required to be killed. It is against South Carolina law to relocate a captured alligator. To protect both yours and a gator's life, the best thing you can do is keep your distance and leave them alone. Feeding alligators causes them to associate humans with food, increasing the risk of an attack. During the current nesting season, alligators will move more frequently, and mother gators protect their eggs. If you do want to get up-close and personal with an alligator safely, Maffo is happy to help. "Get a hold of me. Call me, Critter Management. And I will come and I will to educate your plantation. Your new arrivals. They're very unique animals and they're just beautiful to look at are so unique." Looklive Tag: And remember while I'm holding ALly safely right now, she's been fed and Joe is a professional. Be careful around any body of water in the low country because there most likely will be gators in it. On Hilton Head Island, Ryan Tisminezky WTOC news.

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GATOR
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SAFETY TIPS

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"Internal Medicine Specialist here at Memorial Health say lecanemab, which will be sold under the name Leqembi should be available in about a month in our area. The drug has sparked concern about its side effects and cost. But Dr. Maulik Patel feels the FDA's approval is still a step in the right direction." Dr. Patel says the drug is for patients in the early stages of Alzheimer's. It's administered through an infusion and removes a protein in your brain that is proven to play a big role in Dementia symptoms. The drug is supposed to delay the down slope of Alzheimer's from 5 to 10 years, possibly even beyond 10 years, according to Patel. There were some side effects found in the clinical trial. Dr. Patel says there's a possibility that it could cause leaky blood vessels in the brain that produce similar symptoms as Alzheimer's like fatigue and confusion. Despite some concerns, Dr. Patel feels this development will help generate more medicine to tackle this disease. "It gives everyone a good boost in morale to say 'yeah we need to continue on this journey.' I think the drug, as I said in the beginning, has to be heavily weighed for each patient. It's not meant for everyone with Dementia. It's not meant for everyone with X,Y,Z symptoms. You have to sit down, look at where you are, what type of Dementia it is." (Camille) "Another concern we discussed was the cost. Leqembi is expected to cost more than 26 thousand dollars a year. Because it is FDA approved, Medicare will cover a portion of the cost. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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FDA
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DRUG
APPROVAL

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It's a years-long project that's impacted thousands of drivers along I-16 in parts of Chatham County. The I-16 widening project is adding a lane in both directions on a seven mile stretch of the roadway from I-95 to I-516. G-DOT officials say they expect full I-16 capacity by summer 20-24. *nats of driver* Until then...expect more roadwork. "Continued work to install the roadbeds, prepare for asphalt paving, some concrete work, in addition to the barrier wall being erected." Lane closures and shifts have plagued drivers along this stretch since the project began in early 20-20. And they'll continue this weekend. Drivers along 95 southbound can expect a new lane shift at I-16 on Sunday so that crews can move forward with demolition work on the old 95 overpass. "You're still going to have the same amount of lanes, if you're going 95 southbound headed through the area, but you are going to be shifted to allow us to continue to complete that new infrastructure there at the bridge over 16." This...follows the completion of the turbine ramps at the 16 and 95 interchange this spring. G-DOT says another major milestone is on the horizon...as the new Tremont and Bunger Pit Road bridges are expect to open this fall. Road crews say it's all in an effort to accomodate for growth...a 300 million dollar project includes 12 bridge replacements...tech upgrades and 240 light installations. "Everyone that lives in this area knows how much the traffic has increased, not only everyday travel, but the freight traffic with the growth at the ports." There's a lot more than just what you see with a few bridges and ramps out there."

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Standup U.S. Route 278 has been a constant point of conversation here on Hilton Head, with a specific focus over the last few years on the entryway to the island. This morning though, that focus shifted. Vo It's the main road that takes people around the town, or more simply... Sot "It's the heart of the island." Vo That gentleman is one of many members of the public who sat in on this three-hour workshop... listening as a group of engineers presented their ideas for improving the crucial roadway. Sot: "I have a great concern about how this moves forward and I want to see what the thinking is." Vo Town leaders tell me they share that concern and want to make sure any potential charges are done right. Sot: "The expectation is that we balance and create more of a parkway feel - slower speeds, better treatment, better landscaping." Vo Right now Nat Vo Speeds are high, and the town says serious crashes happen too often. Sot "We need to make some bold moves and some significant considerations for change." Vo The presentation took a wide scope, but improvements to this vital route have specific goals you can expect the town to prioritize. Sot "To increase safety, to reduce the amount of incidents we have between bike and ped users and vehicles, and create a more consistent network." On cam tag The assistant town manager telling me staff will take the conversations and recommendations from this workshop into consideration and bring back a more detailed presentation to council in the coming months. Reporting from Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

7/11/2023
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PM 6PM OD

HHI 278
CORRIDOR
PROPOSED
CHANGES

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The city says this is due to a water main break. The subdivisions affected are-- CherokeeRose and Cherokee Station. The city says this may disrupt your water supply or cause water pressure issues. Those affected are being asked to use only boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking, cooking or preparing food. The advisory will be in effect until testing has been done. We'll update you once its lifted.

7/12/2023
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PM 6PM OD

HINESVILLE
BOIL WATER
ADVISORY

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"Homeless people need a place to cool off." ((VO)) With the extreme temperatures facing the Savannah area this weekend... the Union Mission day Center at the Grace House... a place that's normally only open on weekdays... decided to extend their hours into the weekend. ((SOT)) "Our staff has stepped up to work with the community to make sure they have a place and hot meals." ((VO)) That's something that Traynor says... doesn't go unnoticed. ((SOT)) "They may be outside today in the extreme heat and may not have water or may not have food, or the things that could help them stay alive in a situation like this, so I think they're very appreciative." ((VO)) Traynor says their goal is to provide people with a place to cool off, whether inside in the air conditioning, or under umbrellas outside... as well as meals and snacks. He says this leads to many people walking through the doors here each day. ((SOT)) "We've had as many as 98 folks come in during a day in the last two weeks, so it's been extremely busy." ((VO)) Traynor says he expects about 120 people to come to the day center this weekend alone. Reporting in Savannah, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

7/16/2023 ANNA: UNION
6:30:00 WKEND MISSION DAY
PM 6:30PM OD CENTER 00:01:04

Again, one possible cause being investigated for that fire is lightning.. some streets were also flooded in Savannah after rain earlier tonight. While the wet weather could be over for tonight- there might be a chance for more tomorrow. Meteorologist Jamie Ertle joins us now with more.

7/17/2023 WX TOSS:
5:53:00 SAVANNAH
PM 6PM OD FLOODING 00:00:17

"As our first alert weather team has been talking about, it's going to be hot across the area including here in Beaufort this weekend. Staying safe in the heat is important for people attending the festival, and directors say they're ready." VO: With thousands of visitors expected to attend the Water Festival, directors tell me they have a strong safety plan that the staff has been briefed on.. "We also have EMS and fire around the park, all throughout the park every night and day. And they have, they're set up behind the stage so if you ever need for them you can go right there, or you can look for any director or coordinator with the Water Festival and they will direct you or help you out with whatever you need." Directors will be in different themed uniforms throughout the week, and can be found around the park to help visitors. In Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC news.

7/19/2023 BEAUFORT
5:53:00 WATER
PM 6PM OD FESTIVAL
HEAT
SAFETY 00:00:51

In addition to that - Union Mission, Salvation Army and the Come As You Are Deliverance Ministry all have cooling centers open as well. You can see the availability on your screen now. If you can't make it to any of those locations - the City of Savannah says all Live Oak Public Libraries are open to the public almost every day of the week.

7/20/2023 SAVANNAH
4:59:00 COOLING
PM 5PM OD CENTERS
OPEN 00:00:20

7/20/2023
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 PM 6PM OD

DYLAN HEAT SAFETY TIPS

We're tracking the hottest temps of the year thus far to be today and tomorrow. Due to our humidity, it'll actually feel like it's around 110 degrees. Let's break down what this does to the body. Our bodies like to stay near 98.6°. So, when our body temperature rises, sweat is released from our skin. The water from the sweat evaporates, which draws heat out of the body through a process known as evaporative cooling. The problem is that here in Savannah, we are in a maritime climate. This means we don't get a lot of dry air for this process to take hold. Thus, we don't get the evaporative cooling. Making it easier to overheat while outside. This is why it is crucial for anyone spending time outdoors to drink lots of fluids. Plus, you'll want to know the difference between heat stroke and heat exhaustion. The biggest thing to notice during this time is whether or not someone is sweating or not. If they are, get them into a cool shady spot to cool down. If they are not, call 911 immediately because they are likely having a heat stroke. Knowing this difference could save your or someone else's life. Also, don't forget about your pets, be sure they have extra water and a cool spot.

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RINCON LOWES ROBBERY & FIRING

(ANNA BLACK/Anna Black) "I'm here outside of Rincon's Police Department where I talked to Rincon Detective Vance who says last month on June 25th four subjects robbed the Lowe's just down the street. Now when some of those subjects were leaving Lowe's, a senior citizen employee tried to stop one of those carts and that's when that subject got violent." detective vance says "four* people drove to *lowe's*...*3* of them loading up buggies with over *two-thousand* dollars worth of stuff...but never paid for it/ that's when a 68-year-old employee stepped in. (sot: donna hansbrough/victim & former lowe's employee) "the guy decided he wanted me to let go, so he punched me. i grabbed my glasses, still held onto the cart and he punched me again and again." the *now* former employee says she was left with a black eye...and a lost job. lowe's company policy states employees can't intervene during a shoplifting or robbery incident. but she says...she couldn't just sit and watch. sot: donna "it's my fault, but i feel bad....but at the same time, i'm emotionally mixed." sot: detective lance "two traumatic events all at once with being violently attacked and losing her job, her happiness, her peace, all at the same time." sot: donna "i love my job...loved. i enjoyed working with the people i worked with, i enjoyed helping the customers, i enjoyed everything about it. you know how you have your perfect job, that was mine." i reached out to lowe's but haven't heard back yet. police report says...charges for people involved include theft and battery. (anna black/anna black: vance says the investigation is still ongoing. right now one of the subjects is in custody but on unrelated subjects. as for the other three subjects, they have pending warrants at this time. in rincon, anna black, wtoc news."

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SAVANNAH COOLING CENTERS OPEN

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7/21/2023		COOLING		
7:00:00		CENTERS	Thanks Dave. If you need a place to cool down this weekend - here are some places in Savannah.	
PM	7PM OD	OPEN THIS	Cooling centers are open in community centers around the city. WTOC has a link to that information in	
		WKND	our First Alert Weather Day story online at WTOC dot com.	00:00:15

7/28/2023		CHD BRAIN	"Despite the fact that this infection is exceedingly rare in the U-S and here in Georgia - the last time that	
4:59:00		EATING	we ever had an infection like this in an individual was 21 years ago. Georgians can take action in order	
PM	5PM OD	AMOEBAS	to prevent this from occurring. Limit the amount of water that enters the nose."	00:00:17

Lake Mayer started the day closed...as crews worked to clear trash and storm debris after this weekend's Back to School festival. That event...ended abruptly Sunday as the Savannah Fire Department says at least 20 people suffered heat-related injuries. nats of announcer? Event organizers could be heard urging people to escape the heat as feels like temps hit above 100 degrees. "We had some cooling fans, misting stations, we provided water, we provided wet towels." The Chatham County Parks & Recreation director says emergency crews were on hand to treat people...but the large crowds proved challenging. "Just the sheer volume, and the way the heat index shot up, we were unprepared." 10 kids from the event were seen at the Children's Hospital of Savannah emergency room for heat-related illness...according to doctors. "This is definitely an anomaly for us. It's rare for us to have this many patients show up from one thing." Director of pediatric medicine...Dr. Michael Bossak says parents need to stay vigilant as the mercury rises. "Children, parents, they're not always great about hydrating, they don't remember, they're playing, they're having a great time, they're really enjoying the festivities. We need to be adults and make sure that we're monitoring those things and keeping on top of our kids." The event was the last part of Flau'jae Johnson's back to school homecoming weekend. In a statement...the Savannah-native telling WTOC... "Please join me in sending thoughts, prayers, and positive energy to all those affected by the weather at today's event. The safety and well-being of everyone remain my highest priority, and I'm committed to ensuring that future gatherings are secure and enjoyable for all." Back at Lake Mayer...county officials say they're revisiting heat protocols for mass gatherings. "When we're looking at large scale events and festivals, bringing out an actual cooling tent, renting one from an event company and having one on site as well." 00:01:57

8/7/2023	6AM	SHEA 530	Dr. Spitalnick says that most of the time- these incidents happen when a parent's routine changes, like	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	630 BABIES	if they are taking care of the baby when usually their partner would be. If a baby is forgotten in the	
AM	OD	AND HOT	backseat- that's particularly dangerous because they can't regulate their temperatures like adults can,	
		CARS	and cars can rise from 15 to 20 degrees in temperature very quickly. Dr. Spitalnick says the most	
			common days of the week for car heat-related incidents concerning children is Thursday and Friday,	
			because those are the days that parental routines are most likely to be broken.	00:00:35

8/7/2023	6AM	SHEA 530	If you're gonna put a child in the backseat, a good thing to do is to put something else in the backseat that you're going to have to remember. Your purse, your cell phone, your briefcase, your shoes.	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	630 BABIES	Something that when you get out of the car, you know you're going to have to get. I know it sounds like a parent would never forget their child in their backseat, I know it sounds like it would never happen to you. It could happen to anybody."	
AM	OD	AND HOT CARS		00:00:25

8/7/2023	6AM	5AM SHEA	Signs of heat exhaustion in kids can be fatigue, tiredness, and being out of breath. Instead of being hot and sweaty- the child might be cool and dry. Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke- which is when your body loses the ability to regulate temperature. Dr. Spitalnick says heat stroke causes loss of bodily function and is very dangerous. To prevent things from getting to that point- Dr. Spitalnick says to make sure that kids drink a liter of water for every hour of outdoor exercise, and give them lots of breaks. If a child says they need a break- take them seriously.	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	HEAT		
AM	OD	EXHAUSTION ATHLETES		00:00:34

8/7/2023	6AM	5AM SHEA	"As a pediatrician, and as a parent, take a child's complaint seriously. If a child is complaining of fatigue, of muscle cramps, of exhaustion, take them seriously. Yes, there are children who try to get out of exercise, but they could be giving you signs of something seriously ill about to happen. Push fluids, let them rest, and don't overpush a child who's complaining of signs of heat exhaustion."	
5:59:00	DAYBREAK	HEAT		
AM	OD	EXHAUSTION ATHLETES		00:00:24

8/7/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	WAYNE CO. HEAT WARNING	<p>"People throughout Wayne County, feeling those high temperatures today." "It feels like we've been living on the sun every day." "We're trying to protect our citizens and employees." One of the best tips Richard Johnson says he has for people during these high temperatures is to start preparing early. ((SOT)) "If you know you're going to have exposure, you maybe have to work outside in these elements, you need to start hydrating before you get in that environment." ((VO)) And he says the hydration you need, might be more than you think. ((SOT)) "You drink at least ten ounces of water for every ten minutes you're exerting yourself in this extreme heat." ((VO)) Johnson says that's necessary because the heat can be very dangerous and sometimes even lead to heat stroke. ((SOT)) "Those folks will stop perspiring, they're skin will be pale and their pulse will be rapid like heat exhaustion, but they'll be strong bounding pulses so it's truly a life-threatening condition." ((ANNA)) "Johnson says he expects those high temperatures to continue throughout the week, so he recommends you take his advice and if you plan on doing any outfort activities, to start hydrating as soon as possible. Reporting in Wayne County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	00:01:10
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8/8/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCREVEN COUNTY HEAT SAFETY	<p>With midday temperatures in the 90's it doesn't take long for heat to affect your body and you begin experiencing symptoms. Dr. Sid Morgan with Optim Medical Screven says they're seeing an increase in patients with heat-related issues. He's urging people to take fluids outside with them, use shade when it's available and limit your exposure in the middle of the day when possible.</p>	00:00:22
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8/16/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCAFFOLDIN G FALL DOWN FOLO	<p>LL: The scaffolding that fell here has been removed but drivers whose cars were damaged are still trying to figure out what to do next. PKG: Drivers in disbelief Tuesday night after scaffolding at a Savannah construction site rained down...crushing several cars below. "I couldn't believe it. I just saw my licence plate through all the rubble." Crews say the destruction happened around eight p-m at a parking garage being built near River Street...leaving cars in a neighboring Marriott parking lot pancaked. Cozza: "Cars from like that tree over there to over here, all of them were covered." 20-year-old Alex Cozza is travelling back home to North Carolina. His road trip is now on hold and he's unsure when he'll be able to get home. Cozza: "Less than an hour being parked here, my car is covered in wood and rubble." Developer Balfour Beatty is blaming a heavy wind storm for blowing the scaffolding over. Owners of a construction company working on the project were on site today...reevaluating how they'll move forward. "We're going to try to do it in parts and pieces that way we protect these vehicles. The main thing right now is making sure these people are taken care of." The group says they plan to cover rental vehicle and repair costs for anyone affected. Turner: "It's on us. We all have insurance with limits that will more than cover anything that we do." No injuries were reported. Despite the help...Cozza is still in shock. Cozza: "That car is my baby, you know? It's like something out of a movie." LL: Construction crews tell me they're still working to figure out what exactly went wrong here last night. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.</p>	00:01:37
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8/17/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	EFFINGHAM HORSES & THE HEAT	this heat and humidity are not only affecting humans...but horses. i talked to a local stable who says...care is key. nat sound: "they're working for you. so we need to take care of them." vo: honey ridge stables in guyton say with recent heat indexes in the hundreds... it's very important horses are being properly taken care of. the stable's event coordinator says...horses need to be fed and watered at least twice a day. she says to prevent horses from overheating...they need to be hosed and wiped down at the end of the day. honey ridge stables says during soaring temps...they'll only ride horses during mornings or evenings. and some days not even ride at all...simply focusing on keeping cool. the stable says *both* humans and horses handle heat differently... and we need to trust that farmers know what's best for their livestock...as it is their livelihood. "if it's 110 for us, you know, they're wearing the saddle, they're wearing the saddle bag, they're having the harness everything...so it's just being considerate of the horse and trying to make sure they're being taken care of." ab, wtoc news.	00:01:04
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8/22/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	CHATHAM WEST NILE VIRUS LATEST	Chatham County Mosquito Control says some of the bugs are still testing positive for West Nile Virus but they're seeing a drop in numbers from the week before. They say West Nile has been found at 8 sites within the county. Most of those are on Savannah's southside. They say the helicopters that spray for mosquitoes are focused on those areas. You can also request they treat your area and sign up for alerts about where they're treating on the mosquito control website.	00:00:28
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8/25/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	HORNET NEST ERADICATED	"This is a huge win for Georgia agriculture. This is a big win for the citizens of this state. And I can't thank our partners enough for the work that they have done. I can't thank our staff at the department of agriculture enough for the work they did in working to find, trap, eradicate this specific nest and we look forward to continuing those efforts to ensure that we completely eradicate the yellow legged hornet in our state."	00:00:25
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8/28/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	GDOT ON BRIDGES AHEAD OF IDALIA	GDOT says tall bridges like the Talmadge Bridge in Savannah are closed only with gale force winds or higher. That's a sustained wind speed of at least 39 miles an hour. Planned lane closures on the Talmadge Bridge this week for maintenance have been postponed.	00:00:15
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			nats of cars? As drivers hit the road for their Labor Day weekend getaway...Georgia State Patrol is urging caution during the unofficial end of summer. From now until Monday evening...G-S-P is expecting crowded roads in the Coastal Empire. Troopers say it will be an all-hands-on deck effort...as they look for speeders and drunk drivers. "Impaired driving is a huge problem because you're not only putting yourself in danger, but you're putting others in danger." Triple-A is activating it's "Tow to Go" program in Georgia until Tuesday at six A-M. It gives would-be-impaired drivers and their car a safe and free ride. As for where G-S-P expects trouble spots in our area? Sherman: "Everybody's trying to get to the beach one more time, so US Highway 80 going out to Tybee is definitely going to be a busy area. Please be careful, slow down, pay attention, and leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you." Ultimately...troopers say safety should be front and center on the roads this Labor Day weekend. Sherman: "It's about getting there and enjoying your time. It's not about how fast you get there. You can ruin your whole weekend, someone else's weekend. We want you to do it safe, we want you to have a great time and we'll be out here assisting any way we can."	
9/6/2023	6PM OD	LABOR DAY		
5:53:00	WITH	WEEKEND		
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		TRAVEL		00:01:15

			The department says the raccoon was found dead in the yard of a home near White Bluff Road and DeRenne. They say no people were eposed to the infected animal. They say it's a good reminder to families across Chatham County - make sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccines...and never handle wild animals.	
9/7/2023		RACCOON		
5:29:00		TESTS		
PM	5:30pm OD	POSITIVE		
		RABIES		00:00:18

			"Some riverkeepers say this has been an issue they've been worried about since the announcement of the new Hyundai Mega Site." Folks with Ogeechee Riverkeeper say with this growth, there are some positives, but also some negatives. "Some of the negatives is impacts to our water resources and that's our mission and our concern." One of the main things Mullis says he's worried about is the management and control of wastewater in the area, as the population continues to grow. "We're really concerned about that. We want to make sure that that wastewater is treated as much as possible and doesn't have a negative impact on the river." ((VO)) Something the county is already working on. "With the new industrial coming to Bryan County and the growth, it's important that we, you know, look ahead and try and keep pollution to a minimum." Right now, construction is underway on a new wastewater treatment facility located right across from the mega site. ((SOT)) "This new wastewater treatment facility is state of the art. It filters the water several, several times before it goes back into the environment." Something Mullis says they'll be tracking closely. "We want to make sure that that wastewater is treated as much as possible and doesn't have a negative impact on the river." ((VO)) Mullis says to track the potential future pollution, Ogeechee Riverkeeper is testing the water now for a baseline. ((SOT)) "We have monitors upstream and downstream of the proposed discharge site and we're collecting data every 30 minutes." ((ANNA)) "Mullis says they'll continue tracking the waters here on the Ogeechee River once the Hyundai Mega Site begins operations, to see what pollutant affects it might have. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."	
9/19/2023		OGEECHEE		
5:53:00		MEGA SITE		
PM	6PM OD	POLLUTION		
		CONCERNS		00:01:41

9/19/2023 11:00:00 PM	11PM OD	BEAUFORT CO RABID RACCOON	<p>Five people in the Lowcountry were sent to their doctors after they were exposed to rabies. D-HEC confirmed today a raccoon found in a Bluffton neighborhood tested positive for rabies. It's the first one to test positive in Beaufort County this year. The animal was found near Old Mill Crossing and Stepping Stone Way and sent to the D-HEC lab last Friday. The department says their main message tonight is for pet owners - make sure your pet is up to date on its rabies vaccines.</p>	00:00:28
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9/20/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	YELLOW HORNETS LATEST	<p>In addition to a second nest being located and destroyed, the Georgia Department of Agriculture made announcements this morning about where the hornets came from, where they are now, and new methods of stopping them from spreading. The GDA also said that complete eradication is a long process, meaning zero hornets have to be seen in a three-year period for the fight to be over. "The most important thing and success of this is going to be the public involvement." When it comes to what you can do, the GDA says to resist the urge to kill them and report any sightings directly to the department. Leaving the hornets alive makes them easier to track back to their nests, like the second one that was found on Wilmington Island last Friday. According to the GDA, the twelve confirmed sightings have been on Whitemarsh Island, Wilmington Island, and Thunderbolt. Through genetic testing, University of Georgia scientists determined where the hornets come from. "The genetic testing has confirmed Asia, right, so we know that they come from that part of the world, how they got here is still a question but you put the pieces together, you know the port is in Savannah, so it's very likely that's the method of transportation and how they got here." The GDA says that throughout the eradication process, a positive sign has been the fact that neither of the nests showed signs of queens or males being produced, which means that the chances of new nests being made is significantly lower. "The fact that this process has not started happening yet in this particular nest increases our chance of successful and complete eradication." The USDA is sending more money for the fight against the hornets in Georgia, and partnerships have expanded to Clemson and University of Florida to prevent the insects from making their way to neighboring states. Reporting from Savannah, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:52
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9/26/2023 4:00:00 PM	4PM	GCFD GAS LEAK DRILL	<p>"The scenario you're about to see is of a car hitting a house and causing a gas leak. The point of this drill is so Atlanta Gas Light and Garden City firefighters can be on the same page saving you a headache and possibly your life." "That's the big threat, any spark could possibly set it off." Both Garden City Fire and Atlanta Gas Light arriving on the scene and getting straight to work. (nat) Fire fighters aiming their hose at the gas meter and then going to rescue the victim inside the car. That's happening while Atlanta Gas Light is working to stop the leak. (nat) This is the kind of collaboration needed in this scenario, according to Atlanta Gas Light Officials. Garden City Fire Chief Michael Dick says gas leaks don't happen often and mostly occur on constructions sites but practice is always needed. "The idea behind this type of training is more like a high risk, low frequency so the things that don't happen a lot but can happen that is what we all need to be focusing on. They have to focus on the basic firefighter skills and fundamentals but we also have to be practicing on these things that can happened but don't happen often." The chief says this was their first drill with Atlanta Gas Light and they look forward to more. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:13
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9/27/2023 3:00:00 PM	3PM	CLAXTON CHICKEN MESS	First at 3--- Crews in Claxton are cleaning up after a semi-truck carrying live chickens turned on its side. This happened this morning at the intersection of East Main Street and North Duval Street. You're taking a look at video from the scene. No word yet on how the truck overturned. Another truck carrying chickens overturned about a month ago near the same area. WTOC will continue to keep you updated once we find out more information.	00:00:26
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9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM	11PM	TYBEE COYOTE TRAPPING & KILLING	The city posted a facebook message to residents that they would have a trapper on the north end of the island this week to trap coyotes. This made several people angry because the coyotes will be euthanized after being caught. The city had to turn off commenting on the post because of some nasty comments. While noone nor pet has been harmed by a coyote on the island. Last year - coyotes raided at least five sea turtle nests.	00:00:25
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9/28/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	CAMILLE: TYBEE COYOTES	<p>"Tybee Island's city manager tells me there have been several coyote sightings around the island and specifically on the north end and near Jaycee Park." (owens sot) "We decided to act before it was too late." Coyotes have also been spotted near Polk Street. "The coyotes are in people's yards. They're approaching pets from what we understand and people are just a little bit concerned about it." (Kluttz sot) "There's at least two of them that we know of." Jim Kluttz has been living on Tybee for 37 years and says north side residents have been especially worried about their community rooster. "He crows every morning and we hope the coyotes don't get Rudolph before we get the coyotes." A supervisor with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources tells me coyotes can target pets, but are rarely a threat to humans. He says once they're trapped in Georgia, they almost always have to be euthanized. Tybee announced euthanasia was their original plan. However, Owens says after public outcry the trapper they hired has agreed to take the coyotes to a DNR approved wildlife preserve in the state. (Kluttz) "This is what we want. That's perfect." The preserve being the last resort. (phoner: David Mixon) "It is about the only possible way that we would not encourage them to be euthanized because we consider them an invasive exotic (species) and two because they are a rabies prone animal." Owens says the trappers will only be out for a week. (camille) "Meanwhile, the mayor says it's important to be aware the coyotes are deterred by flashing lights or loud noises and it may be best to keep your pets inside. Reporting on Tybee Island Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	00:01:32
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9/29/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM	FLU & SICKNESS LATEST	<p>LL "Dr. Tim Connelly at Memorial Health Adult Care says they're seeing about two to three patients a week tested positive with the flu. He says they are expecting those number will continue to rise as the temperatures drop." "Over the next couple of weeks we can expect to see a pretty big increase in the Flu. So, this is what I'm telling my patients. Now is probably the best time to get your flu vaccine if you haven't already." Dr. Connelly tells me Flu peaks are expected next month and possibly in February. He says last year, their were some people getting the Flu and COVID or the Flu and RSV at the same time. If you have Flu symptoms like a fever or body aches, Dr. Connelly recommends talking to your doctor right away. "If you're within three to five days of symptoms, starting the Tamiflu or Xofluza, two FDA approved medications taken properly will significantly reduce your duration of symptoms." He says old remedies can help as well. "The things that grandma used to tell you, the chicken soup, rest, get some sleep, those are all somewhat helpful." Taking too much cold medicine can be bad for some people, so it's always best to talk to a professional. "Discuss with your healthcare provider what you can and can't safely take before you just go buy multiple over the counter remedies." "Again, he says it's best to get your flu shot now because it takes two weeks for it to be most effective. CS WTOC N."</p>	00:01:21
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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. TYBEE FIRE CHIEF, POOLER TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AFTER NEW DEVELOPMENT, BRYAN VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT BUILDING IS DEEDED TO COUNTY, NEW HINESVILLE FIRE STATION, BRYAN CO. FIRE EMPLOYEE LAWSUITS, SAVANNAH FIRE HURRICANE PREP, HHI FIREFIGHTER AWARDS, SAVANNAH FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM, RINCON NEW FIRE CHIEF, SOURCE: FIRE FIGHTER, SAV. FIRE DEPT AND OTHER AREA DEPTS

SOT: Jalon Murphy, Sergeant Firefighter, Tybee Island Fire Department runs 20: "48 hours, You know you're with a lot of people that aren't your family, that kind of are your family. Depending on who you ask. So we don't really butt heads here, but it's just different. You gotta have- you live with two different families, I would say. I live with these guys and I live at home with my animals." VO: The fire department allowed me to join them today for a small chunk of their 48 hour shift to see what it's like on the other side of a 9-1-1 call. And speaking of animals, the first call I witnessed was a dog locked in a car. She's doing alright now. SOT: Benjamin Hall, Firefighter, Tybee Island Fire Department runs 10: "If they bring their dog out, just treat it like a child. Don't leave it in the car. Use common sense. You're not allowed to bring dogs on the beach, unless it's a service animal." VO: Dogs seemed to be a common theme today, with Dixie holding down the fort at the station, keeping everybody company during the two days of work. Tybee Island Firefighters weren't the only first responders at the station today, emergency medical services that were brought in to help this weekend spend the day here too. SOT: Jeremy Kendrick, Tybee Island Fire Chief runs 17: "We've got additional EMS coverage on the Island, to help with Chatham in the event that they are getting busy as well. It's all a team effort, and we're just trying to make sure that we protect the citizens." The additional presence of first responders on the island is in response to large crowds on the beach earlier this year... After an event called "Orange Crush" in April caused multiple arrests and hours-long traffic delays, Tybee Island officials say this weekend is an all-hands-on-deck approach. And so far, Chief Kendrick says Saturday.... Has been fairly calm compared to years past.

7/1/2023 11PM
11:01:00 WEEKEND
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7/4/2023
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BURTON
HOUSE FIRE
KILLS
ANIMALS

Levesque: "We were very quickly able to determine there weren't any human beings in the building. Sadly, we very quickly came across the first of animals that were lost because of the fire. Thankfully, we were able to save a handful, but surely not all of them." Firefighters say they dug through the rubble and looked at the different pieces of the home as they investigate.

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<p>7/10/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD</p>	<p>POOLER TRAFFIC AFTER DEVELOPME NT</p>	<p>Vo New apartment complexes like these are a popular site in Pooler... as more and more people move to the area. For the city's Fire Department that means a higher call volume, and more cars to get through on the way to a scene. Sot: (Chief Wade Simmons, Pooler Fire Department) "The biggest thing that we worry about is response times, that's a big deal. so can we get from point A to point B in a timely fashion?" Vo Their goal response time is four minutes, but thanks to the increased road congestion that comes with area development they've had to grow alongside the community. Sot "We opened our fifth station in November out off Jimmy Deloach parkway. It was an area that we were more than double that response time. There wasn't a lot of development out there, but it's picked up." Vo The chief has been here 15 years and in that time he tells me the department has gone from 2 stations with 15 employees, to five with 75. He's looking for other ways to keep up with population increases though. Specifically telling me it's a goal to acquire technology that allows crews to change traffic lights, so they can make it through the city's roadways easier in an emergency. Sot "We're trying to stay ahead of it, we're trying to work on that but we're probably five years out from getting that in place and getting that on the signals." Vo He says they're also looking into using smaller vehicles that can maneuver through traffic easier for medical calls... trying to stay ahead of the development that's showing no signs of slowing down. In Pooler, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:28</p>
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<p>7/11/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>RH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT TO COUNTY</p>	<p>Bryan County commissioners are set to decide what will happen to this building behind me.. a volunteer fire station. ((VO)) The Blitchton Volunteer Fire Department is something that hasn't actually been run by volunteers for years. Currently, paid firefighters work at the station, but Bryan County doesn't officially own the building. That's what discussion at tonight's meeting is all about. A quitclaim deed has been proposed that would allow Bryan County to continue using the building, but only for emergency services. ((SOT)) "If we cease to use it for emergency services it will go back to the original owners. And that's a part of the contract that we're going to work out." ((LL OUT)) Officials say a final decision about what happens to this fire department should be made by the end of tonight's meeting. In Bryan County, AS WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:00:48</p>
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<p>7/12/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>BRYAN VOLUNTEER FIRE VOTE</p>	<p>A WTOC Update - Bryan County will take ownership of what was once a volunteer fire department. Commissioners approved an agreement for the Blitchton Volunteer Fire Department. Before this - paid firefighters worked at the station, but the county didn't own it.</p>	<p>00:00:16</p>
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7/17/2023 SAVANNAH We start with a LIVE look from that fire at Central Missionary Baptist Church. This is happening at
4:59:00 CHURCH McAllister Street and Hitch Drive. Savannah Fire crews have put it out. They say the fire caused the
PM 5PM OD FIRE roof of the building to collapse. No one was injured. WTOC is working to get more details. 00:00:17

7/17/2023 CITY And a breaking news update - City Market is now clear after Savannah fire crews responded less than a
4:59:00 MARKET half hour ago. WTOC is working to get more details...but this is one of the most popular destinations for
PM 5PM OD FIRE LATEST people visiting our city. We'll let you know when we learn more. 00:00:16

7/18/2023 SAV That's according to Savannah Fire. You're looking at some of the video we got yesterday of the
4:59:00 CHURCH damage at Central Missionary Baptist Church off Hitch Drive. Crews responded to the fire just before
PM 5PM OD STRUCK BY 3:30 p-m... as storms were rolling through Savannah. You can see the fire caused the roof to fall in.
LIGHTNING Savannah Fire says their crews saw heavy smoke and flames coming from the church's steeple when
they got there. 00:00:24

7/19/2023 6AM
6:00:00 DAYBREAK
AM OD

FIRE
STATION
GRAND
OPENING

Happening today - a new fire station in Hinesville is opening after more than a year of construction. The new fire station not only is bigger in size but it's also more inclusive for female firefighters. The fire department has been using their old station for about 45 years now. The new facility is 17,000 square foot. The new station also has more bay areas to keep the trucks. Back in February, city officials told WTOC the project would cost about 7 point 5 million dollars. Most of that would be funded through SPLOST funds. And if you ask Chief Roberts, it was money well spent.

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7/19/2023 6AM
6:00:00 DAYBREAK
AM OD

FIRE
STATION
GRAND
OPENING

"The group of folks that we have, they're hard workers, they train hard, and, and, they're always happy with what they're given, and this is going to be somewhat of a reward for them, for their hard work and their dedication to the city." If you come out to today's grand opening - you can get a tour of the new station. The grand opening starts at 10 am with a ribbon cutting.

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7/19/2023
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HINESVILLE
NEW FIRE
STATION

Hinesville Fire Chief Robert Kitchings says the opening of Station One means that they'll not only be able to better serve the community, but also the firefighters of Hinesville. This ribbon cutting – or uncoupling of fire hoses, rather, marks the start of a new chapter for the Hinesville Fire Department. "We've been in the other building for a long, long time. It was built in 1978. Honestly, we probably outgrew it 20 years ago." The new building features 13 dorm rooms, five fire engine bays, an updated kitchen and living area, and a gym. It also features full bathroom facilities for women – something that was missing from the old building. The project is made possible by SPLOST dollars and is expected to cost around \$8 million once additional administrative offices are built, according to Kitchings. "This is our home once every third day for these guys. It's going to feel more like home, it's going to be much more comfortable, they'll be better rested." The station is also dedicated... to someone who will forever be a Hinesville firefighter. This plaque of Capt. Moe McDuffie, who died during a training exercise in 2018... is at the entrance to the station. The honor, coming as a surprise to Moe's family. "I pray and hope that they will serve the community with their heart, love, and dedication the same way Moe did." "I miss him every single day. This is the smallest honor we could do to praise Moe. He deserves so much more. We just want to make sure that his legacy goes on, long after we're gone." A piece of the department's history... that will always have a place in its future. Next up is phase two of construction, which includes a new administrative building. Kitchings says they hope to have that completed by February 2024. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Lt. Sam Bradbury and Division Chief Summer Patterson are each suing Bryan County Fire and Emergency Services -- and its leaders. They say they saw unsafe practices... and reported them to their superiors. Bradbury claimed that in March, she reported another Lieutenant had, quote, "committed acts of sexual assault and harassment of recruits..." and "smelled strongly of alcohol while on duty." The response? Bradbury claims Division Chief Shannon Bancroft yelled at her when she got the report. Meanwhile... Patterson says in May, she was in the room when Fire Chief Freddy Howell and Division Chief Bancroft manipulated promotion scoring numbers for Battalion Chief positions. Patterson says that manipulation put Bradbury at the bottom of the promotion list. She says when she called them out on it -- they *also retaliated against her... giving her an extra 20-30 hours of work per/week. In all, the lawsuit accuses the department of unlawful retaliation, violating the Georgia Whistleblower Act, conspiracy, deprivation of rights, and more. The employees attorney told us, quote... "As public safety officials, Summer and Sam took their duty and responsibility to keep their coworkers and their citizens safe very seriously... it's unfortunate they were retaliated against for doing what's right." The suit also accuses Chief Freddy Howell of wasting tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars. We contacted Howell to get his side of the story. We haven't heard back yet. If you'd like to read the lawsuit for yourself... just look for this story on our web site. It's under the 'Investigates' tab.

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CO FIRE
EMPLOYEE
LAWSUITS

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New this morning--- a fire in Shell Point. This video from the Burton Fire District shows how thick smoke has been in the area. The home is located on Walnut Street. No injuries have been reported and the fire is under control. Burton Fire says it called in mutual aid from Parris Island Fire Department. Crews used a drone to check for heat and possible hotspots. The fire is under investigation.

7/26/2023 6AM NTM:
6:00:00 DAYBREAK BURTON
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Last night, flames burst from the garage of this shell point home. Thanks to quick response from neighbors and the Burton Fire District, the residents of the home survived without injury. "We all came out of the houses instantly, it's amazing. Our door, their door, their door, all came out right at once. And because my yard is closes to where the fire was, everybody kind of congregated under the telephone pole, and everyone was asking, and everybody was running around, where are the family, do they need anything." VO: Jennie Dove and her husband live across the street from the house that burned last night. She said she heard two explosion sounds that shook her house before seeing the fire. Dove says Burton Fire district handled it quickly. The fire department says speed was the key. "Last night, again we were able to get ahead of it a little bit by the grace of God and a whole lot of good luck I'm guessing. And we got there early enough to keep that fire contained for the most part to the garage on the side of the house." VO: Levesque says help from neighbors went a long way to making sure the fire was stopped and everyone was safe. People used fire extinguishers and knocked on the door of the house to make sure everyone was out. "I opened the door, and he looked out the window, here, and said, oh my God, the house is on fire. And I said, well there's parents and two children in there." The Lowcountry Red Cross is assisting the victims of the fire. In Shell Point, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

7/26/2023
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PM 6PM OD SHELL POINT HOUSE FIRE INVESTIGATI ON 00:01:28

LL: Earlier today I spoke with a family member who was in this home at the time of the fire. She says they'll be out of their home for at least nine months. VO: While she and her husband were not comfortable going on camera, they are grateful for the help the Shell Point community has brought to them. Neighbors jumped in to help before the Burton Fire district got there. While the family was in bed, a neighbor banged on their window to tell them there was a fire. The residents and their family who were visiting were able to get out of the house safely. Their children were not home at the time. After the fire, community support rolled in, the Lowcountry Red Cross provided the family with blankets and a care bag, short-term rooms at a hotel and vouchers for clothing from thrift stores. One family member who was there during the fire was Nova, the family dog. Her toys were lost to the fire, and she was covered in soot, so the Beaufort PetSmart donated food, toys and gave her a spa day. LL Tag: I spoke with neighbors who say they're planning to raise money to help the family. Right now, one of the biggest needs is school supplies for their children. In Shell Point, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

7/28/2023
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PM 6PM OD FAMILY SPEAKS AFTER SHELL POINT FIRE 00:01:10

One way is through using the special purpose sales tax funds to purchase new trucks for Bryan County Emergency services. County leaders say making sure to have the most up to date equipment is vital. They also say while these trucks are mainly to replace the current fleet, they will have newer features. The old trucks will be kept to use in reserve.

8/9/2023
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PM 5:30pm OD BRYAN CO NEW FIRETRUCKS 00:00:21

8/10/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TILLMAN CAMPER FIRE

VO: A fire early Wednesday morning at this Tillman campground left a family of seven's camper destroyed. The family survived, but they say they have been left with nothing. SOT: "The kids were wearing their pajamas. I had a pair of shorts on, she had a nightgown, that was it. That's all we have." VO: Guest and his family started living in the camper after a workplace injury. Guest told me that since the injury, times have been hard. SOT: "It takes a lot out of you man, you go from making a certain amount of money to barely anything. It ruins you." VO: Guest's wife Kayla made a post on Facebook after the fire asking for help for their five children. The family is currently staying at her parent's house in Rincon. Community members have been helping, but the family is asking for clothes, shoes and whatever else can be donated. SOT: "This is it. We were getting back on our feet. Everything we owned was in there." TAG: Guest says if you would like to help the family you can reach out to him or his wife Kayla Tully on Facebook. In Tillman, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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8/10/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH FIRE HURRICANE PREP

During a council workshop today...city emergency officials said that even though Savannah has not been in the path of a hurricane so far this season...late summer into fall is when tropical activity can pick up. And just today...forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration increased the likelihood of an above normal Atlantic hurricane season to 60%. They say at least 14 to as many as 21 named storms could form before the year is over. That's why Savannah Fire officials briefed city council members earlier...saying that staying prepared is a year-round practice. The department's emergency management services director updated the council on how the city would respond in the event of a violent storm. He reminded leaders of evacuation zones and briefing timelines. Ultimately...he said one of city council member's most important roles during a storm is to provide the public with information. Savannah Fire also had a reminder for you at home...saying that even though there isn't an active tropical threat...the time to prepare is now. "They need to have a plan. Where are they going to go? Who do they need to take with them? Do they have medical needs? Do they have pets? Make sure that's in the kit." NOAA forecasters and Savannah city leaders said one of the factors that could cause an above average hurricane season are warmer than average Atlantic sea surface temperatures. Atlantic Hurricane season ends November 30.

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8/10/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD RIDGELAND TRAILER FIRE

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8/11/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM FIRE PRESENTATION "Ellis: do we know why they're not functioning? Coster: By and large we do. They might be broken in the ground. Sometimes, trees overgrow them. I met with the county manager. He asked us to compile a list. We are working on that, and we will submit that to staff. Ellis: so, you are getting on this? Coster: yes." Koster pointed out that Chatham EMS covers more ground than any other fire agency in Chatham County. Last year, Chatham Fire responded to nearly 300 fires. He says they're still working to fill some open fire positions... and replace equipment. 00:00:32

8/11/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM FIRE PRESENTATION Adding more fire hydrants and taking care of the ones they already have was the hot topic. There are more than 25-hundred of those hydrants in unincorporated Chatham. But roughly 100 of them are NOT working. Commission Chairman Chester Ellis asked Chatham EMS Chief of Operations Phil Coster -- about the issue. 00:00:19

8/22/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HHI FIREFIGHTER AWARDS Vo Multiple people were trapped inside this home that was 75% engulfed in flames... Hilton Head fire arriving on scene around 3 a.m. September 9th of last year. Sot: "Luckily we were able to find one of the victims just inside of that doorway in a bedroom. We were able to get here out to the front yard, she was unconscious in cardiac arrest." Vo After CPR and other lifesaving efforts, the woman made a full recovery... later thanking the men who saved her. Sot: "The last time you saw that person for lack of a better term they weren't alive and then to be reunited with them were theyve made a recovery it really drives home why we do what we do." Vo They say meeting her was surreal and more than enough recognition for their actions... the International Association of Fire Chiefs medals, an honor they proudly wear to remember the importance of the job. Sot "The low percentage of a chance to go into a fire like this let alone be honored for it at such a high level I think i speak for all of us when I say we're very honored and priviledged to recieve this award." Vo From Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:04

8/26/2023 SAV.: EARLY
7:00:00 MORNING Savannah Fire responded to a structure fire at Canterbury Circle this morning. Officials were able to
PM WKEND FIRE put out the fire. No injuries were reported but 6 people were displaced as a result. There's no word on
7PM OD DISPLACES 6 what caused the fire at this time. 00:00:14

9/5/2023 SAV FIRE the fire department is giving young adults a hands-on look at a career in fire fighting. Happening now -
5:29:00 SAVANNAH FIRE DEPT. Savannah Fire is hosting an open house for their Explorer program. You can learn more about the real-
PM 5:30pm OD PROGRAM life training they're offering to help develop skills. That's happening now at 380 Agonic Road until 7 p-
PROGRAM m. Applications for the program are open now. You can call the number on your screen for more
information. People ages 14 to 20 can apply. 00:00:26

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7:00:00 FIRE DEPT.
PM 7PM OD AWARDS

9/12/2023 HHI "It's a true testament to the guys that work here. They started CPR on him, they defibrillated him as we got on scene so it was abgreat team effort. We got him in the ambulance and he re-arrested and we were able to get him back. It was one of those great team efforts and great outcomes and that's ohe of the biggest things we saw that day." all the people involved had taken the hilton head fire-rescue team's c-p-r classes in the past. the fire-rescue department offers classes regularly. 00:00:28
7:00:00 RESCUERS
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9/13/2023 RINCON Lou Reed was appointed to the job Monday. Reed has been with the department since 2011...working his way up from firefighter and paramedic to engineer and captain. Reed says he will be looking at data, education and more to help reduce the number of fires in the community. 00:00:16
5:29:00 NAMES FIRE
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The Bluffton township fire district says they experienced fires on back-to-back days over the weekend, calling it a unique event. This house right here needed about 14,000 gallons of water to extinguish. "Really unusual event for us to have two structure fires, and both in the same area." The fires took place in neighborhoods that are five minutes away from each other. No residents were injured in either fire, but one house was a total loss. That fire required the use of a special truck. "There were no close fire hydrants, and unfortunately in a lot of this area, that's a pretty typical occurrence so the tanker that's behind me had to be used, it was refilled four different times." That tanker hold 3,500 gallons of water. The cause of that fire is undetermined. The other fire this weekend caused significant damage to the house's roof, being caused by lightning. Combs told me the Red Cross is assisting the victims of one of the fires, and the victim of the other fire is staying with family. Reporting from Pritchardville, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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Georgia U-S congressman Buddy Carter says he will add the names of first responders to the U-S Congressional Record who saved an 11-year-old girl from drowning earlier this year. Savannah Fire says it happened back in March at the Chatham Aquatic Center when Mindy Mercer went into cardiac arrest. Firefighters were able to save the girl and Carter says he wanted to add their names into the permanent record of the U-S House of Representatives.

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9/19/2023 DANIELLE FLYNN: NEAR "Our first responders, it's their commitment to constant training, to making sure that they're always
7:30:00 PRACTICE DROWNING prepared. It's the department's commitment to making sure that everyone is confident in their abilities in
PM 7:30PM OD RESCUE making sure that they have the training that they need. Just last week...Mercer handed out awards to
the firefighters credited with saving her life. 00:00:21

9/21/2023 BLUFFTON Derek Franks and Jayme Beach were recognized by the National Registry of Emergency Medical
4:29:00 FD 20 YRS Technicians for 20 consecutive years of service. This distinction is an honor held by few E-M-S
PM 4:30PM OD OF SERVICE professionals for continuously providing exceptional emergency care. Franks and Beach were
Nationally Registered as E-M-Ts in 2003 and have been serving the Bluffton community for almost 25
years. 00:00:23

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

EDUCATION

JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/09/23 **Guests:** Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Biden administration (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (5); Dr. Kate Calvin, chief scientist and senior climate advisor, NASA (6)
2) Topics include: China’s commanding position on strategic critical minerals / CHIPS and Science bill; efforts to help Sweden join NATO; Ukraine’s bid to eventually join NATO / Biden administration’s decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine; review of U.S. envoy to Iran Rob Malley’s security clearance / U.S. hostages held in Iran
5) Topics include: efforts to help children’s mental health / social media /
- 08/20/23 **Guests:** Kelly Cass, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (3); Josh Green, governor (D-HI) (4); Grace Garner, mayor (Palm Springs, CA) (5); Karen Bass, mayor (Los Angeles, CA) (6); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (7); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (9)
4) Topics include: return to school for the children of West Maui /
- 09/03/23 **Guests:** Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (2); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (3); Ashley Etienne, CBS News contributor, Democratic strategist (4); Terry Sullivan, Republican strategist (4); Gina Raimondo, U.S. secretary of commerce, Biden administration (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)
Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent
6) a report from Atlanta, GA, on the persistent concerns about the lasting effects of pandemic learning loss

60 MINUTES

- 07/16/23 **“The Girls of SOLA”** – a report on the SOLA school in Rwanda, which allows young Afghan women to continue their education. After the Taliban banned girls in Afghanistan from attending school beyond the 6th grade, SOLA has become the country’s first boarding school for girls. Includes interviews with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder of SOLA; Zahra, Fatima, Aydin, Sajia, Najia, and Suraya, SOLA students; and Maryam, who works in maintenance at SOLA. (C: Lesley Stahl – P:

Shari Finkelstein) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (OAD: 02/26/23)

INVESTIGATE TV+ AND INVESTIGATE TV

9/14-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 4 Plus, a student's inspiration to beat a diagnosis.

9/20-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 8 Hazing rituals are not only often humiliating, but can be dangerous and even deadly. We uncover why most involved get away with few consequences.

9/30-WEEKEND

InvestigateTV - Season 3; Episode 2 We look at the insurance framework some national fraternity organizations have created to protect themselves from liability in hazing incidents.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 5-SCHOOL SAFETY-HOW SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTING THEIR STUDENTS AND WHAT MEASURES ADMINS HAVE TAKEN. MEMORIAL BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKUPS, SCCPSS BUS ID SCANNER, GRANT HELPING SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BUY METAL DETECTORS AND VAPE DETECTORS IN SOME SCHOOLS. EFFINGHAM LAWSUIT WITH CROCKER CASE THAT REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE. CCPD SCHOOL ZONE CAMS REACTIVE, EFFINGHAM CO. ON BUS SAFETY, SCCPSS POWER OUTAGE, BENEDICTINE JENKINS FOOTBALL GAME3 INCIDENT, SCHOOL SPEED CAMERAS FOLO, CANCELING SCHOOL FOR HURRICANE IDALIA, SPD SCHOOL RIDE ALONG, EFFINGHAM HONEY RIDGE AG CENTER FIRE, FORMER EFFINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR CHILD SEX CRIMES, GRANT TO LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM TO HELP CREATE SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, GSU NURSING STUDENTS HELPING WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATIONS, SIGHTINGS OF BED BUGS IN ONE WAYNE CO. MIDDLE SCHOOL, SCHOOL ZONE CITATIONS, EFFINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HAVE CAMERAS IN CLASSROOMS, SCHOOL CAMERAS IN GUYTON
SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE, DR. ANN IEVETT BEAUFORT AND OTHER CO. SCHOOLS, GSU ETC**

7/13/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SCCPSS BUS ID SCANNERS "As soon as we get those calls, we all go into a mode of where is little Johnny. This will help us in the process because we'll know when little Johnny access the bus or if he didn't get on the bus." She says there's no need to worry if kids forget their badge that day. They will still be able to ride. 00:00:17

7/13/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BO: DISTRICT BUYING METAL DETECTOR S That's not the only new safety measure that will be added this year. The district announced yesterday they're putting nearly 3 million dollars toward eight new weapons detectors. The district won't say which schools are getting them for safety reasons. The grant will also pay for vape detectors in some schools. 00:00:18

The lawsuit focuses on an Effingham County School District Policy.. that requires reports of child abuse to be reported to "investigating authorities" – which includes leadership in the school district and the Division of Family and Children Services– as well as notifying law enforcement. In March 2017 – the lawsuit references a report of abuse from one of Elwyn Crocker Junior's peers... who says she – quote – "heard junior screaming and his grandmother telling him to shut-up. They also heard a belt being slapped against skin." The abuse had been discussed in school – to a guidance counselor or social worker in the school district, referred to as Jane Doe in the lawsuit – who reported to DFCS, but DFCS decided to not investigate the report. However – the suit states... that "causing the report of abuse to be made to DFCS does not alone satisfy the ECSD protocol on abuse." And that "Jane Doe was negligent in its failure to perform this duty of reporting the abuse to either the local police or sheriff's department." It also states the counselor failed to submit the abuse to district leadership – who were each required to provide the report to local law enforcement. The lawsuit alleges if these complaints of the abuse of Elwyn Crocker, Junior were properly investigated in March 2017– it would have led to the discovery of the torture Mary experienced as well..and less than two years later, Mary and Elwyn Junior's bodies were found. WTOC also reached out to the Effingham County School District.. TAKE GFX – Superintendent says – the school district is aware of the lawsuit and denies any allegations of wrongdoing with regard to these former students The School District acted appropriately and did not contribute to the senseless acts that resulted in their deaths." The lawsuit also includes an affidavit from one of Mary's friends who says she personally witnessed the abuse in the Crocker home in 2014... At the time, they lived in Rincon... she says the children's father, Elwyn Crocker, would beat Mary and Elwyn Junior with a belt... and through a closed door, she could hear whippings and them screaming and crying. Then – in 2016, Mary's friend says police went to Mary and Elwyn Junior's home.. and shortly after, Elwyn junior told the friend he was moving to his "grandmother's house"... and the friend never saw him again after that.

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OUTCUE: "The most important thing especially if you're child is playing sports is to make sure you come to your pediatric office and get that sports physical. Your pediatrician knows everything about you- they can make sure your family history has been checked. And it's definitely safer than going to another office and getting it done because they know if something's changed in your exam. So I definitely recommend going to your pediatric home and getting it done." Local health departments are offering back-to-school clinics right now. Many of them say just give them a call to get more details.

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		ZONE	we're Looking ahead for drivers in Chatham County - school zone speed cameras will reactivate next	
	4:30AM	CAMS	week. Chatham County Police are reminding drivers - the cameras are in all school zones across	
7/28/2023	DAYBREAK	REACTIVE	unincorporated Chatham County. Those are separate from the school zone cameras Savannah Police	
4:30:00 AM	OD	7 PM	started using last year -- throughout the city's 10 school zones.	00:00:21

		CCPD	Another good reminder for local drivers - school zone speed cameras reactivate this week. Chatham	
		SCHOOL	County Police are reminding drivers - the cameras are in all school zones across unincorporated	
		SPEED	Chatham County. In the City of Savannah, Hubert Middle School will be getting speed cameras that will	
8/1/2023		ZONE	begin running on the first day of school this Thursday. Godley Station School will also be getting speed	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	CAMERAS	cameras this school year.	00:00:26

As students across the region go back to school...a warning for drivers on area roads. nat pop: "Slow down in the school zones." Law enforcement agencies from across Chatham County are set to increase traffic enforcement near schools. "Speed cameras will be there. You'll also see officers out patrolling, looking for things out of the ordinary." "I need you to show a little patience and consideration while you're driving." Traffic experts say you can help keep students safe this school year by eliminating distractions...watch out for bicylces...talk with new teen drivers...and check car seats for children. The WTOC Investigates team found that last school year...Chatham County and Savannah police recorded nearly 94-thousand school zone speed camera citations. And from the carpool lane...to the bus stop... *nats of bus* traffic officials are urging drivers to stay vigilant. "If you're on the same road as the bus, whether you're behind the bus in that same lane of travel or the bus is in the other lane and it's in front of you, you've got to stop when that bus turns its lights on and stop arm's activated." The Governor's Office of Highway Safety says back in April...Georgia school bus drivers reported 78-hundred times their busses were passed illegally in one day. Highway Safety members say they need the public's help in keeping students safe this school year. "That's the goal in Georgia every year. To make sure no student is hurt, injured, or loses their life going to or from school."

8/1/2023		GOHS BTS		
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		SAFETY		00:01:28

Savannah Chatham school's District Nursing Administrator Lisa Wilson says the first step is making sure you have a talk with your children about dehydration before they head out for school. "The dangers of playing outside for too long without remaining hydrated. Encourage your student to drink plenty of water. We do have hydration stations at all schools." Wilson says dehydration can lead to restlessness. Students can also have a hard time concentrating if they don't have enough water. "It can lead to a number of health care problems and concerns. In heat this high, you are more likely to reach that dehydrated point at a faster rate. So, hydrating, limiting your time outside walking back and forth to school, staying in the shade when you can and of course communicating any concerns to your teacher, your health care provider, your administrator, whomever is at the school that you aren't feeling well will be of ultimate importance." Memorial Health saw about 10 children with mild heat related issues at an outdoor event over the weekend. He says they don't often see many children needing treatment for dehydration but it does happen. He says the symptoms are fainting, seizure like activity and in serious cases fevers of 105 degrees or more. "The amount of kids that come in dehydrated from playing outside, it happens every once in a while. But I think as Savannahians, we understand it's hot outside and we know to be smart of enough to drink and to keep ourselves hydrated at this time."

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6 AM HAYLEY BUS The school system has added new student I-D scanners to buses.... Students will scan their badges as they get on the bus.... and it will track their ride. It will keep track of how many kids are riding each bus... and when parents have questions... or if a student goes missing... it'll now be easier to track.

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"Being able to help our parents, our families, our community in that peace. Often times, our students take it upon themselves to go to Shiela's house, because she has some cupcakes for her birthday, forgot tot ell mom that I'm down the street and got off at another bus. This is going to help us, this is going to help Chief Enoch for when he calls, and that team at campus police." Now, parents, i know what you may be thinking -- what if my student forgets their badge? School leaders say... they'll still be able to ride the bus if that's the case!

8/3/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK OD SCANNERS HIT 2 00:00:31

(sot) "My son could have easily been kidnapped." It was supposed to be a fun first day returning to Haven Elementary for second grader Travore Milton (sot) "This is something we look forward to every year." but Tia Haley-Crawford says her 7-year-old grandson was mistakenly labeled as a walker and ultimately got lost trying to find his way home. "There was a train under the bridge so I just kept walking and then I stopped. I was crying. I was waving for help." "This is the overpass Travore's grandmother tells me good samaritans saw him walking on, picked him up and took him back to school. According to Google Maps, from where I'm standing is about a 10 minute walk from Haven Elementary." You can see scratches on Travore's leg, he says from getting stuck in bushes. Haley-Crawford says she owe's the strangers who picked him up Travore's life. "I can just imagine how traumatic it was for him being in an unfamiliar area of Savannah knowing the dangers that can happen. I want them to know from me and my family, I thank them." Travore's mom Dee asked not to be on camera but tells me once her son was returned to school, administrators called his father to see who would pick him up. She says the driver of a daycare van had been waiting there for about 20 minutes to get Travore. (sot) "By the time they called they had to be at least 4:40. School lets out at 4 o'clock. The van was out there since 4:20." Dee still doesn't know how long he was missing, but she says the principal has apologized. (sot) "The only thing she told us was he got scratches so they had the nurse view his legs and he's ok and that she was sorry that this happened." A Savannah Chatham County Public Schools spokesperson sent WTOC a statement saying they were aware of the situation and quote "The mistake was due to a misunderstanding as staff and students readjust to processes that have not been in practice for months due to the summer break." (Camille) "What do you hope comes from this situation in the future. (haley-crawford) That the staff of the school system pay closer attention to the children."

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We're keeping younger students if parents aren't able to receive them. Parents have been picking up students throughout the day. It's been a mixture. All we're trying to do is accommodate students and parents..keep children safe. School dismissed early for both campuses and teachers remained to finish out the day.

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"The Effingham County School Board Transportation says back in 2019, they started putting cameras on school buses. Now the number of cameras has doubled on buses across the county." NAT SOUND: "We've had a lot of near accidents and the more cameras we have, I feel like that will lower that." The TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR SAYS...THEY'RE WORKING WITH BUS PATROL TO PUT these CAMERAS ON BUSES AND KEEP KIDS SAFE. "We're going to keep adding the cameras if it's going to help. We'll watch the data and see if it's improving, and as long as its improving, we're gonna keep adding them." SHE SAYS...IT STARTED WITH *THREE* CAMERAS ATTACHED TO SCHOOL BUS STOP ARMS. NOW...THERE'S SIX. AND IN THE LAST YEAR... "Those six buses with those cameras captured over 1200 violations." The EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS...ATTACHING CAMERAS can help prevent drivers from SPEEDING. "These implements are not only for protecting the kids, they're also protecting the citizens of Effingham County...making sure everyone slows down in school zones, slows down when they see school buses stopping as they're dropping off and loading up kids." The TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR SAYS...THESE BUSES CAN ALSO MOVE AROUND. SOT: DANA "As drivers call in, saying that people have run the stop signs, we kind of keep a record of that...if we have some roads that we hadn't had a lot of action on, we'll move those cameras to the hotspots." SHE SAYS...HIGHWAY 80, 17, AND HIGHWAY 21 IN RINCON ARE the BIGGEST HOT-SPOTS. BUT HOPES WITH *MORE* CAMERAS...there will be *LESS* VIOLATORS. SOT: DANA "We hope that we would get that report at end of the month and have zero violators, but I know that's unrealistic. But that would be our dream because it's all about the safety." "Now, if you *do* illegally pass a stopped school bus here, you'll be fined \$250-dollars. In Effingham County, Anna Black, WTOC News."

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Power outages closed several schools across Chatham County today - with network outages and concerns over heat with the air conditioning system out. Students at Woodville-Tompkins Technical and Career High School and Building Bridges High School were dismissed to finish their school day virtually. Meanwhile Brock Elementary Students were taken to Garden City Elementary for the school day. Savannah Christian Preparatory School also let students out early due to a power outage.

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LL: Savannah-Chatham public school officials say this outage impacted thousands of students...forcing leaders to act quickly. VO: A local private school also impacted by today's outage..the head of Savannah Christian Preparatory school said its more than 12-hundred students were released early after power went out in the building around 8:30 this morning. School leaders say they were notified that an incident on Highway 80 had knocked out a large part of the power grid. Students were let out around noon after rising temps and network challenges...according to the private school. That was also the case for the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. Students at Woodville-Tompkins Technical and Career High School and building Bridges High switched to virtual learning around 11:30. Parents who pick up their students were called to do so as soon as possible. Students at Brock Elementary were bussed to Garden City Elementary for the rest of the day...but parents could also pick their child up early. Savannah-Chatham school officials acknowledge the disruption and said closing three schools because of a power outage is rare. They say the decision to switch to virtual learning for the high schools was made about an hour after they found out about the outage. SOT: "That's one thing that we've been able to do pretty easily the last few years is go to a virtual learning atmosphere. We've built several virtual learning days into our school year so that students and teachers are accustomed to that and don't have a problem doing that pretty quickly." LL: School leaders say they expect things to return to normal tomorrow. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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VO: There were two incidents of vandalism in July at Hilton Head Island Middle School, which is currently under construction for renovations. School district leaders say people entered the school and spray painted some areas, but the major cause of damage was spraying fire extinguishers across campus. SOT: "You know I don't even think the vandals realize how big of a problem they caused by what was done in here." VO: The company responsible for cleaning the damage valued the costs at 1.25 million dollars, which was verified by the school district's insurance. The district's deductible is 50 thousand dollars of taxpayer money. The main source for the high cleanup costs was the use of fire extinguishers. The chemicals from them entered air vents, spreading heavy metals throughout the building, which could not be cleaned with water. SOT: "The best way I heard described is that it's like having a fire without a fire. Because the material from the fire extinguishers got spread throughout the building because of the HVAC system." VO: Cleaning the damage was rigorous, and it was completed ahead of schedule in less than two weeks. Oetting said the halls were lined with HEPA filters for vacuuming, the building was wiped three times over, and the air conditioning ducts and coils had to be cleaned. All this went on during renovation construction. Oetting commends everyone involved in cleanup. "This building has been cleaned, cleaned again, and then cleaned again. So as far as cleanliness, it is in good shape and we're ready for everyone to come back." Thanks to the quick cleanup, Hilton Head Island Middle School will welcome students back next Monday. On Hilton Head Island, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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(nats) These machines testing for covid are busier than they were a few weeks ago as COVID makes its way around town. Dr. Ben Spitalnick at Pediatric Associates of Savannah says he's not too worried because symptoms haven't typically been severe. "Most illnesses are self-limited for one to two days. No fever, mild cough congestion, you can handle that at home. High fever, respiratory distress, labored breathing, decreased appetite, these are all signs to come see a doctor." Dr. Spitalnick says his biggest tip to parents is even if you don't think it's covid, but your child is getting sick, still get them tested. And if they are positive, follow CDC recommendations on isolation. (SOT) "Kids don't want to miss their first classes, they don't want to miss tryouts for sports teams, they don't want to miss school and unfortunately the guidelines are still, if you're positive, five days of isolation and then after those five days you should wear a mask around people five days after that."

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The lawsuit states that one of the entities responsible for protecting Mary Crocker was the Effingham County School District. In the defense's response – they state the school district and school leaders listed in the lawsuit... are "without sufficient knowledge to admit or deny whether the cause of any pain and her death was due to failure of others to protect her." The initial lawsuit focuses on an Effingham County School District Policy that requires reports of child abuse to be reported to "investigating authorities" – which includes leadership in the school district and the Division of Family and Children Services – as well as notifying law enforcement. The lawsuit says the abuse Elwyn Crocker Jr. experienced was discussed in school, and reported to DFCS, but DFCS decided not to investigate the report. The complaint also states that making an abuse report to DFCS "does not alone satisfy the ECSD protocol on abuse." The defense – denies that allegation. The complaint also states submitting a written report by the school district to the sheriff's department would have saved Mary's life. The defense – denying "any implication that any alleged action or inaction of these defendants caused Mary Crocker's death."

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD JENKINS FOOTBALL "But I can assure you, that any person who created a disruption, that created a safety threat, will face consequences that will result in them either being banned or charges or administrative actions." Coming up on THE News at 6 - WTOC's Camille Syed has more on what we know about what ended this game. 00:00:18

8/21/2023
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD EVANS CO. SCHOOLS POWER OUTAGES The Evans County Charter School System lost power at all campuses this morning. They say Georgia Power confirmed a transformer was causing the issues. Power was restored...before going out again just before 2 p-m. School went on as normal - but the system says their phones and internet were interrupted. 00:00:18

PKG "Friday was a very unfortunate event. One that we took precautions but obviously not enough." An unfortunate event... (video nats) This is cell phone video of just one of the fights breaking out in the stands. (nats) Chief Terry Enoch says a student and adult were involved in one fight and many others rocked the stadium. "The fights were occurring down in the concessions area out in the area where people were in line to come in, out in the parking lot area. It was multiple fight that were going on." He says this had a tremendous impact on the three law enforcement agencies and 19 officers there. Coaches and officers made the call to end the game between Jenkins and Benedictine in the third quarter. Savannah Chatham County Schools released a statement shortly after the game saying they believed a TikTok trend that's quote 'supposed to create the impression of a large chaotic event,' is what sparked all of this. "A student shared with me that this may have been related to a TikTok. We are looking into that. We have to verify that. Don't know if it is accurate or not but it is definitely something we look into." But you can see what appears to be a real fight happening in this video. Chief Enoch says they did follow their protocols for this kind of incident and had a good amount of police there. The school district's athletic director John Sanders says they are considering some changes to when football games are held in the future. "We look into these incidents and try to prepare for them the best we can. So, yes those are some options on the table if we feel necessary that we need to move games to either earlier times or different days." Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Bernadette Ball-Oliver says they hope to work with parents to prevent these incidents from happening again. "So we will put protocols, processes in place. We're going to partner with parents to ensure that those protocols make safety our primary focus at any event."

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"Some people may just not want to pay it. It happens when we write tickets for no seatbelt, stop someone for speeding, or running a red light. People don't want to pay it. But it will catch up to them." We also wanted to know... do these citations really have any teeth? Coming up tonight at 6 o'clock... we'll have that answer for you.

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most people in Savannah are NOT paying their speed camera citations. That adds up to more than 20-thousand unpaid tickets. We wanted to know... do you really *have to pay these fines... and what happens, if you don't? Since Savannah Police activated cameras across roughly a dozen school zones city-wide last fall... they've sent out more than 37-thousand 37,250 citations. But get this. As of June, most drivers have *not paid-up. Accounting for more than 22-thousand 22,044 *unpaid citations. That means only 4 in 10 drivers who got a citation... have paid their fine. More importantly to the city... it represents more than 2 *million uncollected dollars. "Some people may just not want to pay it. It happens when we write tickets for no seatbelt, stop someone for speeding, or running a red light. People don't want to pay it. But it will catch up to them." But, do these citations have any teeth? Here's the deal. If you get a citation... and don't pay it... you will NOT get points counted against your license. BUT... you'll have to pay the fine before you can renew your car's registration here in Georgia. Beddow's advice? Just don't speed. "Everyone's aware of what school zones have cameras. Everyone knows that school zones are strictly enforced - whether there's a camera or an officer there. They're marked clearly." A quick recap of how these cameras work across our area. During school drop-off and pick-up... meaning the hour *before school starts, and the hour *after school lets out... there's a reduced speed limit. IF you go 11 or more OVER *that speed... you'll get a citation. The first one is \$100. Each one after that is \$150. You'll also get a ticket if you go 11 or more over the regular posted speed limit during the hours school is in session. Beddow reiterated something SPD has told us before... They think the cameras DO make people slow down. Making school zones safer, for everyone. "The idea behind this is safety. We don't want any wrecks. We don't want kids getting hurt, we don't want any adults getting hurt. We don't want pedestrians' hurt. We don't want cars crashing into each other. It's all about safety." These cameras are something we have looked into for a while. Earlier this year, we did a story on a faulty school zone speed camera on Savannah's south side. If you'd like to watch that story and hear SPD's explanation... head to our web site, WTOC-dot-com... and look for this story under the 'Investigates' tab.

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SCHOOLS Beaufort County schools say they're also watching the storm - with no changes to the schedule at this
MONITORI time. WTOC will continue to bring you the latest information as it gets updated. Everything we know
NG STORM right now is posted on WTOC dot com.

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8/29/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SCCPSS SCHOOL CLOSURE	<p>"Remote teaching and learning will take place as conditions allow. Obviously we recognize that there may be interruption to electricity, so again, we're stressing 'as conditions allow'. If a student is not able to access the internet or computer or the electricity may fail in the home, students will be provided with alternative learning assignments to overcome these connectivity challenges." District leaders say they'll be out assessing any damage to their buildings Thursday. School is out for Monday because of the Labor Day holiday.</p>	00:00:32
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8/29/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	SCCPSS IDALIA UPDATE	<p>Public school students in Savannah-Chatham County will learn online and stay out of the classroom Wednesday and Thursday as Idalia inches closer. "If a student is not able to access the internet, or computer, or the electricity may fail in the home, students will be provided with alternative learning assignments to overcome those connectivity challenges.' During a news conference today...local leaders warning residents about the possibility of heavy rain and power outages from Idalia. The City of Savannah is set to declare a state of local emergency starting at 6 a-m tomorrow. "We will have strategic crews placed in water resources and stormwater to make sure that all of our tide gates and pumps are operational." Right now...Chatham Emergency Management says the agency is in a readiness phase and has been closely monitoring Idalia's movement since Saturday. Officials there have regularly talked with other local agencies...saying that any decisions to close roads or bridges because of flooding and winds will come in real time. "There are no bridge closures planned right now. That will be an at time decision. If the Georgia Department of Transportation or local enforcement determine that any bridge in Chatham County is unsafe, then they have the authority to close that bridge at any particular time." As shoppers flock to buy essentials at local grocery stores...and Idalia approaches...emergency crews are urging people to be prepared. Jones: "This is a dangerous storm." "Be aware. Stay engaged. And make sure you have all the information you need to make informed decisions for yourself and your family."</p>	00:01:37
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		APPLING CO. SCHOOLS		
9/6/2023	5AM	CLOSED	But This won't be the case for Appling County. The School system says all schools will be closed today	
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	OD	W	County. that was called off as well.	00:00:14

		BULLOCH SCHOOLS		
9/6/2023	5AM	REOPENIN	Students and teachers in Bulloch County will head back to the classroom today. The school system says	
4:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	G	to be careful and give yourself extra time if you are driving to school. They also say they will let parents	
	OD		and students know if there needs to be alternate school bus routes. Bus riders should expect some	
			delays .	00:00:19

9/6/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SPD SCHOOL RIDE ALONG

nats of cars It's a busy morning at 7 a-m outside Beach High in Savannah. While buses...cars...and walkers crowd streets ahead of the school day... *nats of radio* ...officers like Corporal Rahim Frazier are making sure drivers are following the law. "People slowing down with the speed limit of the school zone, not having your phone in your hand, just being aware of your surroundings." *nats* During our ride along with police... we saw firsthand what can happen if you don't follow the posted speed limit in school zones. *nats* This driver...pulled over *nats of siren* ...for driving above the posted speed limit. *nats of printing* Frazier: "There's no plus or minus. No ten miles over or anything like that. In school zone's 25 is 25 for the safety of the kids in the area." The speed limit in most area school zones is 25 miles per hour. Frazier says officers say the higher your speed...the higher the risk for students walking to school. Frazier: "You can just take your eyes off the road and you just hit something or hit a car." It's not just human officers patrolling schools zones. Our WTOC Investigates team reported last month that since Savannah Police activated cameras across roughly a dozen school zones city-wide last fall...they've sent out more than 37-thousand citations. So what do you tell your student to keep them safe while walking to school? Frazier: "Just look both ways before crossing the street, and if you feel safe, go to the nearest light. Most likely there's a crosswalk there so it would be better for you to do that." A reminder for drivers...in an effort to keep the area's youngest safe. Frazier: "You have kids walking across the street at any given time. Just slow down, take your time. If you're running late, you speeding, it's going to get you there quicker but you heighten the risk at the same time." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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The District's athletic department told WTOC in part, quote, "...additional event personnel have been added to give another layer of support in the bleachers and common areas with spectator movement and seating. We have other guidelines that will be implemented soon."

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EFFINGHAM HONEY RIDGE AG CENTER FIRE
The Effingham County School District tells WTOC the barn is a total loss and they also lost 250 bails of hay from the fire. Fortunately, no one or any animals were injured. The school district says they believe the fire started due to a mower that was accidentally parked too close to the hay barn. Despite the fire they are still holding the South Effingham ROTC 5K Fundraiser there this weekend
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LIBERTY CO GRANT
Liberty County school system announced today they were the recipient of one of five wellness and wellbeing grants issued nationwide. The grant was issued by the US department of health and human services, and will total over 3 million dollars over four years. The district will use the funding to create school based support and mental health services including screening to identify students in need, and providing training for school staff, and more.
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Check it out! The Liberty County School System could see over 3 million dollars in grant funding over the next four years. The district is receiving one of five wellness and wellbeing grants issued nationwide by the Department of health and human services. The district will use money to create school based support and mental health services. This includes screening to identify students in need... and providing training for school staff.

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EFFINGHAM She was arrested last Friday. The booking website for the Effingham County jail says the crime happened on June 18th. Murison is a former employee of the Effingham County School District. M CHILD According to the superintendent, Murison's employment with the school system in May 2023. It is SEX currently unknown if the charges involve a student or stem from any connection to her previous position in the school system. WTOC will update you if more details are released. CRIMES ARREST

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9/16/2023 7:00:00 PM SAT 7PM 8BRK OD SAV HIGH & CROSS CREEK GAME ENDS AFTER FIGHT Two juveniles were taken into custody following an incident in the parking lot. The school system released a statement in part saying quote- "...they regret that this incident happened. Any of our student-athletes found to have been involved in the fighting on the field will face the appropriate consequences per our Student Code of Conduct." 00:00:20

9/18/2023 6AM 5AM SHEA
5:59:00 AM DAYBREAK NEW SCHOOL ZONE CAMERAS The cameras have been up for some time- but will be activated today. In those zones, anyone caught going ten miles over the speed limit will be ticketed. The cameras will give warning citations for the next month- in mid-October, they'll start actually issuing tickets. Here's a look at the times that each camera is active. 00:00:19

9/18/2023 6AM 530 SHEA
5:59:00 AM DAYBREAK SCHOOL ZONE CITATIONS WHAT TO DO According to the Chatham County Police Department, an officer will review each instance of speeding before they send a ticket. The ticket should include a picture of the car, the tag, and the speed the car was going. A first offense carries a fine of \$75- plus a 25 dollar processing fee, so 100 dollars total. Any more violations come with a fine of 125 dollars plus a 25 dollar processing fee, so 150 dollars total. If you don't pay that fine, you're at risk of not being allowed to renew your registration or sell your car. 00:00:30

"In these simulation rooms, Georgia Southern nursing students are learning how to do sexual assault nurse examinations to fill a critical void in our community." "There are 26 certified sexual assault nurse examiners in the state of Georgia. We don't have enough." That's according to assistant professor Kari Mau, who says surviving sexual assault has life time effects. "It affects their long term health and their long term outcomes." On top of that, she says a shortage of certified sexual assault examiners means some victims have to wait a longer time to be seen. "Also, it puts an undue burden on our emergency rooms and urgent cares. They're seen by providers simply just don't have the knowledge to provide the exam. Not by their own fault, they just were never trained in it." Which is one reason for the new program. Maui says It's a 40-hour summer training for graduate students. This summer they learned not only about collecting specimen but also heard from guest speakers like police, a district attorney and a nurse from the Teal House in Statesboro. "They felt like they just had more knowledge. They felt better prepared to provide care to patients and they would be able to address patient's concerns more objectively, get the data that they needed and then get them into resources." Mau says this is the only program like it in South Georgia. She believes it's vital especially because tourism and all the travelers on I-95 play a large role in increased sexual assaults in our region. "It happens much more often. We just don't do a good job of recognizing it. That's why we really felt this program was important." Camille Syed WTOG News.

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9/20/2023 3:00:00 PM 3PM SCCPSS SAV HIGH GAME DISRUPTION UPDATE A WTOC UPDATE -- Savannah High and Cross Creek High school will have to forfeit a game *THIS* week as a result of the fights that broke out last Friday, according to the Georgia High School Association. The game ended early after both teams were involved in fights on the field during this past Friday's game.... causing several minor injuries. Savannah was supposed to play Claxton this Friday, it will be counted as a win for Claxton. 00:00:26

9/20/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAVANNAH POWER OUTAGES Happening now... Chatham firefighters are at Southwest Elementary School on Ogeechee Road. The public school system says they are aware of an incident at the school and will provide more information when they can. There is also a power outage in that area according to Georgia Power. The company says just over 500 buildings are affected. We have a crew on scene and will update you as we learn more. 00:00:24

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Savannah High will also have to pay a \$1500 fine for violating the rules of the Georgia High School Association. The school has been put on a severe warning status, which is probation for one year starting yesterday. During that time, the team will be closely monitored. They can't engage in any other inappropriate activity -- or they'll face additional sanctions. Superintendent Dr. Denise Watts said in a press conference today --- what the district is asking of the team, goes beyond that. 00:00:29

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"After all the dust settles, we want to get both teams together for a restorative conversation. We're not going to sanction and compliance our way to better sportsmanship. Our kids have to be reflective in that process. They have to own their behaviors." School leaders say that meeting will happen via Zoom. The district is also requiring Savannah High players and coaches to complete the National Federation of High School Athletics sportsmanship course. The incident remains under investigation. 00:00:30

Recent sightings of bed bugs at Martha Puckett Middle School have caused outrage on social media groups for Wayne County Parents. We spoke with the school system who says they are taking efforts to end the situation as soon as this weekend. VO: A week ago, the middle school was closed for cleaning after the initial sighting of bed bugs. Since then, school officials have been looking for bed bugs, and say the most they've ever seen was four bugs in one day. Starting today, the school system asked families to leave bookbags at home and look at each students' belongings for the rest of the week. Throughout the weekend, the School System will be ramping up the extermination process, bringing in special dogs that can find bed bugs. Rooms where bugs are found will be heat treated, killing all bugs in the room. Wayne County School officials say no bugs have been seen on busses or at other schools, and to be vigilant of misinformation on social media. SOT: Reggie Burgess, Public Information Officer, Wayne County School System "It's not an infestation. One bed bug is one too many, and we want to get rid of all of them. You could really help us out by not spreading misinformation, so that means intentional or by accident, if they want to reach out to us at the school board office they're welcome to call, and keep them abreast of what's going on and make sure the accurate information is out there." LL Tag: Coming up later in THE News at 6, we'll be speaking with parents who think the school system needs to do more. Reporting from Jesup, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"After a fire broke out here at Honey Ridge Agricenter last week, the center says they're ready to rebuild and resume, starting with this weekend." VO: Honey Ridge Agricenter partners with Effingham County Schools and the community to run a working farm. Last week...a fire destroyed one of its hay barns. Agricenter CEO Todd Wall says they quickly created a plan to keep things moving. Now...the center is hosting its first outdoor events since the incident. On Saturday...several thousand people will be coming to the farm. Honey Ridge is hosting its third annual cross-country meet...welcoming 17 schools from across the state. On top of the race... He says they're also expecting around 1500 people for the *Young Farmer Equipment Auction* with Lane Brothers. Walls says the Agricenter is working closely with the Effingham County Fire Department to make sure all safety measures are in-place. "You know, you have bumps in the road from time to time. I feel like with the community's support, the board of education, and our staff, the show must go on." "The cross country meet kicks off here early Saturday morning. At Honey Ridge Agricenter, AB, WTOC News."

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9/27/2023 5AM RINCON The department says it will activate cameras on *Monday to catch people speeding around Rincon
4:59:00 AM DAYBREAK SPEED Elementary. They did a 2021 traffic study and it showed what they're calling a significant problem with
PROGRAM speeding. *Monday will start the 30-day warning period. After that -- on November 2-nd. Drivers will
start getting a citation with a fine . 00:00:20

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4:59:00 PM CO. BED The district writes in a statement, "School and system officials are confident that the measures taken
5PM BUGS over the weekend, combined with the efforts of our pest control company and school custodial staff, have
UPDATE addressed the pest control issue appropriately." 00:00:15

Effingham County School District is rolling out cameras in classrooms. In the spring, Superintendent Dr. Yancy Ford said the board approved Kloud-12... A web-based recording software designed for schools and teachers. Superintendent Ford says cameras are coming in phases...starting with the high schools. He says software is now up and running in Effingham County and South Effingham high schools, as well as the Career Academy. He says cameras help in a couple ways... Teachers can control the recordings in their classrooms for safety or saving lessons. Superintendent says there's also a fish-eye view...which helps schools if there's any safety concerns. He says so far...so good. SOT "We've been able to use the cameras to confirm that some things happened and confirm some things didn't happen. So, it's been good. It's really from a safety perspective to protect our teachers, protect our students, and give them peace of mind." And up next...middle schools. Superintendent Ford says they should be ready for cameras starting October. Later making its way to elementary schools. Reporting in Effingham County, AB WTOC News.

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"Rincon Police and THE Effingham County School District say an increasing number of students...means an increasing number of safety measures. Nat sound: Police Chief "Our goal is not to make a dollar on this. Our goal is to slow vehicles down in the school zone." Rincon Police Chief says speeding in school zones was a big issue... Prompting Effingham County Schools to adopt a photo speed program in 2021. Rincon being the last and final one. "Other schools were implemented beginning a couple years ago. We've expanded the program, Springfield's operational, Guyton's operational, the schools in the county are operational. Rincon is the last one that's going to be put into place." Rincon Police say when school is "not" in session...speed limit is 45 miles an hour. And when in-session between 6:45 a...35. Effingham County School district says cameras only run during school hours... This includes both the hour before school starts and the hour after it ends. SOT: TIM "This is kind of a way the speeds can be monitored all throughout the day or if our policemen had to respond to an emergency and nobody was there. So, in this way, everybody going through that school zone knows number one that it's being monitored, and they should adhere to that speed limit, but also, it's fair to everyone." "That affords the influx of traffic for parents picking up kids and kids getting out of the area, and the time to get to school and time to leave school in a safe manner." Rincon Police say the program works by capturing the license plates of drivers going above the speed limit. In a school zone...going above 11 miles per hour will get you a citation. The program goes live at Rincon Elementary October 2nd... There will be a 30-day grace period with violators only receiving a warning. SOT: POLICE CHIEF "Don't speed through the school zone. The number one goal for everybody should be the safety of our kids." After this period is over on November 2nd... Violators will be mailed a citation starting at \$100. In Rincon, AB, WTOC News."

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ISSUE 6 – SCHOOL SYSTEM PROPOSALS AND POLICIES-THIS ISSUE REFLECTS ON PROPOSALS IN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS ISSUE ALSO INCLUDES MEETINGS, TESTING, TEST SCORES, SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER EDUCATE A STUDENT AND EDUCATION STANDARDS. SCCPSS SUPT ON 100 DAYS GOALS, SCCPSS TO NAME NEW SCHOOL, NEW POLICY FOR STUDENTS ON BUSES, BOOSTING READING LEVELS AND FREE LUNCH FOR STUDENTS IN NEED, BULLOCH CO. BACK TO SCHOOL PREPS INCLUDING PLAN AND BUILDING SCHOOLS TO HANDLE EXPECTED GROWTH, SCHOOL SYSTEMS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR TITLE ONE SCHOOLS, SAVANNAH GMAS SCORES INCREASE BY 11%., BULLOCH CO. EDUCATION SUMMIT, RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTNER WITH ST. JOSEPH'S CANDLER, SCCPSS SUPERINTENDENT ON SAV HIGH FOOTBALL FIGHT AND WHAT THE TEAMS WILL HAVE TO DO. EFFINGHAM SUPERINTENDENT ON THEIR SYSTEM BEING THE TOP TEN PERCENT IN READING IN GA

SOURCE: SCHOOL DISTRICTS,

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SCCPSS VOTES TO NAME NEW SCHOOL You may remember - WTOC got an exclusive look inside the building last month. It is the first one to house students kindergarten through 12th grade in the county. Savannah Chatham School officials told WTOC in March the school would be open for the 2023-2024 school year. After several delays, it's not clear when the school will actually open for students.

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"You have a new superintendent and there's an opportunity now to look at things through a new lense." Board members happily welcomed Dr. Watts who says during her first 100 days she plans to promote literacy as the "North Star" for the district. She plans to add a clear focus on Science of Reading techniques to the current literacy plan, according to her report. It also detailed how she wants to redesign central offices' supports and resources and establish new ways to monitor literacy growth. "We have a literacy plan in place. A lot of investment, time, sweat, equity went in to creating that plan, but I want to look to take that plan from good to great and make sure that it has the resources that actually support it." She also mentioned creating a committee of parents and community partners to help with the literacy plans. Underperforming schools, also at the top of her list. She says wants to build a model to transform chronically underperforming schools that can be used time and time again. System level decencies are also something she wants to work on. (sot) "We'll be looking to establish a menu of some supports and interventions but I'm not ready to come out the gate and say here's the answer to the problem. We have to study those factors a little bit more."

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"100% transparency." Dr. Denise Watts says it's a driving force for her as she leads the school system and gets to know the people in it. "Yesterday I put on my baseball cap and went walking in the community. I stopped people...I just say I work for the school system. What do you think about it? Every interaction is a data point for me." In Dr. Watts' letter of interest to the board of education she quote "influenced the reduction of D and F schools from 48 to just 11," while she was working as Chief of Schools for the Houston Independent School District. She says there are under performing schools she wants to turn around. "What I've learned in my previous experiences and what I want to apply here is the opportunity to slow down to speed up. Really unpack what the root cause is so that whatever the solution is, we're getting to the impetus of the problem and not just turning around a school to turn it around again." Fixing that also means tackling low literacy rates which is a priority for Dr. Watts. According to the Georgia Department of Education's College and Career Readiness Index, elementary students in 2022 had a 34 percent literacy rate. She says she plans to make sure curriculums are aligned with science of reading components. "There is a very specific way a body of evidence tells us how reading should be taught." Despite the numbers, she says this is a district she's happy to send her child to and hopes other parents will feel the same. "This is not a broken school district. The data, the numbers may suggest something but I'm talking about the experience and there are lots of great opportunities and experiences for kids in this district."

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"It is indeed an exciting time of the year." For some children, getting on the bus is the first step to that excitement. Throughout the school year though, driver Marqita Brown says sometimes kids get confused and parents don't know where they are. "A lot of kids they're getting mixed up, they get on the wrong buses. They get at the wrong stop." Well the district is hoping a new initiative will change that. "When kids get on the bus, they'll scan their student ID here. Their information will pop on this screen. You'll be able to exactly when they got on and off the bus what bus they took." "It's always a good addition for safety to know that which child is on the bus and off the bus." Not all kids are able to ride the bus again this year with the district facing a shortage of about 70 bus drivers . Chief of Operations Vanessa Miller-Kaigler says only kids who live within 1.5 miles of their zone school or are in an individualized education program that requires transportation will be picked up. When your child gets to school, there will be some changes geared towards boosting reading levels as the district battles low literacy rates. Academic Affairs Officer Bernadette Ball Oliver says there will be 2 hours blocked off for literacy time for elementary students and an hour and a half blocked off for middle and high schoolers from now on. And parents may see changes at home too.. "Instructional strategies. They may see differences in the type of homework that comes home and they may see differences in how teacher communicate with them in terms of what they should be doing at home to actually support literacy with their child." And when it's time for lunch, students who qualify for reduced lunch will now be able to eat lunch for free. "That financial barrier taken away will allow more kids to be able to enjoy our lunch." They say parents must fill out a lunch application that will spell out qualifications for free lunch. That information will be on our website WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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(sot) Every school year brings new things to students, teachers, and others. Here in Tattnell County, that extends all the way to the superintendent herself. (vo) Kristen Waters stepped into the job this summer following the retirement of Dr. Gina Williams. (sot) ..with good guidance from her and other leaders in the district and support, I knew it was something I could take on and do. (vo) She's an alum who's worked her way up from para-pro to teacher to board staff to superintendent. While the district has put the masks and pandemic behind them, she says they're still finding needs for remediation. (sot) We're still seeing some gaps with our students..some holes. For example, our sixth grade teachers may have to look back and say "these kids missed 3rd grade." and find where the gaps are and fill in some holes. (vo) She says they're implementing some curriculum with online components where parents can work with students at home. They're also continuing to adjust to two relatively-new campuses, one less school in the county and a culture of bringing the county together. (sot) A lot of that "I bleed green because I'm from Glennville." and "I bleed purple because I'm from Reidsville." and you had red in Collins. We had a little of that. But we've really been working hard to foster "one tribe". We're not North or South. We're all Tattnell County. (sot) And Tattnell students begin July 31. In Reidsville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Public Schools in Jasper County start up next Monday and neighbors are getting ready, from providing supplies to those in need to wishing students good luck. Jasper County School District told me that as of today, teachers are back in classrooms, getting ready for the first day of school. As the school year begins, one group that is helping students is Leads Way Medical Center in Ridgeland. They're donating uniforms to those in need. "I'm just hoping that we can just see a nice turnaround, especially with the kids. I hope they can be able to enjoy themselves before school and after school. And just hoping that they get the good grades and all that." Looklive Tag: Registration for Jasper County Schools has already ended, but late registration will start next week at the Lakeside at Blue Heron Community Center. In Ridgeland, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News. 00:00:51

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(sot) School leaders in Bulloch County say these mobile units will be a short term solution as they plan and build new schools to handle expected growth. (vo) They've added a new wing at Brooklet Elementary, classroom by classroom. District leaders say combine recent growth with the anticipated arrival of new families for the Hyundai metaplant nearby and numbers could climb beyond the 11,000 currently enrolled county wide. (sot) Nobody knows when that's going to happen. But we know it is going to happen. So, yes, we do expect a population increase in our schools this year. (vo) They've already announced plans to build a new and larger Southeast Bulloch High School, with the Middle School moving into the current campus. (sot) The board has given us approval and we're moving pretty rapidly. But it's still going to take us-from design to construction - easily four years to build a new high school. (vo) He anticipates that population wave to extend across much of the county. (sot) We're going to have to add some schools, we won't be there quickly. A couple of elementary schools and a middle school in the south part of the county and will probably have to add a couple of schools in the Statesboro area. (vo) He says, even as the district works through facilities and growth challenges, instruction for students will remain the top priority. (sot) They're also asking parents who still wish to register new students for the district to do that by July 27 if they want them to be in a class on the first day August 1. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:29

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LL INTRO: Students at Long County High School will get to take classes in a completely new portion of the building. Construction on the new wing is expected to be completed by the first day of school. The 34,000 square foot addition includes around 20 new classrooms. Builders are working on finishing touches now. "We were out of space. We held some classes on this old campus and bussed students up here." Edwards says they've also remodeled portions of Smiley Elementary as well. "Smiley Elementary, which is our oldest school in operation, our classrooms and hallways have been completely redone, so we're excited about that." Edwards also says the district received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency – for 10 new, electric buses. They'll take the place of 10 older buses in the district's fleet, and should be on hand by the first day of school. "There's new buses on the roads. This year, all of our route buses will all be air-conditioned." New Teacher Orientation is also underway – Edwards says they were able to hire around 30 new teachers, which has classes fully staffed and ready for the new year. The school district will host open houses on July 27th, with the first day of school on August 1st. We'll have links to more information in this story on our website. In Long County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Four elementary and two middle schools are under performing in Savannah Chatham.. Teaching and Learning Deputy Superintendent Bernadette Ball-Oliver says that list comes from the Georgia Department of Education. All of those schools are Title 1 schools meaning they have a high number of children in poverty. Those schools receive federal funds. Ball Oliver says the academic affairs office has changed their support structures for these schools. "Making sure that we push into those schools and provide the support that's needed there in a different structure because we recognize that they may need more support and more resources." The state's College and Career Ready Performance Index plays a role in how a school makes it on this list.. That index factors in literacy rates... Savannah Chatham's new superintendent says she wants literacy to be the district's north star.. "We have a literacy plan in place. A lot of investment, time, sweat equity went into creating that plan but I want to look to take that plan from good to great." I broke down the numbers...you're looking at how those under performing schools in Savannah Chatham rank regarding literacy .. all are well below the state averages. A.B. Williams has the lowest at 9.58 percent. Windsor Forest Elementary has the highest literacy rate at 37.78 percent.

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"Bryan County schools, I'm biased, but it's a great place to be." Superintendent Paul Brooksher says they're ready to have everyone back. "We've had people in our buildings all summer, getting the buildings ready and clean for our kids and our staff to return." Brooksher says the school system has about 16 hundred staff coming back this year and about 10,400 students. "Growth is not new to Bryan County schools. You know, the latest census data has us as the fastest growing county in the state of Georgia, so we've been working with growth since I've been here as superintendent since 2012." That growth is something Brooksher says they're ready for in the next couple of years as the new Hyundai Mega Site continues bringing people into the area. "Based on our growth that we do experience, we'll have to ramp up our hiring, ramp up our building program." ((VO)) Although not many things have changed this year throughout the Bryan County school system, Brooksher says the beginning of any new school year is always an adjustment. ((SOT)) "first couple weeks of school can be pretty hectic, really busy, especially when you're getting busses settled, your car lanes settled, your lunch lines settled, all those different pieces." ((VO)) And for any students starting to get those pre-first day jitters... here's some advice from superintendent Brooksher. ((SOT)) "Go to bed early, get ready to get up early, get ready for some long days, get ready for some quality days of learning." ((VO)) Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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? (sot) For Candler County students and parents, changes could be visible as soon as you drive up. Others will be just a phone app away. (vo) Superintendent Dr. Bubba Longgrear says the district unveiled a new website and app that students and parents can use for everything from supply lists to school calendar and more. (sot) We would encourage everyone to download the app on their phone. It gives you current news, current events and plenty of things that are coming up. (vo) A walk around the high school shows the final product of the renovations to the 23 year old school that started last summer. The final piece will be new windows that will be more energy efficient and save money over time. Longgrear says they're also excited about an upcoming groundbreaking during the year. (sot) It's been in the works for a couple of years and we received a grant for it from the Technical College System of Georgia. It's going to be a big addition to our community. (vo) He hopes the renovations help serve students for years to come. (sot) And students return for classes August 4. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"These classrooms are empty now but within a few days they'll be filled with students ready to learn but there are several changes this school year. Let's get right to them." "So we are looking to see gains and improvements." Teaching and Learning Deputy Superintendent Bernadette Ball-Oliver says the state is rolling out new math standards for all Georgia schools. Math scores in Savannah Chatham schools were lower than the state average last year. Ball-Oliver says some math standards have moved to different grades and high school courses may have different names as well like... "Enhanced Algebra, they've added other variations of those courses that actually stretch our students and push them further. Again, it's very task oriented and student centered making sure they're grappling with and doing the math." Ball-Oliver says literacy changes are also important for parents to be aware of. She says students in all grades will have longer literacy blocks and teachers are undergoing two years worth of training in science of reading techniques. "The phonics, the phonemic awareness, fluency and vocabulary and comprehension. That training really gives them skills and strategies that they can utilize to ensure that students are excelling in each of those pillars." Differentiated Instructional Grouping or DIG time is also new this year. What students will do with that time is driven by data based on math and reading performance. "That's when students are getting support around any standards they may have struggled with or that they may have excelled in and so we can actually accelerate them." A new learning management system for online at-home learning called Brightspace is also coming to the district. Ball-Oliver says parents will get more information on how it works. Another tool for conquering the school year. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Around one-thousand Montgomery County students will be back in classrooms Thursday August third. "We're trying to have our schools in the best shape we can have and our teachers ready to go on day one." Superintendent Dr. Rentz Says...they've updated some facilities and features, specifically with safety. SOT: DR. RENTZ "Our focus has been really on school safety, making sure that our kids are taken care of, we're doing everything we can with some safety grant money from the state that we're utilizing to try to find the best way to keep our kids safe. That's our number one priority." There are also some changes to coursework. He says...they're implementing a new state-wide math curriculum. As for parents...he says communication is key, especially in a small town. "I wish our parents understood how important it is, the communication between school and staff, and they know their child better than anybody. They're the advocate for their child." (BUTTED W/) "We realize it's a team approach. And we're all in this together." He says...schools will also be providing supplies for students. "All I ask is that they come with a good attitude and are ready to learn."

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"It is truly exciting to be leading Appling County. They have some fantastic things going on already and I just want to bring positivity and energy and support." That's Appling's new superintendent Janet Goodman. And she's bringing a new program with her. It's called the Positivity Program. "It focuses on individual character traits, some of them such as perseverance, leadership, honesty, gratitude, and helps them to learn to build connections with others and be successful no matter where they go." Something else she says Appling County is continuing to focus on... is reading rates. "We have had a really laser focus on literacy in the last few years, and so we have had a lot of training for teachers in reading strategies, to identify individual strengths and weaknesses in students and help them to make sure that every single student can read on grade level." She says the best way to ensure your kids are getting the best out of their education, is to make sure they're showing up. ((SOT)) "We really focus on attendance, so if they can just have their kids ready for school on time, and here every day, that will just help their children be so much more successful." ((VO)) Goodman says she's ready to get this year started. ((SOT)) "Overall, I'm very excited to start a new year in a new place and get to learn all of the parents, the students, the staff and the community. There's a lot going on here, that's really moving us towards excellence." ((VO)) Reporting in Appling County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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"We're excited to be starting another school year, there's always an excitement in the air with the anticipation of kids coming back in the buildings and school buses rolling and just the routine of school." The district has around 3,000 students across its five schools. Toombs County High School is seeing its biggest numbers in recent years. SOT: WALLER "This year, we'll have a little bit over 900 kids that are in high school, which is the largest that we've had in at least the last six or seven years." Superintendent says...they'll now be providing discounted daycare for employees. SOT: WALLER "It will just help us as our family atmosphere continues to pour into the work life balance with our staff." New *Toombs County Kids Academy Daycare* will accept kids from six-weeks-old to Pre-K age. Waller says...the district is also providing school supplies for all students. SOT: Waller "We knew that it was a strain on parents. So, we've been able to alleviate that burden for the last three years and provide school supplies for our students, which we think is just a very important thing, and in a small community to be able to do, it's a blessing." Toombs students will be back in session Friday August fifth. SOT: WALLER "We always like starting on August, on that first Friday in August. It gives everybody a chance to get back in the swing of things, get the kinks worked out so we can hit the ground running on Monday morning." In Toombs County, Anna Black, WTOC News.

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"People are ready, are excited. Of course this is the first year of our consolidated High School, so we're all excited about that and what those opportunities will bring for our students here in Hampton County." The consolidation of Hampton County high schools is the biggest change of the year, bringing X number of students from (school 1) and Y number of students from (school 2) into the same building. While teachers tell me some students are a little unsure about it, they hope for the best. "Even though we just talked about how iffy they are about the consolidation, they're really excited about having this new jumpstart to these programs because of the size and the funding and all that stuff behind it, so they're really, really excited." Students aren't the only ones excited about new changes, Farmer also can't wait to see how the school year goes. "I'm excited to get this year rolling, I'm excited to see all the new programs in full effect. I'm excited to see the new consolidated football team, I'm excited to hear the new consolidated band program. I'm just, super pumped to see all the new things that Hampton County High School has in store." Hampton County public schools start on Monday, August 7th. Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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Classrooms just like this across Beaufort county are empty right now, but that all changes come August 21st as the 2023-2024 school year gets underway. "From the child who walks in on day one to the child they'll be on the last day of school, they are not the same people and I get to experience that and help facilitate that growth." Vo It's new year new students for Dr. Laverne Stewart, the reigning district teacher of the year. She's ready for year 24 on the job, teaching English to 7th graders and part of the reason for one of the district's biggest accomplishments. Sot: "We've already surpassed pre-pandemic scores in literacy, not only that, we have the highest scores the school district has had in literacy since 2016." Vo The Beaufort County School District's leader saying they look forward to building on that achievement, heading into the second year as one of if not the highest paying districts in the state. Sot "You're investing in your educators and that is important so they can invest in the students we serve." Vo The teacher of the year believes last year's pay jump is pushing her peers to innovate... and enhancing the experience of the 21,000+ students in Beaufort County. Sot "This is a career where you give a lot so to get that kind of a raise and to see the appreciation people didn't think well, we're just going to keep the status quo." Vo There is a big change this year too, as more than 20 schools around the county will now offer free lunch and breakfast. Sot "We want our students sitting down at the table to have academic discussions and to be ready to learn, not have that meal factor in the way for some of them." Of course, we'll keep you up to date with everything you need to know as that first day of classes gets closer, but for reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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BEAUFORT BACK 2 SCHOOL EXPO Beaufort County students will be some of the last in our area to return to the classroom, but that didn't stop families from showing out at the district's back to school expo earlier today. Each school in the Beaufort County school district was represented inside the gymnasium of Beaufort High School, as parents had the chance to get all the information they need before the start of school on August 21st.

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TYLER: Today is really just to put them at ease right. To let them know that we are ready to receive their students
BEAUFORT BACK 2 SCHOOL EXPO t make sure that they have the supplies and their uniforms and those basic needs that some parents might not have the opportunity to. "We're uniting the village and it takes all of us to have a successful year. If they bring their A game, I know all of our school principals will bring their A game, all of our educators will bring their A game and it will be an amazing school year."

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7/29/2023 WKEND TYLER: SPD set up tents with different vendors at the park and gave away 500 back packs filled with school
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2 SCHOOL get prepared to return to the classroom. 00:00:14

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		EVANS COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY FOCUS	The first bell rings in Claxton today as students head Back to School in Evans County. The District is providing students with about 90 percent of the school supplies they need for classes... And all Evans County students will continue to eat Breakfast and Lunch for free this school year! Safety is also a big focus -- starting with enhancements to the pick up system at the elementary school.	00:00:24
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		EVANS COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY FOCUS	"Parents will have a decal they'll hang from their rear view mirror and the system will actually pick it up as they drive through the gate. We have metal detectors that were provided as part of a safety grant that they will be at all locations." The school district is also excited to debut its new football stadium at Tiger Town. The new turf field makes its official debut two weeks from this Friday when Claxton High hosts Tattnall on August 18th.	00:00:26
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(sot) The new school year in Bulloch County brings new students, new numbers, and new rules as well. (vo) Youngsters walked single file through the halls of Julia P. Bryant Elementary. The first day brought anticipation from students, teachers, even principals. (sot) We have returning faces, new faces. It's always about getting them in here, get them to their classes and let them know what's going on and let them know we're excited to see them at school today. (vo) That includes lunchtime as a class. Across town, Statesboro High schools navigated the halls to get from class to class. This year, high school students will take fewer, but longer classes, both semesters. (sot) When we have seven periods, kids are trying to study seven subjects. And they can lose their focus. With block scheduling, they take four classes this semester and four classes next semester. (vo) District leaders say they've seen last minute enrollments as people move here and they expect even more as people move here in the coming months and years for jobs with Hyundai and the supplier plants. (sot) We're anticipating steady increase. We're anticipating something of a swell over the next several years. But I expect we'll see at least a three percent increase this year. (vo) For the first few days, elementary parents can walk little ones to class. After that, it will be time to say morning goodbyes at the door. (sot) With this day finished, students have only 176 more days in the year. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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This year, high school students will take fewer, but longer classes, both semesters. With block scheduling, they take four classes this semester and four classes next semester. The principal of Statesboro High School talked about some of those changes today.

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Tomorrow is Bryan County's turn! More than 10-thousand students and 16-hundred staff are getting ready to return. We talked to Superintendent Paul Brooksher last week. He says they've had crews in the buildings all summer getting them ready and clean. He also gave some advice for any students getting those pre-first day jitters.
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"It's been seamless, honestly, we're just excited to have the kids back. You can feel the positive energy in the building." ((VO)) Principal Miller says this school year, the focus isn't all about academics. ((SOT)) "Creating opportunities for kids so they can connect, whether it be through a club, it be through a fine arts opportunity or even athletics." ((VO)) Miller says because of that initiative, the school has added new opportunities this year to allow kids to get more involved. He says he's eager to see how this helps him learn more about his students. ((SOT)) "The things that make them who they are, outside of just their academics, that make them the great people that they are." ((VO)) Miller says today, the building was filled with energy. ((SOT)) "These kids are back in the halls, they're back with their friends, they're seeing their teachers that they haven't seen you know since last year so the excitement is very high, and you can feel it." ((ANNA)) "As the first week continues the principal says if students or parents have any questions, to check the high school's website for more information. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News."
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(nat) "Hi" Lunch is typically where students make new friends (nats) "Pizza on the first day of school... you excited for pizza? Yes." And on the first day of school, Savannah Chatham schools new superintendent Dr. Denise Watts grabbed a seat and did just that. (nats) "Is it good? It's good!" "Every school visit just brings another level of excitement and new opportunities and I'm really optimistic about the future." As she made her rounds through several schools including the STEM Academy at Bartlett and Heard Elementary... (nats) "Chickens. I want to see the chickens." She says this year is about building a sense of togetherness. She hopes this will improve the district. (sot) "Really during this next phase of my leadership, it's building this sense of togetherness, communicating what the priorities are and helping people understand how they fit in to that equation." She says it's hard to nail down one thing she's most excited about. But seeing even the youngest scholars excited for school lets her know she's in the right place. (sot) "I'm just excited about everyone's readiness. You could just tell that a lot of planning and preparation went into the first day of school." And to Dr. Watts that's an indicator of the future. (sot) "When you have a strong start, you're going to have an epic future." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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"A presentation from staff at Savannah Chatham County Public Schools shows GMAS scores are up nearly across the board, including third grade reading scores seeing an 11 percent increase." In 2022, 46 percent of third grade students were reading at or above grade level, according to Georgia Milestone scores. This year that number is at 57 percent. That number is still 9 percent lower than the state average which is 66 percent. Superintendent Dr. Denise Watts says she's hopeful about improvements in literacy. "The current trend certainly demonstrates there has been some momentum and positive movement as it relates to literacy. I'm excited about that. You all know that I've identified literacy as the north star. So, I'm starting from a good launching place and it's just an opportunity to keep the ball moving in the right direction and build on that momentum." Breaking down more average test scores... The highest testing jump was in Elementary Math students with a 6.3 percent increase in scores. The average of 52.7 this year is lower than the state average. High School Algebra, on the other hand, is the only drop in average test scores throughout the district with a 5 percent decrease. "Staff is slated to present these numbers to the board of education on Wednesday. We plan to be there to bring you the latest on how they hope to continue improving. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CO. Our people have to be able to read in order to enjoy the success we're having in economic development."
LITERACY The council noted recent bills by the General Assembly that emphasize literacy resources and the
timetables for those to be in place. That includes requiring screening for dyslexia starting next year. 00:00:24

"Certainly a busy day on Savannah State's campus as freshmen are moving in and looking forward to an exciting first year." (nats) Unloading her car, hoping for a pretty sweet next four years. "I have freedom. That's what I'm most excited about." Amoire Sweet is from the Atlanta area and following in her siblings' footsteps by becoming a Tiger. Like many other freshman here, she says joining organizations are at the top of her list. "Getting involved in clubs because I didn't really get the chance from COVID since my only full year in high school was senior year. I'm more excited about meeting new people." And it's a bitter sweet moment for her mom Sharis Black. "It's exciting, nervous turning my first baby loose. She gets to see life, new adventures, new people and get out of here." More than 700 freshman are moving in this year, according to Savannah State staff. On the job for a little over a month, it's also a year of firsts for Interim President Cynthia Robinson Alexander. "We're just thrilled to see the students, their excitement, their smiles." "Upperclassman are up next for move in as it continues until Saturday. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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		AS NEW	New this morning---we're giving you an inside look at the swearing in ceremony. Judge Benjamin Karpf	
	5AM	SUPER	swore Dr. Watts in. Dr. Watts was all smiles as she took the oath to lead the Savannah Chatham County	
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"Our goal is simply this. To beat the state our kids deserve it." Third grade reading scores are now up 11 percent from last year in Savannah Chatham County schools. But like all of the district's 2023 GMAS content mastery scores, it's below the states average. "Making progress towards health. We are not 100 percent healthy. We are not at optimal health." High School Algebra 1 is the only subject seeing a drop in scores with a 5% dip. Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Bernadette Ball-Oliver says she expects improvements. That's because they started preparing for the state's new math standards early. "It talks about engage, explore, apply and reflect. So, we started last spring trainings our teachers on how that should look as they structure their lessons." Ball-Oliver says if literacy is their main focus, other subjects will improve. "The impacts you see in those results in the areas of science, social studies and mathematics all tie back to our children being literate." WTOC has been telling you about changes leaders highlighted on their road to beating state test scores. Longer literacy blocks, individualized learning periods called DIG time and new science of reading techniques for teachers. Ball-Oliver says the district hired two literacy coaches to train those teachers. "Exactly how you teach a child to read. Why it's difficult to teach a child to read and how do you actually access whether or not that child is being successful and then what do you do when they're not being successful." Ball-Oliver says they'll continue to access what's working and what needs improvements so they can beat the state. "That's going to take us first of all staying on course and on path with what we have been doing but also understanding we have to pivot and we have to change when the data tells us such."

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"Poverty rates by race and Hispanic origin...it's data like this that Georgia Southern students are learning how to compile and read to help improve the health care industry across the nation. Data like this is being sent to the president's office." "It's so that we can increase overall health." It's a two year informatics program for graduate students funded by President Joe Biden's administration. The program is part of a multimillion dollar grant to teach folks how to compile this data. It's given to only Georgia Southern, Morehouse School of Medicine and the University of Minnesota. Assistant Professor Kristie Waterfield tells me the program has big goals to accomplish. It's to build.... "A nation that doesn't get ravished by another pandemic or a nation that we don't have food insecurity, that our diabetes levels go down. Obesity levels go down. People are more active." Waterfield says students use public health information data to analyze how affective programs like telehealth are. They look at data to tackle food insecurities. Of the three university's, Georgia Southern is tasked with focusing mostly on Black and Hispanic communities. Savannah has a significant population of both groups. (SOT) "There may be needs in the west side of Savannah Chatham County that may be different from the south side and so how do we reallocate those to meet those needs and that's what they're looking at with all the data." All of this data will eventually go to state officials for them to review. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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(sot) More than 4,000 Georgia Southern students will live on the Statesboro campus this year. That experience for them, and their parents, starts here and now. (vo) Families may have walked in to the Recreation Activity Center today, but students soon found themselves making decisions for themselves like they'll do in college. (sot) It is very overwhelming. But I tend to overthink, so it is very overwhelming. (vo) Parents learned about many of the programs their students can utilize on campus. Demesha Copeland says she joined a Facebook parents group over the summer to help her and her daughter prepare. (sot) You don't think about the things you don't think about because you're preparing for everything. But that really helped us today. (vo) At on-campus apartment buildings, teams of volunteers helped families unload their students belongings and help them get to the right apartment and get settled. Organizers of "Operation Move In" say it's a one-stop-shop to help students get settled and give parents peace of mind. (sot) We've got folks here from student accounts, financial aid, military veterans services, academic advisement and admissions, offices such as public safety... (vo) He says the better a student's experience these first few days, the better their foundation is for a college career. (sot) And classes start on Monday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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With Beaufort County Schools starting up next week, your student may be walking into a campus like this one, led by an award-winning principal. I spoke with this year's award winners at their respective schools about what being Principal of the Year means to them. SOT: "It means a celebration for our school family and school community, about the work that we've been doing towards achievement, towards building community in our school. So, it's a pretty exciting thing for everyone involved." VO: Goodwine-Lewis is from Beaufort and says the growth and changes in the community throughout her career and lifetime have been great to see. Her favorite description of Broad River Elementary is 'a warm hug' with caring teachers, students and parents. Hilton Head High School principal Steve Schidrich won the award for secondary principal of the year. He started off as a teacher at the school before working his way up to principal. He shares a similar sentiment to Broad River's principal, saying the award is about the school as a whole. SOT: "I want students to come in here, I want them to feel connected to the school. I want teachers to develop good, strong professional relationships with students, when there's trust there, especially on the part of students to teachers, it motivates students." LL Tag: Beaufort County schools start up next Monday, so be sure to tune in to WTOC for your back-to-school coverage. In Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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(sot) Organizers of this summit says illiteracy is more than a school problem or a family problem..it's a community-wide problem. (vo) A cross-section of Bulloch County gathered to discuss a statewide problem. Youngsters who fall behind in reading in the early elementary years face an uphill task to catch up. If they don't it can affect their future, their career, and more. (sot) We have to make sure we're doing our part as a community to insure that our students are prepared and our kids are ready. (vo) And when stretched across the community, it impacts the economy. Leaders talked about breaking cycles to improve reading levels, graduation rates, and post-secondary education or technical training. (sot) Whether you're a business leader, an education leader, a non-profit leader, an elected leader, everyone has a role to play. It's not somebody else's problem to solve. (vo) They hope involving as many aspects of the community as possible, they're able to steer more students in the right direction as early as possible. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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And it's time to Back to School in Beaufort County! Today, more than 20 thousand kids will be heading out the door for the first day of school. Some of them will find some new upgrades made over the summer. Hilton Head Island High students will find some freshly painted hallways. They'll also have to manage a new bell schedule this year. The change will allow students to get additional tutoring or take make up tests. It adds additional time onto certain classes -- specifically for review of materials the students might need extra help with. We caught up with the principal who says he hopes students enjoy a well-rounded year.

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(sot) Today brings a new semester and new year at Ogeechee Tech. While it might be the first day of school for some, it's "deja vue all over again" for others. (vo) Faculty went through course info with their classes to start off the semester. School administrators expect enrollment to be around 2,200..which is up from the Spring. They say they're seeing more full time students enrolled on campus, as well as virtual and high school students joint enrolled. (sot) "I've heard multiple people who've been at Ogeechee Tech for many years say it feels like what Ogeechee Tech used to be well before the pandemic. So, I think we've slowly but surely continued to increase our growth. But this feels like a "normal" Fall semester." (vo) She says the school aggressively recruited new students in the Spring and Summer and saw more than 100 attend and enroll at those events. (sot) They'll have their final numbers in a couple of weeks. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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LL: Today was the first day of school for the Beaufort County School District. I spoke with the superintendent of the district and the principal of Bluffton Middle School, who says this year's class is the biggest one yet. SOT: "We are very very lucky to be fully staffed walking in on day one because as we know there have been teacher shortages across the country. We are just thrilled at the high-caliber staff on board this year at Bluffton Middle." VO: Principal Hall says the staff at Bluffton Middle School are to thank for creating the welcoming first-day-of-school atmosphere. Beaufort County's superintendent agrees. SOT: "The atmosphere's been great. All them have expressed that it's been a very smooth opening for them. It was pretty smooth having students enter the facility. They're actually really excited." VO: Principal Hall says at Bluffton Middle School.. mindset is everything.. SOT: "I tell my teachers all the time it really doesn't matter how smart you are and what you have prepared at the front of the room. If that student mentally is not in that great frame of mind, to receive that information they're not going to retain anything." NATS students in class SOT " I walked in to classrooms and they're off running teaching math, teaching reading. ." In Bluffton.. "So teaching and learning has begun in Beaufort county." Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News..

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Today is the first day of Classes for University of South Carolina Beaufort. I spoke with the University's Provost who says that this year's class is the biggest one yet. Those numbers, bringing changes to the university as well. SOT: Dr. Eric Skipper, Provost, University of South Carolina Beaufort "We want our students to be educated in such a way that they're able to go out into the world and lead effectively." VO: Dr. Skipper says the university does this by focusing on experiential learning, which is ramping up this year. SOT: Dr. Eric Skipper, Provost, University of South Carolina Beaufort "We've had increases in internships, and undergraduate research, and study abroad all those kinds of things. We're not just lecturing, not just imparting information, but making students part of a learning process so that they're engaged. They're wholly hands on." VO: One other change this year, the school's basketball team is playing its first season as an NCAA division 2 team. A change that Dr. Skipper says is a testament to the school's growth. SOT: Dr. Eric Skipper, Provost, University of South Carolina Beaufort "It's the evolution of a university. The university is continually coming into it's own, continually getting better, continually moving on to the next thing. So the move from NAIA to NCAA is just symbolic of the university's continual evolution" LL TAG: At UCSB, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"NAACP Savannah Branch hosted its monthly meeting and with kids getting back into the classroom, today's main focus...the public schools here." Nat sound: "I feel like it's my job to create the conditions to move the district forward." SAVANNAH'S CHAPTER OF THE NAACP WELCOMED THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR SAVANNAH CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM...OR SCCPSS. SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENISE WATTS TALKED ABOUT HER PLANS AND GOALS FOR BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR. "Just 30 to 40 days into my tenure. It will be a shared vision and I need insight, I need your thoughts and perspectives, and most importantly your desires for this community and this school system." DR. WATTS SAYS HER ENTRY PLAN FOCUSES ON HER FIRST *100 DAYS* IN THE DISTRICT. SOT: DENISE "I am also using every single day of my 100 days because I need it. I need every single moment of that time." SHE SAYS...SHE'S USING THIS TIME TO FOCUS ON A FEW KEY AREAS... INCLUDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONSHIPS, PARENT SUPPORT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. SOT: DENISE "I don't want to spend a lot of time talking to you and at you, I really want to have time for dialogue and discussion." Nat sound: "To get an understanding of how open she is and willing she is to actually be transparent and open with us." AN NAACP MEMBER AT TODAY'S MEETING SAYS WITH SCHOOL BACK IN-SESSION... IT'S IMPORTANT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HELPS STUDENTS BOTH IN *AND* OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. "Bringing food, bringing toiletry items...So, it's not always going to look just like tutoring to our kids and mentoring to our kids, but actually provide that support that children need on a day-to-day basis, as well as their families." A COMMUNITY... COMING TOGETHER... TO SET GOALS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD. "In Savannah, AB, WTOC News."

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"it was an unfortunate situation, that involved unsportsmanlike conduct that none of us condone, We have taken action, and I as recently as yesterday had a conversation with the Superintendent in Richmond county, He and I are working in collaboration on this investigation, we both have our teams, so that where consequence and action that need to be rendered they will be." School leaders say that meeting will happen via Zoom. The district is also requiring Savannah High players and coaches to complete the National Federation of High School Athletics sportsmanship course. The incident remains under investigation.

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"The State's School Superintendent is recognizing a rise in reading right here in Effingham County." Nat sound: "You figure you're probably in the top 10-percent when it comes to reading across the state. STATE'S SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD WOODS VISITED GUYTON ELEMENTARY THIS AFTERNOON TO PRESENT A *LITERACY LEADER* BANNER. HE SAYS ONLY AROUND *200* OF GEORGIA'S *2300* SCHOOLS ARE BEING AWARDED. "The only elementary school right now to have one of the banners and one to be a Title One School, which means you know you come in with a little more challenges that some schools don't necessarily face." TO GET A BANNER...SCORES HAD TO BE ABOVE 90-PERCENT OR ROSE BY MORE THAN 15. GEORGIA SUPERINTENDENT SAYS HE'S RECOGNIZING GROWTH FROM LAST YEAR'S THIRD GRADERS... WHOSE READING SCORES JUMPED BY MORE THAN 16-PERCENT. GUYTON ELEMENTARY's PRINCIPAL SAYS IT'S A COMMUNITY EFFORT. "It takes a village. I feel like we have a great village here in Guyton. I feel like our parents have done a great job helping kids with homework when they come. I feel like being a Title 1 School helps a lot too because we have tons of services to provide to our kids." GUYTON AND BEYOND...GEORGIA SUPERINTENDENT SAYS HE WANTS TO KEEP PROGRESS GOING. SOT: ANNA B.: RICHARD "This is an investment for a lifetime. I'm committed to make sure we continue to see that EFFINGHA growth. The banners themselves make an allotment for growth. As I said today, this is not a one and M SCHOOL done." "At Guyton Elementary, AB, WTOC News." ANCHOR: Other stops the state superintendent made today included Liberty and Chatham counties.

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ISSUE 7--STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. BACK TO SCHOOL BUDGET, GRANT TO HELP THOSE WITH DYSLEXIA, K12 MULTI SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LATEST, SC TAX FREE WEEKEND, CLAXTON STADIUM UPGRADE, STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT AND FORGIVENESS, WARNOCK HEAD START VISIT AND DISCUSSING WAYS TO FIX ONGOING WORKFORCE CRISIS, GSU DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS, BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM VOTE

SOURCE: STATE LEGISLATORS OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL SYSTEMS,

Summer is just about over and the first day of school will be here before you know it.. the national retail federation reports that last year back to school shopping cost more than 860 dollars per household. according to n-r-fs annual june 2023 survey, 80 percent of families plan to see higher prices when shopping for the first day of school... "inflation has really been affecting families across the board and back to school shopping is no exception. you can definitely expect to pay more for you back to school shopping this year than you did last year and that puts a lot of financial pressure on families. it is going to be a big challenge this year shopping around to find better deals because unfortunately prices are up." kimberly palmer - nerd wallet by now you may have already thought of different ways to save... here are a few more: - "shop at home. what do you have left over from last year that you can use to the upcoming school year? a lot of people may overlook the fact that they have perfectly good folders that they can use. maybe notebooks that are only half used that were only half used rip out the pages that were used and you have something that will get you through the first few months of school." aw andrea woroch is a consumer money saving expert. she says some of the best ways to save money is to take inventory of what you already have. "families that have multiple children or if you have extended families i would suggest get together and do a back-to-school swap just because something is gently used does not mean it is not going to be exciting or new to your child." aw if you haven't started your shopping already, the clock is ticking! "for every age, even if you need new products for yourself as an adult for your home office you want to basically start shopping as soon as you can really because in the summer time you usually see prices dip we see a big uptick in summer sales and that is why you want to be ready to make the purchase as soon as you see the price drop." kp once your backpack is full... it is time to think about what is for lunch... depending on your locality and household income, your student may get lunch for free. "if you are required to pay for a lunch, you really have to ask yourself it may only be five or six or seven dollars but you can probably make your own lunch for even less." aw buying in bulk can be a good idea but be sure it is the non perishable items so you don't end up wasting the food you don't eat. "for little snacks buy in bulk and then use zip lock bags to separate individual bags that is going to be cheaper than buying that box of individual chips or popcorn or crackers or whatever it is. kp and for that first day outfit -- "a lot of parents want to purchase new fall clothing for their kid to go back to school but if you can try to wait. for fall clothing we actually see the best prices hit in october and november as retailer start to clear out their inventories and so you do want to wait to buy clothing if you can." kp that is not the only thing you should be waiting to buy... often times teachers can tell you actually don't need this big expensive calculator until winter or even spring and so you can put off some of those purchases. the teacher can advise you on what you actually need on the first day so you don't have to buy everything all at once and that can really help your budget to spread out the purchases. also you want to be in touch other families because often you can save money by buying in bulk. if each child for example needs one set of crayons or one notebook you can actually team up and make that purchase in bulk and then divide it up among families and that way you are reducing the total amount you are spending. kp some other things to keep in mind: the time to start saving for those college students was yesterday but it is never too late to get started... kimberly palmer says encourage your soon to be college student to practice maintaining their budget now so when they get to the dorm, they are ready.. maybe even have them get a summer job and do some saving of their own... andrea woroch says the first thing to track your spending is make a budget. "overall whether you are shopping for back to school or just maintaining your budget through the year make sure you are tracking your expenses it is just like when you are trying to diet and you are trying to cut your calories you have to see how much you are consuming to know how much you need to cut back maybe how much you have left throughout the day to consume so it is similar to that spending and tracking all your dollars."

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7/25/2023 GA
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 GS That is a learning disorder that causes difficulty with reading. But schools can start buying screening materials now - thanks to a grant from the Georgia Department of Education. The D-O-E says the money was provided by state lawmakers. The size of the grant will depend on the number of K through 3 students in a district.

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While this building originally held the Wade Hampton High School, this year it has a new name and more students. Estill and Wade Hampton High School have combined to become Hampton County High School. VO: After studies from the state and school district, officials made the decision to consolidate the two high schools, citing enrollment numbers and aging facilities among other reasons. "People do have emotions, toward their alma maters, as they should, I think we see that more from graduates which is maybe understandable but truly the students, I think, are excited." VO: Hutto told me that although there is some hesitancy, consolidation is the best outcome for students. Recent alumni agree. Mason Farmer graduated from Estill in 2019, and now teaches percussion at Hampton County High School. "Keep an open mind, I understand everybody is kind of iffy about the entire thing, but keep an open mind because it's in the best interest of the students." VO: Farmer hopes the consolidation leaves students better off in the long run. "There's a lot of programs that Estill provided that Hampton didn't provide, there are a lot of programs that Hampton provided that Estill didn't provide, and now all the students within Hampton County get access to those opportunities. So it's perfect for the students." Hampton County High School won't be in this building forever. A new state-of-the-art campus is scheduled to break ground in January. In Varnville, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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Savannah agency *the front porch* welcomed hundreds of families to its third annual back to school event. Director Alexia Fobinson says...a 13-thousand dollar grant provided each kid with a *60* piece bag of school supplies...or over two *tons* worth. she says...another 8-thousand dollar grant supported the free uniforms. over *30* organizations helped hand out stuff. It was opened to *all* chatham county school kids...from elementary to high school. Organizers say they expected to see almost two-thousand families today, their biggest event yet. she says...this can be a stressful time for families.

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"What will be Savannah Chatham's biggest school is now called the Gould Mercer Grove complex. Each school will keep it's own identity but when students will be able to learn inside the complex is still up in the air." Savannah Chatham public schools' officials told WTOC in March that the school would be ready the 2023-2024 school year. But District Chief Operations Officer Vanessa Miller-Kaigler says supply chain issues slowed the \$135 million project down. She says they have been in contact with parents about the delay and they aren't able to say when it will be ready. "That date remains outstanding. We notified parents via correspondence that they will remain in their existing facilities at the start of school. Gould is looking forward to welcoming them back, Mercer's looking forward to welcoming students back in their current location and the same for Groves families." Here's an exclusive look inside the building. It will be a three-story building with more than one hundred classrooms for elementary, middle and high schoolers welcoming 2,400 students. The project manager with Charles Perry Partners Inc. tells WTOC system checks, fire alarms and elevators are some of the last additions needed. "They hope construction will be done in September. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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"Some people I know can't afford school supplies. School supplies are expensive and it's what you need for school so I really think it's great that they do that for everyone really. I think it's really great" Tax-free shopping ends Sunday at midnight. On top of certain items being tax-free, several stores at the outlets say they're offering additional discounts on school supplies.

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8/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SC TAX FREE WEEKEND Many items are exempt from both state and local sales tax. South Carolina Department of Revenue says it applies for both in-person and online. Families can save on back-to-school essentials including clothes, shoes, supplies, and computers. We talked to a few shoppers at the Tanger Outlets in Bluffton about the deals. 00:00:19

8/6/2023 6:30:00 PM 6:30PM OD ANNA S. SC LAST WEEKEND TAX FREE ((PKG)) As back-to-school season is upon us, many shoppers trying to get everything they need this weekend for those first couple of weeks. ((SOT)) "I'm actually going back to school for my university, so just shopping for new looks, great looks, always like to look stylish for the first day of school." ((VO)) Hudson says, she definitely wasn't alone in this goal either. ((SOT)) "We went around noon and it was loads of people, influx of people coming just to shop." ((VO)) That's something that sales associates at Emma's Earth Shop were seeing all weekend. ((SOT)) "I mean business has been crazy, I feel like the parking lot was completely filled up. Just people one after another were coming in and even up until close people were coming in." ((VO)) Manning says, as a result, their sales this weekend were much higher than they usually are, ((SOT)) "Normally we don't make it past like a thousand, or maybe 1,100, but this weekend we made it to almost a thousand." ((VO)) Hudson says she's happy South Carolina has a tax-free weekend each year, especially around the time when everyone's heading back to the classroom. ((SOT)) "It's amazing because there are some families who aren't fortunate enough to actually pay for back-to-school clothes, or any clothes at that, so for it to be tax free, it allows people to have the advantage to actually get what they actually want for the new school year, or for work or for anything that they really need." ((VO)) Reporting in Bluffton, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News. 00:01:23

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PEBT DEADLINE FOR SC THURSDAY

Time is running out for South Carolina parents to verify their address to keep getting benefits from a program that feeds kids across the state. The Department of Social Services reminds the deadline to verify for the P-EBT program is Thursday at 5 p-m. That's after the U-S-D-A approved the state for a round of Pandemic EBT benefits. It's just for eligible K through 12 students. They say you should verify for your address, even if it did not change, to make sure you get the card for the program.

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ROBERT SMALLS ACADEMY OPENS

LL: The Robert Smalls Leadership Academy is the biggest aspect of the 2019 Bond Referendum for the Beaufort County School District. I spoke with district leaders to learn what's next for Beaufort County Schools out of the bond referendum. SOT: "Well, what we're hopeful, is that the voters see projects like this, and see the end result, and that their money went to good use, and that that will help us carry momentum over to phase 2 bond referendum that will be taken out to voters later this year." In a nutshell, a bond referendum is a voted-on tax that goes to fund school projects. While the 62-million-dollar Robert Smalls Leadership Academy takes up a big chunk of the 2019 referendum, improvements in a referendum aren't just new schools. They include improvements to existing campuses with new technology, security, athletic facilities, and more. The 2019 referendum is the first one in a while. SOT: "We are so grateful to our community, because in 2019, when the referendum passed, that was the first referendum to pass in over 11 years." VO: Dr. Rodriguez believes the referendum shows how much the Beaufort cares for its students. SOT runs 18: "It passed with about 70% approval from the voters, and that's a really significant number. It really shows their commitment to the work of educating children, and understanding how important it is to provide these types of learning environments for our students." Tag: The Robert Smalls Leadership Academy and the rest of the Beaufort County Schools will open their doors in a couple of weeks on August 21. In beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"The transportation director for the district says they've seen a good amount of people sitting at these desks to fill out applications for different positions the district needs to fill. For her department, they're about 65 bus drivers short." (nats) Coastal Work Source Georgia staff says in total, 19 people came out to the job fair today. The school district has been highlighting their need for school resource officers, bus drivers and monitors, custodians and more. Transportation Director Tammy Perkins says hiring bus drivers is a main focus of the district and they hope the job fair will help fill a need. "It is a good resource for us to reach individuals who may be interested. We have folks now who are on computers filling out applications. We've already had the opportunity to speak with other individuals earlier so I think this is a good source for us." "This job fair being what she calls a rigorous strategy to fill positions the district needs to be successful. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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? (sot) Business people I spoke to say that the estimated impact of \$1.1 billion is no surprise to them. (vo) William Martin gets a new season of Eagle clothes and hats ready for the school year. He moved here and opened his store to cater to one group. (sot) We hitched our wagon to Georgia Southern University, and all that entails...students, parents, alumni, student athletes. (vo) A report from the University System of Georgia lists Southern's economic impact on the region as \$1.1 billion last year, more than a seven percent jump from the year before. It includes university construction and spending, salaries for faculty and staff, and student spending too. That's the part businesses like Hendley Properties sees with thousands of student tenants in houses and apartments around town. Ginny Hendley says a one billion dollar figure sounds unreal..until you think across the region. (sot) I do have friends in different areas...Savannah..Pooler..and they do see the growth reaching that far. It's just incredible for something that started out so small years ago has gotten so large. (vo) The report says the university accounts for 3,200 jobs on the three campuses, and nearly 7,000 jobs exist off campus from university spending. (sot) At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BLOOMING DALE ELEM. DEMOLITIO N Taking a LIVE look as the last of the old Bloomingdale elementary school is being torn down to make way for a new building. This is part of a months-long process...but those on hand for the ceremony aren't going home empty handed. Families going to Bloomingdale will be able to take home a piece of the old building as a keepsake. WTOC's camille syed will have more on what's next for the site - coming up on THE news at 5:30. 00:00:24

8/15/2023
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BLOOMING DALE ELEM. DEMOLITIO N "We are super excited. Looking at the growth that's coming this way. We're excited to welcome some new families into our Bloomingdale bear family. Just to have a new state of the art facility, a safer facility and facility where innovation and learning can happen is really exciting down the road." 00:00:17

			(sot) Five generations of Claxton Tiger football teams played their hearts out in The Pecan Grove. This Friday night marks the opening of a new stadium, new field, and new era. (vo) They'll cut the ribbon on a new stadium that's on the campus of the recently-opened high school. They'll have double the seating, the parking, the restrooms and concessions and more. Evans County's superintendent says the legendary former stadium had served for 70 years but could no longer serve football game crowds. (sot) Ultimately, it came down to safety. We had stadium seats-the concrete bleachers- and most were oddly enough because of the pecan trees. There was no way of repairing them without destroying the pecan trees. (vo) The stadium also includes a switch to artificial turf. Waters says initial cost will save in the long run for upkeep and safety. The total cost came in around \$4.6 million. (sot) First, it's pronounced Pee-can Grove. Second, the Tigers will host Tattnall County Friday night. In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:00:59
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			Dan Vaden of Beaufort raised more than \$17 thousand dollars for their "Fill the Tank" Supply Drive. The community bought school supplies at the Walmart off Robert Smalls Parkway. Vaden and first responders handed them out to Whale Branch Middle and Elementary Schools along with James J. Davis Early Learning Center Thursday. A Vaden spokesperson said the community's generosity made it all possible.	00:00:24
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			"On behalf of Vaden Beaufort all of the first responders in Beaufort County and the sheriff's office we want to thank everyone for their support in making this supply drive which we called "Fill the Tank" an overwhelming success." Event organizers say that the outpouring from the community was so generous that surplus donations will be delivered to four other area elementary schools in time for class starting on Monday. The schools are Beaufort Elementary... Robert Smalls Leadership Academy... Port Royal Elementary... Lady's Island Elementary.	
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			nats of classroom Georgia U-S Senator Raphael Warnock meeting with Head Start staff...discussing ways to fix what's being described as the program's "ongoing workforce crisis." "We need to incentivize work by making sure that children have a space place where they can be educated. And their parents -- moms and dads can get to work." Senator Warnock says he plans to introduce a bill with republican Indiana Senator Mike Braun to address Early Head Start's staff shortages. The legislation would allow people to begin working in a classroom alongside a certified teacher while they earn the needed degree. Warnock: "They can benefit from the mentorship of the other teacher who's in the classroom. And because they're earning money, they can have a path to getting it done." Early Head Start is a program that helps kids up to age three in low-income families prepare for school. A February report from the National Head Start Association said nearly 20 percent of staff positions were vacant nationwide...with the top reason being compensation. "The biggest challenge is getting kids in and getting people who are C-D-A qualified." Economic Opportunity Authority Executive Director Terry Tolbert says those shortages extend to their programs here in Savannah. While the bill wouldn't raise pay for Early Head Start staff...Tolbert says he's optimistic it will help fill vacancies. Tolbert: "Getting people prepared to do early learning can help them a long way in terms of getting a quality work experience." The issue is also personal for Senator Warnock who says he was a part of Head Start classes while growing up in Savannah. Warnock: "It's an investment in our future." "In one of these classrooms could be your next United States senator from Georgia. And I mean that, because I was one of them." LL: Senator Warnock says he plans to introduce the bill this fall. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	
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(sot) The high cost of textbooks used to be considered as much a part of college life at dorm rooms and dining halls. But Georgia Southern says they and other schools are seeing a benefit from digital downloads for students and professors. (vo) Lines in the bookstore have gotten shorter as more courses use the Day One Access system that gives students digital access to materials even before school starts. It started in 2019 as a way to help remote learners and expanded during the virtual period of the pandemic. Universities now see the savings it gives students. (sot) Hard copy books can run \$300 to 400 apiece for students. With digital materials, they can be updated more readily. (vo) More than 500 classes now use digital materials from Day One Access or the statewide "No Cost/Low Cost" digital inventory. Southern's students saved a combined \$1.7 million dollars during the last school year and more than \$4 million since 2019. (sot) More and more faculty are becoming more comfortable using e-books, and they're finding more resources out there that don't charge as much to students and they get an access code. (vo) She says for some students on tight budgets, that savings could be the different between staying in school or not. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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BACK 2 SCHOOL HEALTHY SAVANNAH
Check it out! Healthy Savannah didn't stop there. They also hosted a back-to-school community block party yesterday. The organization provided over 1200 dollars in a grant for the event that was hosted at the Greater Gaines Chapel A.M.E. Church. The event ran from 11 to 2 downtown as people tried to keep cool while having a good time.

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	7AM		LET NATS PLAY FOR 7 SECONDS. Singing, smiles, and serious Bingo playing saturday on the southside of Savannah. Rusty's Regulators - a dominant fundraising team for the Alzheimer's Association in the Coastal Empire - held their biggest event of the year. Their team is in honor of their patriarch who lost his battle to the disease four years ago. This event with raffles, baked goods, and of course bingo has raised over a hundred thousand dollars in the last decade. Our own meteorologist Jamie Ertle called numbers. WTOC has been a proud sponsor of ALZ for many years.	00:00:34
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	6 AM	5AM SHEA	It's a time some thought would never come after The Biden administration had previously tried to offer 10,000 dollars of student debt relief to each borrower- but the program was shut down by the Supreme Court. WTOC spoke to several people who said that they were counting on some relief- and that since payments went on pause, their lives have changed dramatically- so repayment will be a financial issue for them.	00:00:25
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			"I know cost of living in Savannah has become much higher, at least since I moved here four years ago. I've seen the rent prices of where I've lived at previous apartment complexes go up at least 600 dollars a month, so having to factor back in interest on student loans is no joke. It's gonna be something that has to be considered and readjusting all your finances for that." "It kinda puts a little damper on moving forwards, finances, funds, things of that nature. When it comes to responsibilities, it's just adding one more bill onto a pile of bills."	
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			You'll need to sign into your account on studentaid.gov to find out who your loan servicer is- and then from there, you'll be directed to a way to pay them. You can also check your balance on the website. Your loans will have started accruing interest again just three days ago. As part of the Saving on Valuable Education Plan- which was introduced after the Supreme Court struck down widespread debt relief- if you miss any payments between now and September 30, 2024- you won't be considered delinquent. The SAVE plan also caps payments at 5 percent of discretionary income.. which some of the people I spoke to, said would be a help.	
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9/5/2023 5:58:00 AM 6 AM DAYBREAK OD 530 SHEA STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS START "I had young lawyers that would work for me that would talk all the time about the difficulty of their student loans and trying to get through life, pay rent, enjoy their lives, go out on the weekends, but because of their student loans really had to curtail and limit. So I'm very much in favor of any plan by our government to reduce those loans, maybe not completely wipe them out, but reduce them. Cut the interest down and cut the payments down." "There's still a responsibility that comes with college, but if they reduced it by a lot that would be amazing. i could afford college, I could attend college, as well as my friends that want to stay in college." 00:00:38

9/5/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD B 5AM SHEA STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT RESUMES Student loans started accruing interest again last week on September 1st. So your balance is probably higher than it was the last time you checked. Loan repayments will start back up on October 1st. It's a time some thought would never come after The Biden administration had previously tried to offer 10,000 dollars of student debt relief to each borrower- but the program was shut down by the Supreme Court. WTOC spoke to several people who said that they were counting on some relief- and that since payments went on pause, their lives have changed dramatically- so repayment will be a financial issue for them. 00:00:36

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The plan has something for various income levels and levels of debt... For example-- Someone who makes 25 thousand dollars a year--- your payment will be \$0 until you make more than \$30 thousand dollars. Prior to the new SAVE plan you had to pay loans based on 10 percent of your disposable income now that is down to 5 percent... Plus the plan will give an opportunity for early forgiveness for low income borrowers...

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we are letting people repay for as few as 10 years and get that loan discharged if they went to college for two years or less or borrowed less than 12,000 Kvaal says that part of the forgiveness plan goes up to about 20 years for undergraduate loans And 25 years for graduate loans. Whatever is left over is forgiven. There are lots of other ways to SAVE with the save plan head to wtoc dot com to learn more.

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9/11/2023 3:00:00 PM	3PM	BEAUFORT SCHOOL MONEY FORUMS	The meetings are being held to let parents and the community know how \$439 million dollars will be allocated. Today's meeting is at St. Helena Island Elementary School. Meetings are also scheduled for tomorrow at Battery Creek High School and Thursday at Beaufort High School. All meetings start at 6 P-M. The bond referendum will be on the ballot November 7-th for voters.	00:00:22
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he Beaufort County School District Superintendent will be making stops across the county to discuss the upcoming bond referendum with families and residents. Those residents will vote whether to approve the 439-million-dollar referendum in November. The superintendent's visits start today. VO: If approved, the new referendum will be primarily used to construct new school buildings and for security and maintenance upgrades county-wide. Superintendent Frank Rodriguez says the referendum is a continuation of the one that was passed in 2019. A major project of that referendum was the construction of the new Robert Smalls Academy. The spending from that referendum was monitored by the Community Led Oversight Committee, a volunteer group not related to the school district that makes sure spending is being done properly. Rodriguez says the referendum will not change millage rates. SOT: Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, Beaufort County School District "It's a 439 million bond referendum and it will not require an increase in Millage. It's currently 36.3 mills and it will remain 36.3 mills and still be able to fund this bond referendum." Tag: The vote for the referendum is on November 7. Reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky WTOG News.

9/11/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BEAUFORT CO: SCHOOL MONEY	Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, Beaufort County School District "It's a 439 million bond referendum and it will not require an increase in Millage. It's currently 36.3 mills and it will remain 36.3 mills and still be able to fund this bond referendum." Tag: The vote for the referendum is on November 7. Reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky WTOG News.	00:01:16
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Sot: "This referendum is about updating a lot of areas where we have growth and providing services that are needed." Vo One of those areas is Hilton Head Island High School. Sot "We're going to start with a three-story structure right over here." Vo Their current structure was built in the 80s, and the district says it's due for an upgrade. Sot "They've done a great job of keeping it up and it looks great but there are several systems that are at the end of their life... we need to replace those and give them a modern school facility." Vo The principal here says they'll certainly be able to do that if this referendum passes. Sot "We're going to have a great hallway that goes straight through the building from here all the way to the front and there's also going to be connection to this hallway here so people can leave the three story building and go into that part of the building as well." Vo The current building houses 1300 plus students each day, but some teachers have to share classrooms. That wouldn't be a problem with the new build. Sot: "The classes are kind of small right now so it limits the instructional strategy that a teacher might have, whereas with a bigger classroom you could have stations or multiple ways you could provide instruction." Vo He says the theatre and art wing would get upgrades too and there would also be a new career wing built... all of this funded through bond investments, and not a raise of the milage rate. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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ISSUE 8- SPECIAL PROGRAMS ENLIGHTENING A STUDENT'S FUTURE IINCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS. PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE EDUCATION INCLUDING GSU LAUNCHES NEW SCHOOL OF EARTH, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY EVENTS, GSU PARKING EXPANDED, CODING CAMP FOR GIRLS, NOLAN SMITH CAMP, SAVANNAH TECH'S TRAINING IN AVIATION PROGRAM, TECH SCHOOLS PARTNERING WITH HYUNDAI PLANT, EFFINGHAM CO. ECCA PROGRAMS, EFFINGHAM AGRICENTER FOR SCHOOL AGRICULTURE CLASSES BURNS, EFFINGHAM KIDS BUILD HYBRID CARS, GIRLS IN AVIATION EVENT, GSU PATENT TRADEMARK NEW CENTER, LIBERTY CO. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP DESGINATION, BC COACH REMEMBERED SOURCE: LOCAL COLLEGES, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ORGANIZATIONS

7/3/2023
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GSU LAUNCHES NEW SCHOOL OF EARTH Taking a LIVE look outside now from the WTOC Georgia Southern Statesboro Skycam. The university announced today the college of Science and Mathematics has launched a new school that will focus on the earth, environment and sustainability. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of positions in environmental sciences is increasing 5-percent every year. The University says the school will blend several science disciplines to better serve a growing student demand for sustainability and environmental science. 00:00:32

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4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD GSU LAUNCHES NEW SCHOOL OF EARTH Georgia Southern University announced yesterday that the college of Science and Mathematics has launched a new school that will focus on the earth, environment and sustainability. The University says the school will blend several science disciplines to better serve a growing student demand 00:00:18

			In this Summer Science experiment Kayla and Mackenzie from Effingham College and Career Academy walk us through how to make 'Fireworks in a Glass.' This experiment is a demonstration of density, which is the measurement of how tightly a material is packed together. MATERIALS: - Liquid Food Coloring - Warm Water - Vegetable Oil - A clear glass or jar STEP ONE: - Fill ¾ of the jar or glass with warm water STEP TWO: - Add about half an inch of oil and let it settle STEP THREE: - Drop food coloring in and wait for the magic to happen! SCIENCE BEHIND IT: - Oil has a lower density than water because its molecules are bigger and therefore can't pack as tightly together. Because of this, the oil floats on water. - The food coloring forms drops in the oil because most food coloring is water based. Because the food coloring is denser than the oil, it will drop down from the oil into the water creating the 'firework' effect. OUTCUE: *music outro*	
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			?(sot) Organizers of this school supply giveaway say they're been working on this "back to school" project since before the end of the last school year. (vo) The annual Back to School Bash started five years ago. Organizers say it's about helping families who continue to struggle..from the layoffs of the pandemic to the recent jump in prices for everything. (sot) Notebooks that were two for a dollar are now a dollar each. You've got binders that were \$1.99 that are now \$3.29.... (vo) Close to 20 fraternities, sororities, and other groups combine their efforts and resources to impact as many families as possible. (sot) We get to come together as one and bring all our bases together and, in turn, help the whole community. (vo) In addition to the bags, they'll have food, a dj and more. (sot) They'll be here Saturday morning at the Boys and Girls Club on Denmark Street. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
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Back-to-School Expo event aimed at preparing students, parents for new year BEAUFORT – The Beaufort County School District is teaming up with government agencies and private-sector business partners to hold its "Back-to-School Expo" designed to give students and their families a free day of fun, door prizes, and valuable information about the upcoming 2023-24 school year. This year's Expo is set for Saturday, July 29, at Beaufort High School, located at 84 Sea Island Pkwy in Beaufort. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We are excited to kick-off the school year with this annual event that enables families to gather a lot of practical and helpful information," said Student Services Officer Juliet White, Ph.D. "District schools are pitching in, district employees are volunteering on a Saturday, and we're glad to have participation from our business partners, civic groups and faith-based groups." Students and their families are encouraged to attend the events, which will feature: Booths operated by district schools that can supply information about school activities. Door prizes from local restaurants and businesses. Free school supplies for students. Free dental and health services provided by Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). District Food Services will be available to answer questions about the free and reduced lunch application process, and the district's food vendor will be present. The district's travelling preschool bus will be on site, and staff will share information with parents. Free transportation for BCSD families is being provided at sites North and South of the Broad: District Educational Services Center (2900 Mink Point Blvd., Beaufort) Buses will depart from this location at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m. Bluffton High School (12 H.E. McCracken Circle, Bluffton) Buses will depart from this location at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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CHAD Luke Kromenoek, what would you say your why is? LUKE Other than just loving the sport and loving being out here with everybody and all my guys and just competing? I would say my why is I feel like football can take me a long way with my future. It's a sport where it's taken off and there's a whole bunch of opportunities outside of football to where I can set myself up for great future and continue to have great success, and then hopefully one day it can set me up to where my kids don't have to worry about money. And that's kind of the plan for me and that's really my why. CHAD You are the son of a football family. How much of an inspiration has your family been on you? LUKE Yes, sir. I mean, it was a huge inspiration. My dad, he played at UMass, and me and my brother always looked up to him. It was kind of always a football household kind of thing, and he was kind of our idol. Me and my brother growing up, and football was just a huge part in our family. And to see him play college football and kind of just made me and my brother work extra hard to try and get there and achieve our dreams. CHAD So neither your dad or brother were or are quarterbacks. You start as a wide receiver, defensive back. When did you start to see the potential in yourself as a quarterback? LUKE So it kind of just started off as I was just super athletic at a young age and could kind of move all over the place. And playing over with the dogs, I could kind of throw the ball far, and so it kind of just evolved from me being able to throw the rock super far. And so we got into middle school and kind of just stayed with it and just kept on practicing at it. CHAD So recently, the Elite Eleven experience, quite the prestigious camp you were invited to. Just biggest takeaway from that overall? LUKE Yes, sir. Just the biggest takeaway was it was just truly a blessing. Every kid kind of thinks about, if you're a quarterback, you want to go be at the Elite Eleven. It's the most prestigious camp you can be invited to. It's a huge honor. And kind of just being able to go out there and work with the best quarterbacks alongside the best quarterback coaches in the nation was truly unbelievable. And I learned so much from all those dudes and kind of just hearing about everyone else's journey, it was definitely a great experience. CHAD And rankings are rankings. You have to take them with a grain of salt, for sure. You've jumped up 30 spots in the national rankings since that camp. Now the number three quarterback in the country. I know you're a team guy first, but what does that mean to you? LUKE I'm not supposed to talk about rankings and be about rankings and all that stuff, and I kind of don't believe in all of it because I feel like once you step into that college weight room and on that college field, they don't care about your stars. You have to prove yourself. You have to be that little freshman that works his way up all over again, just like high school. So that's kind of my mindset on it. But just being able to be ranked number three, it's truly a blessing. It kind of just shows that if I continue to keep on working harder and do what I'm doing, that this stuff will pay off and that it actually is possible. CHAD So before Florida State, you still have your senior season ahead of you. Cadets going for their third straight state title. What's going to take as a group to make that happen? LUKE Coach Britt has the mindset of we're not looking forward to another state championship. Obviously, that's the end goal. But right now, it's one practice at a time. One game at a time is what we're working. Like I said, we got a great group of talented guys out here who want to work here and who want to work hard and be out here. So I feel really good about this upcoming year and can't wait to get out here with the guys. CHAD Alright, Luke. Wishing you the best this senior season. Yes, sir.

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7/10/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FORT STEWART NFL YOUTH CAMP

CHAD ON CAM :00-:09 A very special occasion for young athletes here at Fort Stewart, as Jaguars linebacker Devin Lloyd host a free football camp for over 150 military children. VO Lloyd, a 2022 first round pick by the Jaguars out of Utah, was a standout in his rookie season. Playing in all 17 games, registering 115 total tackles. Even with the NFL success, Lloyd's moral roots stick with him, and he wants to help military children tackle the challenges he also grew up facing... SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker :30-:39 I believe in service. I believe that we are all on this earth to serve and help one another. Growing up in a military is very near and dear to my heart. Any opportunity that I have, I am going to take advantage of it. My dad would go on deployments sometimes, so I understand the difficulty of growing up in a military household and everything that comes with it. VO Lloyd's camp provides kids an opportunity that he himself... never had. SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker 1:00-1:10 I really wanted to come out here and give that opportunity to kids. I didn't really have that opportunity. I'd say in high school I went to camps, but that was just to compete for a scholarship. I think this youth camp is great and I think they can take a lot from it. VO Lloyd made it a priority to have both boys and girls... learning at his camp SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker Flag football is huge, especially for girls. They love it. I think that opportunity that they have is great compared to a few years ago, when they didn't have that opportunity. I think the game just does so much for everybody, and there is nobody that should be excluded in that. No matter the campers professions down the road, he wants them all.. to pay it forward. SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker 1:45-1:55 and 2:04-2:09 I think just seeing somebody in the NFL coming out and offering their time to them, that's something I want them to do in the future. I hope that's what they take from it. Even if is their parents telling them later down the line that when they see someone in the position that I am and how grateful I am to be in this position to take time out of my day and service other kids...I hope that's the lasting impact they take. CHAD TAG ON CAM 2:11-2:21 Just two weeks before starting his second NFL season, Lloyd... giving back to military children. Reporting from Fort Stewart, Chad Maxwell, WTOC Sports. 00:02:20

7/12/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD JAMIE READS AT LUDOWICI LIBRARY

NATS: "Storm Chasers!} Yes! Look at all those Junior Forecasters! I had the pleasure of reading at the Long County Library in Ludowici this morning. Other guest speakers so far this summer have been Senator Blake Tillery and Representative Buddy DeLoach. The young readers also got a chance to forecast in the Storm Chaser. Shout out to the teen volunteers at the library who have earned 600 volunteer hours this summer. 00:00:25

7/14/2023
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PARKING (sot) When students return to Statesboro in a couple of weeks, one of the most welcomed additions
EXAPNDED (vo) Lot 29 will include just short of 600 spaces for students who don't live on campus. It sits along Chandler Road just across from Plant Drive. The lot has been in the works since Georgia Southern closed and demolished University Villas in 2020. . University leaders say this lot will help a decades-long problem. (sot) The opportunity was "do we build a new residence hall or do we need parking?". The students and faculty, and the community have always said that we need more parking. (vo) The lot also features 10 Electric Vehicle recharging stations. You scan a QR code and pay online. The university is already selling permits for this lot and expects them to sell quickly. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news? 00:00:49

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CAMP FOR "If we can show them that coding is fun and like a game, then hopefully they'll stay in it and then that will
GIRLS say...they want campers to walk way feeling more comfortable and confident with computers, technology, give them more opportunities for their career and their growth in the future." Camp coordinators
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Smith of course spent a ton of time at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club throughout his youth years... and today he gave back to the club... surprising members who were just a little excited to see the 2023 first-round pick... signing autographs... and then handing out a couple hundred school uniforms... along with school supplies.. alongside his family and friends... Here's Smith on what it meant to him to be back at the old stomping grounds...

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The best part about being back is just getting to see the kids faces again and you were once there. Coming back and giving them that joy and light and day. Most people don't know that they are here from 8 to 5 until there parents get off. I know how that feels and I just wanted to create a little excitement on a weekend that I had.

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7/14/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CODING CAMP FOR GIRLS	Today...they put that knowledge to the test. Using software basics H-T-M-L and C-S-S... many campers built their first website. Program executive director says...many kids lose interest in science and math during middle school. She says...she hopes this camp changes that.	00:00:16
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"Already got a job lined up in less than two weeks out and I'm just ready to be done." Elijah Woodal is in the latest class of Savannah Tech students to complete the school's training in Aviation Maintenance. Elijah Woodal - Aviation Maintenance student (Elijah) "When I realized how hands on this work was and actually having training to do it, I really enjoyed it and I just found a passion for it." Woodal's part of the 8th co-hort to finish since the school opened the Aviation Training Center ten years ago. The 30,000 square foot facility at the school's Crossroads campus... was a requirement to offer the FAA certified Aviation Maintenance training. The program prepares students for certificates with Airframe and Powerplant ratings -- or A&P for short. (Elijah) "Everyone that I talked to in aviation, when I tell them I'm going for my A&P license they say 'You're set. You're good to go.'" The Aviation Maintenance program is a two-year course... but other programs are designed to be much quicker. (Tal Loos - Dean of Aviation, Savannah Tech) "Most of our students will get done in about eight weeks doing that. They will come in and within eight weeks time be done and they can go to work." The school offers a variety of certificates in aircraft structural technology... from assembly... to wiring the plane's electrical components... creating custom luxury cabinets and even upholstery and trim for the seats. (Tal) "Our people will be in the classroom, learn a little bit of theory and then they move to the lab and actually do the hands on and mimic what they're gonna have to do on the job. So again, when they walk out they're prepared and ready to go to work." Adan Rojas is already working at Gulfstream. He saw the training as a way to expand his skill set. Adan Rojas - Aviation Maintenance Student "I go to work and I see these aircraft. I always see people working and man I want to do that, you know, so that's what really drove me here. There's more to this than just wheels. You know, I wanted to learn. I want to do more."

7/18/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SKILLED TO WORK	And as the industry continues to evolve, the Aviation Training Center is positioned to offer more in the future. In Chatham County, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.	00:02:04
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(sot) For the organizers, this marks a chance to show kids where some of their food comes from...especially some of their favorites. (vo) Hundreds of youngsters got their first up close glimpse of a cow and milking. Bulloch County Farm Bureau teamed up with sponsors to teach "Ag Outside the Classroom" to more than 400 summer camp students. The goal was to show the connection between dairy agriculture and foods they know and love...like ice cream and cheese pizza. (sot) Yes, we are a large farming community. But there's still a large percentage of kids who've never had that hands-on experience. This offers them an opportunity to take farming to the table, basically. (vo) While they hosted 400 kids this time, they plan to open it community-wide next year. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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BULLOCH DAIRY CELEBRATION

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(sot) The new club director will come in with a decade of experience, from just a half hour away. (vo) Lawana Marlin will leave the Boys & Girls Club of Candler County to take on the same job in Bulloch County. (sot) ..and I felt like this is where I needed to be. I have the love for kids. I have a love for Bulloch County. (vo) Despite being a smaller community, she says the Candler Club has almost the same numbers as Bulloch County. Board members say her experience and attitude won them over. (sot) I think what "sealed the deal" so to speak is her passion for kids, her commitment to building relationships in the community, the established relationship she has with the community already. (vo) She says the key to a successful club is connecting with those you hope to serve. (sot) ..I know the parents. I know the grandparents. I know my kids. The parents can call me. They have my personal number. (sot) She'll start August 1. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO	And for more back to school coverage, you can find all the details on events, links and more on our website- WTOC.com That section will be under news.	00:00:09

7/20/2023	5AM	BETHESDA		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK OD	CAR CHARITY	Lots of classic cars packed outside of the school as part of the Oglethorpe Driving Club's 8th Annual "Cars on the Burn" event. The event raised more than 26 thousand dollars which event organizers say will pay for 10 scholarships for children in need at the school.	00:00:16

(sot) Doug Lambert has served on the Ogeechee Tech board before. But his says this state-wide appointment comes at a critical time for our region and its schools. (vo) He's served on Bulloch County's development authority and seen industry come to the region. He also knows Hyundai's metaplant will bring potential jobs, but those jobs will be tied to high tech equipment beyond traditional manufacturing. (sot) "It's going to require skill sets that a lot of people don't have right now. It'll be important if we want those jobs to remain in our area for our citizens that we train them." (vo) He says it speaks volumes that Hyundai has partnered with multiple technical schools for training programs. He believes Georgia's technical colleges have the people and the resources to work with the company to provide the training the company will need for workers. (sot) "I think the technical colleges to a good job of identifying emerging needs and creating programs to match that." (sot) He and the other new appointees will take their oath of office in Atlanta August 1. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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MIKE "10th annual back to school drive, 10th annual back to school drive. This is the 3rd one for this season so
HOSTILO we're on the corner of Abercorn and Derenne just trying to make sure that we can help some of the
BACKPACK community." Willis, who raps in the law firm's commercials, adds that he doesn't see this tradition
S ending any time soon. 00:00:19

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E BACK TO "Some of our kids in our community, I'm a school teacher myself, so sometimes, they run out of supplies.
SCHOOL Sometimes, in the middle of the school year, some parents can't afford school supplies. They can't afford
book bags to give them. We want to make sure that they have enough to be able to last them for the
year. That's what's important to us, to make sure that they have a variety, and that they have plenty"
Liberty County students return to school on August 2nd. 00:00:27

		TYLER:	Savannah-Chatham County students head back to school on August 3rd. And over the weekend- WTOC	
		SCCPSS	was excited to be a part of the district's annual back-to-school expo. The event was at the Savannah	
	MORNING	BACK 2	Civic Center on Saturday. The school district says turnout is typically between 10 and 15 thousand people	
7/24/2023	BREAK OD	SCHOOL	for this event that puts vendors, schools and district services at one location. Organizers we spoke with	
9:00:00 AM	7 24	EXPO	say families are really at the heart of this event...making sure they have everything they need to send	
			their kids back with confidence.	00:00:32

		BEAUFORT		
		CO. BACK	Looking ahead-- The Beaufort County School District will host its Back-To-School expo this weekend.	
		TO	The school system says it will be a free day of fun for the whole family. This will also give parents and	
7/25/2023		SCHOOL	students a chance to get information for the upcoming school year. It's all happening this Saturday from	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	EXPO	9 a-m to 2 p-m at Beaufort High School.	00:00:21

(sot) While thousands of new Georgia Southern students will come to town next month, fewer than 100 have already arrived to learn about their new home and how they can give back. (vo) Some put the finished touches on candles for one non-profit, while others sorted donated school supplies. They some of the 70 or so students in BUILD or Building Undergraduate Involvement in Leadership Development. (sot) I wanted to come and meet new people, meet new friends and get to know people..and also giving back to the community. (vo) The program has been around since 2006, with a few years hiatus during the pandemic. Students cover their own lodging and meals for the week to be part of it. (sot) They're doing this with 70 other incoming freshman. Unlike some other summer camps, where you never see people again, they're going to be seeing them in two weeks. (vo) They get a whirlwind tour of different causes and groups that they can help support during their school career. (sot) I'm excited to meet some of the organizations we're partnering with in the Statesboro area. We're lending a hand, however we can, because it makes a big difference in people's lives. (vo) Organizers hope students who're engaged outside the classroom also do better in it..and make their home away a better place too. (sot) The rest of the student body will arrive just before classes begin August 14. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Savannah agency *the front porch* welcomed hundreds of families to its third annual back to school event. Director Alexia Robinson says...a 13-thousand dollar grant provided each kid with a *60* piece bag of school supplies...or over two *tons* worth. she says...another 8-thousand dollar grant supported the free uniforms. over *30* organizations helped hand out stuff. It was open to *all* chatham county school kids...from elementary to high school. Organizers say they expected to see almost two-thousand families throughout the day, their biggest event yet. she says...this can be a stressful time for families.

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DAYBREAK ANNA B:
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(ANNA BLACK/Anna Black) "With school just around the corner...Riley's Restaurant here in Rincon teamed up with a local STEM National Honor Society to donate over *65* backpacks to kids in need." "To be able to provide those for them and to give them something that they normally wouldn't have is very important so they can have a great education." EFFINGHAM COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY'S *STEM* NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SAYS donations helped them buy AROUND *SEVEN-HUNDRED DOLLARS* WORTH OF BACKPACKS. "We gathered them all. Brandy actually contacted the Rincon Police Department, and she got all the information, we got backpack buddies, and because we wouldn't have the resources to do that ourselves, so we wanted to reach out." RINCON POLICE CHIEF SAYS...BAGS WERE DROPPED OFF AT THE STATION EARLIER THIS WEEK. NOW...HE SAYS THEY'RE WORKING TO GET THE WORD OUT. SOT: MURRELL "If you need a backpack, don't wait." The RINCON CHIEF SAYS OF THE *66*...20 ARE GOING TO DFCS AND ANOTHER *10* TO RINCON ELEMENTARY'S OPEN HOUSE. SOT: MURRELL "We're going to pack those with paper and just school supplies and hand those out to kids that need them when they come in for open house." RINCON P-D SAYS...THEY HOPE TO GIVE AWAY THE REST BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK. "All they have to do is stop by the police department and say, "hey, I need a backpack," and we'll hand it over." (ANNA BLACK/Anna Black) Rincon Police says...you can pick up those backpacks from the station anytime Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. In Rincon, Anna Black, WTOC News.

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LL: Savannah-Chatham public school teachers are at the Savannah College of Art and Design sifting through tables filled with supply donations that they say will help their students. VO: This giveaway of supplies is part of a SCAD initiative started back in 20-10 called SCAD SERVE. Today...more than 100 boxes of school supplies were donated to teachers across the district...aiming to promote arts education. Teachers say this program is a lifeline for their classroom to make sure they have all the supplies needed to start the school year. SOT: "I do use some of my own money, and the school gives me a budget also, but just the fact that I can get these supplies, and a lot of the kids know they're really good supplies, a lot of them are very creative so they're happy to have them." LL: SCAD says each Savannah-Chatham public school will receive a box of donations. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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8/1/2023 6AM LONG COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL
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Students in the Long County School System have a lot to look forward to as the new year starts. A new wing is opening at Long County High School for the first time today. The new wing is 34-thousand square feet. It contains around 20 new classrooms. And according to school leaders- it was sorely needed. They say some classes had to be held on the old campus... and students had to take a bus to get there. The high school isn't the only building getting an upgrade. 00:00:28

8/1/2023 6AM LONG COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL
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"Smiley Elementary, which is our oldest school in operation, our classrooms and hallways have been completely redone, so we're excited about that." Students will start arriving to enjoy those upgrades within the next few hours. Some of them, also experiencing upgrades on the bus. We'll have more on that in the next half hour. 00:00:20

8/1/2023 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK 8 1 ODFLYNN: SCAD DONATION Students at Savannah-Chatham public schools will enter back into the classroom with some new supplies...thanks to a local college. It's a donation giveaway for local teachers that's been going strong for more than a decade 00:00:13

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8/2/2023 5:53:00 PM BEAUFORT GENCYBER CAMP 6 PM 6PM OD "It's putting outreach for cyber security since we are in need of great jobs, so many out in the field. They are looking to get students, teachers involved and helping when the educational sector of teaching cyer security. So we were interested in making sure students can get a career within the field." They're offering the 2-week program to middle and high school teachers. 00:00:22

(nats) "Come on in guys." Excitement already brewing in Ms. Raegan Dillion's classroom. "We're excited. Some of them were like, 'I couldn't sleep last night.'" And her students are already learning "If I pull two back what do think is going to happen if I pull the opposite?" "It's fun you'll enjoy it." Looking around her classroom, it's clear she has a hands on learning technique for her middle schoolers at the STEM Academy at Bartlett. "I teach underwater robotics and Lego robotics." Another thing that's clear, her passion for students as she was named 2024 teacher of year for the Savannah Chatham school district. "It's just a nice honor and I hope and have great expectations to represent the teachers well and to get the teachers voices out there." So, what is Ms. Dillon looking forward to the most this year... "To make those relationships. To find that student that needs the extra push and to prepare them for the real world." The real world that's always evolving. She hopes to dive into Artificial Intelligence this year. "Teach them how to use it in a good way and to learn that it can be used for bad and to teach them the difference and guide them." And that's good for students like 6th grader Jamelle Smith... "It's been a good first day so far." Who want to push themselves "I want to have a challenge and meet new friends at the same time." Despite all she plans to teach her students, Ms. Dillon thinks of herself as the top learner. "I'll probably learn at least as much or more from them than they learn from me throughout the year."

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"You can hear them learning in class behind me, the Little Acorns Academy. It's expanded from once serving 22 students and now it serves 44 students. That expansion shows that it's been successful, according to school leaders. Director Dr. Angie Lewis says students learn fundamentals like how to work together and share..their brains are also put to work with math, reading, and the arts. The program isn't state funded but made possible thanks to a partnership with Georgia Power. SOT "We've seen the data. The earlier they start, the better they do in school because they're getting the basics early on, not having to start over in first grade." CONTD VO She says they had nearly 100 more applicants this year than last. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year open in January. (camille) "The school district says they need more sponsors from businesses in the community to support this program. More information is on our website WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TOOMBS COUNTY 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL "We've decided to provide our students with one-to-one technology and provide them with Chromebooks that they could take home. So, instead of leaving them with their teachers each day, they take them home." This year, Toombs County Schools has also added a childcare center for district employees with pre-schoolers so they can focus on school as much as the students do. 00:00:22

8/17/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BLUFFTON PD TEACHER APPRECIATION Bluffton Police officers had a cookout with teachers at H.E. McCracken Middle School today, getting to know each other before the year fully starts on Monday. Additionally, school resource officers will have a new Seargeant overseeing their positions. He says safety is his main goal for this year, and that starts with arriving safely on the first day. "Try to leave early, rushing to get there late is going to cause issues, especially backups. Be aware that there's going to be students walking to school, especially here in the Bluffton area there's a lot of kids walking from their houses." 00:00:35

"Effingham County is seeing a lot of growth across its businesses, industries, and overall population. That's why the CEO here at Effingham College and Career Academy says they're trying to stay ahead of the curve." 11:23 "When they start hiring, and when Sewon starts hiring and all these different companies that are coming in, they're gonna look at the kids and the students in Effingham County." EFFINGHAM COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY OFFERS A VARIETY OF CAREER COURSES OR *PATHWAYS.* AROUND 1200 STUDENTS FROM SURROUNDING HIGH SCHOOLS SPEND PART OF THE DAY IN EITHER STEM OR CAREER TECH PROGRAMS. The academy's CEO SAYS the ARRIVAL OF NEW INDUSTRIES IS PLAYING A BIG ROLE...ESPECIALLY WITH HYUNDAI. SOT: TODD 5:34 "With Hyundai coming in, Seywon coming in, a lot of the EB electric vehicle industries that are about, you know, starting to come into our area, we want our students to be prepared." HE SAYS the ACADEMY IS APPLYING FOR A GRANT IN GEORGIA TO ADD MORE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SKILLS AND TRAINING. SOT: TODD 13:05 "Yesterday we met with engineering to talk about a grant to get some new trainers and test equipment and different things like that to run them through." He also SAYS the GROWTH OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES HERE WILL OPEN UP JOBS AND HE WANTS HIS STUDENTS TO BE PREPARED WHEN THEY DO. 11:00 "I think it's important for us to stay on that cutting edge with our students so that you know, when they do graduate high school, they know what Evie is, they know about electric vehicles, they know how to work on these and that I think that gives them a leg up and puts them you know, in a different category." He notes that it'S IMPORTANT PROGRAMS AND COURSEWORK ARE STAYING UP WITH TODAY'S INDUSTRIES. NAT: MATTHEW "With the new technology coming out and electric cars, we're going to have to incorporate that into our curriculum as well." The ACADEMY'S AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS HE HELPS STUDENTS GET THEIR AUTOMOTIVE CERTIFICATION. "The equipment is to today's standards, it's what they would see in a new, modern-day shop and in that shop, they are prepared. They've used the equipment, they understand the equipment, so we're preparing the kids for that work-ready atmosphere." "At ECCA, Anna Black, WTOC News."

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"agriculture plays a big role here. that's why the effingham county board of education says they hope its agricenter continues to educate and engage all members of the community...starting with their youngest." nat: "we're starting them at a younger age and elementary so they can appreciate what agriculture has to offer. vo: effingham county middle and high schools have always offered agriculture classes. but this year...board of education is extending its reach. agricenter says county has started bringing stem agriculture teachers into elementary schools. agricenter's stem education facilitator shelly hobbs says...first graders get to apply this new knowledge during field trips to the farm. hobbs says...first graders learn about agriculture mechanics, forestry, planting, and the farm-to-table process. she says...they're also offering programs to effingham county middle schools, including a pumpkin patch. hobbs says...effingham county middle school students are working on developing an outdoor classroom. while ebenezer middle is planning on coming out to learn about animal health. agricenter leaders say one of its agricultural programs also includes showing animals. "they have the option to keep those animals out there at the farm and learn and train and feed and learn how to take care of them out at honey ridge. we provide that facility for them, which is a great opportunity for our students." "at honey ridge agricenter, ab, wtoc news."

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		530 SHEA	Goodwine-Lewis says that with elementary students- there are a lot of new things every year, like Pre-K	
		BROAD	students advancing to Kindergarten and 5th graders getting the last year of elementary school under their	
	5AM	RIVER	belt. She says she and her staff are ready to teach, have fun with, and help nurture students- but one of	
8/21/2023	DAYBREAK	ELEMENTA	the big things that they want to put a focus on this year is punctuality and being ready to learn. That's a	
4:59:00 AM	OD	RY B2S	skill that will help not just in school, Goodwine-Lewis says, but in life.	00:00:29

			Ms. Torey Connelly has been teaching at Tybee Island Maritime Academy for 8 years. (nats) "There's an activity for you to add it to our blog." But she says she wanted to switch things up for her second graders. "TIMA had us write goals last year." And her goal was to help students connect better with each other so learning could be easier. She received training on social emotional support in North Carolina over the summer. "The students were at the forefront and we wanted to see how to help them develop relationships." And with class back in session for nearly a month now, she's putting what she learned to use. "Everyday Mrs. Connelly starts her day in this rocking chair with a morning meeting and the kids grab a seat on this mat for some much needed inspiration." (SOT) "So we come together at the carpet. We greet each other and there's always a shared question so there's always a chance to speak and be heard." How do her students feel about it? (SOT) "I think it's really fun." Interactive learning is common at this K-8 school... "Through project and problem based learning, students really see themselves as problem solvers in our community." And Ms. Connelly hopes to reinforce their mission by teaching them how to encourage each other. (SOT) "Some of them will say, 'this is easy.' And we pause and say that might make somebody feel bad because if it's not easy for them then they're going to shut down and not be as best of a learner." Teaching them how to be a team helping her reach her goal. (SOT) "Because once the kids can have that and feel safe in the classroom then they can learn anything academically." (nat) "We love Ms. Connelly" Camille Syed WTOG News.	
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"It was certainly an eye opening and life changing moment for nearly 15 graduates who walked across the stage here at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. They got an inspirational message from someone who has accomplished much despite her age." (flau'jae nat) "Whatever you do if you go hard at it, never let nobody feel like they can dictate your success or minimize it." These graduates beating the odds... (nats) By getting their GED and praise for their hard work to see this day. This opportunity is showing valedictorian Michael Kraus (CROWES) that he can do more than he imagined. "I never really thought of about secondary education or anything like that but with the type of scores that I did achieve, it's kind of apparent that I should push myself to do more. I was initially thinking tech school but now I'm really thinking college." And LSU basketball star and rapper, Flau'jae Johnson, came back home to remind them of all that they can be. "This is a big step in their lives and in the right direction so I was just here to enforce that message." "Now turn your tassles from the left to the right." Not letting the past define them, instead looking ahead to the future. Camille Syed WTOC News

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Healthy Savannah hosted a back-to-school community block party this afternoon for folks in the hostess city. The organization provided over 1200 dollars in a grant for the event that was hosted at the Greater Gaines Chapel A.M.E. Church. The event ran from 11 am to 2 pm downtown as people tried to keep cool while having a good time.

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The event was filled with educational booths and demonstrations with tips on how to prevent diseases and live an overall healthy life. Along with that, there were vaccinations, COVID tests and blood pressure readings. There were also vision and hearing screenings, cooking demonstrations and information on mental and behavioral health. Organizers say that today they wanted people to become more aware of what they have access to.

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8/26/2023	WKEND	HEALTH	"Their eyes are open to what the possibilities are, and that you can live healthy, you can live that type of	
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8/29/2023	AFTERNOO	BUILD	Check out these local students building their own mini hydrogen cars! Around 90- middle schoolers	
3:00:00 PM	N BREAK	HYBRID	became engineers for the day... with the help of Hyundai motor group. School officials say hands on	
	OD	CARS	opportunities like this are great for the kids. And exposes students to different career paths.	00:00:18

		EFFINGHAM: KIDS	"It's exciting for these middle schoolers to learn about sustainable energy and to learn about how that hydrogen molecule can be split apart. And we can use that hydrogen and that oxygen from that molecule." "Its always important to engage kids so if you get them a real world opportunity then they are more fully engaged. And then, of course, how many different opportunities have kids had to learn about how cars work, learn about aerodynamics learn about fuel cells, not that often, so it's just great to have that opportunity." ===ANCHOR CHAT===	
8/29/2023	AFTERNOON BREAK	BUILD HYBRID		
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The groups say the agreement is aimed at more than future workforce demands. They say it is also part of creating new educational pathways and will be a big driver for research. Georgia Southern says it's particularly exciting - because it means growing their alliance with Ogeechee Tech. WTOC will continue to follow what these opportunities mean for students coming to the Coastal Empire to learn. 00:00:24

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The groups say the agreement is aimed at even more. It's also part of creating new educational pathways and will be a big driver for research. Georgia Southern says it's particularly exciting - because it means growing their alliance with Ogeechee Tech. 00:00:15

"Tons of community members have come out to show their support for one brave little girl named Piper." Nat sound: "We're just here to have a good time and spread awareness about Shaken Baby Syndrome." The first ever *Princess Piper Family Fun Day* kicked off at Effingham County fairgrounds Saturday. Helping raise support and awareness for Shaken Baby Syndrome and all those impacted...including 8-year-old Piper. "Piper was shaken at two months old. We were told at that time that she probably wouldn't live long. She will be 9 in December, and she's thriving." Piper's family *and* Neurosolution of Atlanta hosted event... In hopes of educating the community about the serious brain injury. Nat sound: "It also brings a lot of awareness to our community." Program Manager at B and B Care Services says... They help support families, including Piper's, by covering costs insurance doesn't. "Let people know what these families go through and what it costs to have these therapies that insurance hasn't approved, or just the traveling expenses of that." Piper's grandma says money raised today will support uninsured treatments for Piper and other Shaken Baby Syndrome survivors... The community helping make this possible. SOT: PAULINE "We've supported the family by letting them know we'll be here, help Debbie with whatever she needs, resources, and just holding them up when they're going through tough times." The family-fun day included live music from Swingin' Medallions, bouncy houses, food trucks, and more. Piper's grandma says...it's been emotional seeing everyone's love and support for Piper. SOT: PAULINE "She just smiles and she'll laugh, and when you hear that laughter, you can't help but to want to make Piper's life better." "At the Effingham County Fairgrounds, AB, WTOG News."

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Francis Meeks Elementary is taking their students outside the classroom to get their hands dirty...literally. This year they officially made Agriculture part of their curriculum. Taking what they learn in the classroom and putting it to work...planting...growing...and eventually even helping to raise livestock. A program that's seen early success thanks to a combination of a great teacher and a supportive community.

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(nats) Some may argue, a cup of coffee is the best way to start your day. For some SCAD students it's also helps kick off the first day of their semester. "Every coffee shop I've been to I've loved. There are so many." And Savannah Coffee Roasters always prepares to be packed with students... (nat) "Bacon, egg, cheese bagel. Got it." As they make their way back to the hostess city. Employee Sarah Smith says they've already seen a boost in business. "I was working this weekend and it was insane. We had the register literally wrapped all the way around the pastry stand, all the way to the door for literal hours." Smith says they even hired more people to prepare for the busy season. (smith) "We like to set an example, be hospitable and we just love the business." "And SCAD students tell me they appreciate the opportunity to support local businesses. They can grab a seat and have some coffee while they're studying and pour back into a community that pours a lot into the them." "Especially as SCAD students, we're gaining so much from this city and it's a nice way to give back to the community." Coming all the way from Portland, Helen Strout is already knocking out assignments on her first day and she's looking forward to all her second year will bring. "I love Savannah. It's definitely become a home for me." Smith and Strout both ready for the school year grind. Camille Syed WTOC News.

9/11/2023
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9/18/2023
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SCHOOL TOUR VISITS WTOC

Check it out - We get a tour group stopping by the station from time to time - and today's group from Bryan County got a trip all about weather. First Alert Meteorologist Andrew Gorton walked them through how the Storm Chaser works outside before bringing them inside to see the behind-the-scenes here at WTOC.

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"These are new exhibitions from all around the world. We have artists who have come here to create their most ambitious installations to date." Those ambitious installations now filling the SCAD Museum of Art...each in their own unique way. "There's such a range of art that we have on display that there really is something for everyone." From photography...to sculptures...paintings...and even some you're encouraged to take part in. "Then you put the bucket over your head." There's art that looks big picture. "It's a 300ft long space with this laundry line exhibition." Art that transports you to a specific time or place. "This is really her take on the university experience." And some that may cause you to look again. "There's an intentional misreading of how things are meant to be that is actually revelatory and inspiring in other ways." Giving you more than enough to look at...and hopefully even more to think about. "My real hope is that everyone takes a bit of inspiration. You know, something that relates to their life or inspires them personally in their background. Hopefully encourages them to go and live their life and create or just be a bit inspired in their day to day."

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And check this out-- The Southern Wings Chapter of Women in Aviation International is hosting a FREE "Girls in Aviation Day" event in Savannah. The program is open to girls--ages 8 to 18 -- and will be Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. It's happening at Sheltair Aviation. Participants will enjoy a bunch of hands-on activities. Girls under 16 will need a chaperone. You can find the link to register on our website- WTOC.com

9/20/2023 MORNING GIRLS IN
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9/21/2023
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD JAZZ ACADEMY INSTRUMENT GIVEAWAY The Jazz academy is part of the Savannah Music Festival's year round education initiatives. The academy is a free after school jazz program for students in grades 5-12. The students attend weekly rehearsals and lessons. Yesterday afternoon- program participants were given musical instruments to continue growing their musical skills. All instruments even came with a case, care accessories, and a practice kit. 00:00:25

9/21/2023
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HINESVILLE KID WINS COLLEGE MONEY Kameron Moore was one of four statewide winners of the---"We Care Child Care" Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes was put on by the Department of Early Care and Learning. They partnered up with Georgia's "Path2College 5-2-9 Plan." Almost 65-hundred people entered the sweepstakes. Moore's childcare, the "Heavenly Place Learning Center" also won over \$15-hundred dollars. 00:00:22

9/21/2023 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	HINESVILL E KID WINS COLLEGE MONEY	Moore was one of four statewide winners of the We Care Child care sweepstakes. The sweepstakes was put on by the department of early care and learning in partnership with georgia's Path2college 529 plan. Almost 6500 entered the sweepstakes. As part of the sweepstakes Moore's childcare, the "heavenly place learning center" also won \$1529	00:00:20
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"After nearly a week of events and music, the Savannah Jazz Festival is wrapping up." Savannah Jazz, along with the city and other sponsors, hosted Jazz performances all week. Sunday was not only festival's last day...but also its *Student Day* Lineup featured music from a few high schools and colleges... Including Georgia State's Jazz Band. "They're wonderful young musicians, we've been preparing for this for about a month now. It's a little early in the year for us, but we put the hammer to them and said, you got to do this, and the kids are very excited." Grad students and upperclassmen from Georgia State's Jazz Studies Program performed one of its top combos... A tribute to renowned Jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie. He says he's excited to see how future generations bring new sounds to the old genre. SOT: DR. GORDON "They're perfectly placed to incorporate all these different sounds into a jazz music that's going to be different from their predecessors but also pay homage and also be full of life and an incredible experimentation and expression." Nat sound: "It's just a lovely thing to see students out here doing their thing." A local says she had a good time listening to today's groups. IF YOU CAN JUST PUT THEM TOGETHER AND COVER WITH VIDEO (as long as it makes sense) "It was definitely a great experience, I enjoyed hearing the Georgia State Jazz Band." Bennett lives in Savannah and says its important festival is helping support student musicians. SOT: KATELYN "I feel like it really allows them to be able to show their talent. Even more so, it also exposes other individuals to exactly what they do. It also opens up opportunities as well." "In Savannah, AB, WTOG News."

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<p>9/26/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm</p>	<p>GSU NEW CENTER GRAND OPENING</p>	<p>Tomorrow will mark the opening of the Patent and Trademark Resource Center at the Armstrong Center in Savannah--and the Henderson Library in Statesboro. The new spaces will support the public with trademark and patent assistance. There's only 84 libraries in the network designated by the U-S Patent and Trademark Office. The university says with Hyundai and more building in the Coastal Empire - they hope the centers will help create a community geared towards innovation and entrepreneurship.</p>	<p>00:00:30</p>
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<p>9/27/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm</p>	<p>GSU PATENT TRADEMA RK CENTER</p>	<p>"Not only students and staff but any entrepreneur in our community can come to a Georgia Southern library like the one on Armstrong camps and the one in Statesboro and have access to one of the only patent and trademark resource centers in the state." Speakers at this celebration say the only other one is in Atlanta. It will bring inventors, artists and people wanting to create a business get the advice they need on how to get their vision started. "They have a place to go to get their questions answered and to get some property triage. They can get a start by coming to us and talking to me and my colleagues. We get into some background on patents and trademarks and copyrights." Former Georgia Southern professor and current United States Deputy Director of Patents and Trademarks says the Savannah area is growing and more innovation is bound to make its way here. "If we grow innovators, entrepreneurs and inventors in our country, we can add up to \$1 trillion to the gross domestic product. I'm confident we could do that in Savannah." "You can set up your one on one information session on Georgia Southern's library website. We'll have that info on WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	<p>00:01:10</p>
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LL INTRO: School leaders tell me this designation recognizes the hard work they've done to prepare students for the workforce, and it could also lead to future partnerships for the school district. Students at the Liberty College and Career Academy get hands-on instruction each day – from welding to culinary courses. It's classes like these... that school leaders say help prepare their students for jobs... and encourage economic growth in their communities. That's exactly what the Economic Development Partnership designation – also known as the EDP represents. "It really highlights our business and industry partnerships, the fact that we, as a district, have built a culture of economic development within our district, as well as working to align a lot of our programs with the needs of our local businesses and industries, so we can build and cultivate talent for our future workforce in our area." School leaders say this designation follows a rigorous certification process. The school district is one of only four to receive it. LL TAG: As for what's next for the College & Career Academy, school leaders say they're looking forward to adding additional programs in the future. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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(Danny Britt, Head Coach, Benedictine) "I think it's important that kids see other people serving other people, you know serving them. This man, he didn't have to. Honestly, the little bit of money he was getting paid, wasn't why he was here. He as here because he loved being around the kids, he loved being around the coaches, he loved doing whatever he needed. And if he needed fixing equipment, or handing out equipment, cleaning up. Whatever needed doing he was doing."

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RYAN: Charlie Jung was a Savannah native who served as a firefighter for just under 40 years, served in the
REMEMBE national guard before coming to Benedictine, where he worked for almost two decades. The BC 400 will
RING also have Coach Jung's initials on their helmets throughout the season. Coach Britt says the best way for
BENEDICTI the team to honor him is to play every game like its their last...while also remembering what he called the
NE COACH most valuable lesson Charlie taught his students – service.

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**ISSUE 9-SCHOOL NUTRITION-FREE LUNCH FOR SIX SCHOOLS IN BULLOCH COUNTY,
SOURCE: SCHOOLS, ETC**

			One thing you may be thinking about this early in the morning is breakfast. Well, for Bulloch County students, breakfast is free. It doesn't end there, six schools offer free lunches for all students as well. Those schools, shown on your screen Langston Chapel Elementary... Langston Chapel Middle School, Mattie Lively Elementary... Mill Creek Elementary, Portal Elementary... and William James Middle School... qualify for the National Community Eligibility Program. If your student does not attend one of those schools and you believe you are eligible for benefits--- you should submit a free and reduced-price meal application. Bulloch County Schools will be participating in Georgia's harvest of the month program, which brings locally grown produce to the cafeteria. In Bulloch County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:00:50
8/1/2023	MORNING	RYAN		
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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

MINORITY ISSUES

JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/02/23 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Biden administration (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Eric Holder, former U.S. attorney general, Obama administration, chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (3); Dr. Michael Drake, president, University of California (4); Lindsay Gorman, senior fellow, German Marshall Fund (5)
1) Topics include: Friday’s Supreme Court decision siding with religious freedom over an anti-discrimination law involving gay rights
2) Topics include: recent Supreme Court decisions siding with religious freedom over an anti-discrimination law involving gay rights, against affirmative
3) Topics include: Supreme Court 5-4 ruling that Alabama discriminated against black voters // Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action;
4) a discussion on how the University of California system ensures a diverse student body following the state's own ban on affirmative action decades ago
- 07/16/22 **Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, “On With Kara Swisher”, co-host, “Pivot” (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)
- 07/23/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)
4) Topics include: culture wars / new Florida guidelines for teaching Black history in schools / transgender rights;
- 07/30/23 **Guests:** Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)
; law signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, changing curriculums in the state and how slavery would be taught
- 08/27/23 **Guests:** Cristian Benavides, CBS News correspondent (1); Mike Pence, former

vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (5); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (5); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Fiona Hill, senior fellow, Brookings Institution, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

Guest Moderator: Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent
1) a report from Jacksonville, FL on yesterday's racially motivated shooting inside a Dollar General store by a lone gunman, who killed three people before taking his own life

2) Topics include: shooting in Jacksonville;

5) Topics include: tomorrow's 60th anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech;

60 MINUTES

07/23/23

"The HistoryMakers" – a report on The HistoryMakers, who document the achievements of historically significant Black Americans via digital archive. The organization focuses on first-person narratives, many of which would otherwise be forgotten. Includes interviews with Julieanna Richardson, founder; Jerry Rice, NFL player; Rachel Davis, teacher; and Andre Samuel, Loren Rounds, and Tyler Rush, students. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman) (OAD: 02/19/23)

07/30/23

"Grave Injustice" – a report on lost African American cemeteries in Clearwater, Florida. Archaeologists and residents are working to excavate and reclaim these forgotten graveyards. Includes interviews with Diane Stephens and Eleanor Breland, who grew up in the Heights; O'Neal Larkin, who says he saw a construction crew dig through the site of a "relocated" Black cemetery in 1984; Rebecca O'Sullivan and Erin McKendry archeologists for Cardno who were hired by the city to map the desecration; Antoinette Jackson, an anthropologist who leads the African-American Burial Ground Project at the University of South Florida; and Zebbie Atkinson, head of the Clearwater NAACP. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young, Kristin Steve) (OAD: 11/27/22)

08/20/23

"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 Nézet, his parents; and Pierre Tourville, his partner. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Kaylee Tully) (OAD: 05/14/23)

INVESTIGATE TV+

InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 2 An organization empowers artists with disabilities.

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. CDC GRANT GEARED TOWARDS BLACK AND HISPANIC COMMUNITIES TO TACKLE A HISTORICALLY NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEDICINE. HOW CAMP BUDDY IS HELPING THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME. SOURCE: NAACP, LOW COUNTRY DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY, ETC.

Decor is always an important ingredient for any new restaurant. And a collection of styles even contributed to the name of the pop-up coming to Wilmington Island today. ... the name of our restaurant is the Mixed up Restaurant. The main activity at the Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society's Camp Buddy at St. Andrew's School is designed to give campers a fun week as well as, possibly, a look at their future. "with our bigger kids, since they're all older high school students, juniors and seniors starting to graduate, we wanted to focus on job skills. So, we thought we'd let them run their own restaurant this week. A science lab will be transformed into a dining room - and campers will run a lunch service for a couple dozen family-and-friend diners this afternoon - with a little help from student volunteers. "Business will be booming there. It's exciting. I can't wait to see when we get up and running. "I think we're going to have a good bit of people coming. Eat a lot of food, have fun, have them working at a restaurant The first part of the week has been about planning and preparing the Mixed Up Restaurant - from campers applying for jobs ... "Do you think you like cooking? yes. Likes to cook, what do you like to cook? ... to selecting menu items ... "There's cole slaw, pasta salad and potato salad. we have to pick two of those three. To making their own decoration and preparing condiment containers for the guests who will enjoy a seated lunch ... (mustard squirting sound) And they are ready for when the lunch orders start to come in. "it's going to be so much fun. I've never done it before, so it's my first time doing it. "I don't know what it will feel like, But I think it will be a breeze. Ethan already works as a host at Papa's BBQ and Seafood on Whitmarsh Island and will help welcome guests today. "working the restaurant and saying hi, welcome and take them to the tables. And putting together Camp Buddy's restaurant could be the first step in several more careers. "We would like for them all to be working somewhere ... My hope is that it goes off swimmingly and it opens a door for them to see that, hey, I can do this, this is not something off limits for me ... there's so much more out there that they can do if they just have an opportunity to see it and practice it and do it.

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The shooter had authored several manifestos, one to his parents, one to the media and one to federal agents. Portions of these manifesto detailed the shooters disgusting ideology of hate. Plainly put, he wanted to kill black people. Put this shooting was racially motivated and he hated black people. He wanted to kill (redacted). That's the one and only time I'll use that word. The gunman's identity has not been released at this time but it is believed that he acted alone. He was also armed with an AR-15 style rifle and a handgun. the f.b.i. says it will investigate the incident as a hate crime.

8/26/2023 11PM WEEKEND
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Police say the gunman opened fire at a dollar general and killed two men and one woman around 1. All of the victims were black. The gunman- a white man- barricaded himself inside the store after the attack and shot and killed himself. According to CNN, he lived with his parents and texted his dad to check his computer- where he found manifestos and then called the police. Sheriff T.K. Waters said by the time they were alerted about the manifestos, the gunman already started the attack.

8/26/2023 11PM WEEKEND
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Healthy Savannah tells us 41 communities across the country were selected for this grant and of those 41 Savannah is one of just 28 to be re-upped for another five years. "The entire focus of the grant is to address health disparities here in Chatham County for our low wealth African American communities." It's called the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Grant, and Turner - who's looking over it for the Savannah organization - says it will breed direct results. "We want our people to be able to eat healthier food, be able to walk and be physically active at a higher level and this grant will help push that forward." He says for areas like this to feel that impact, community-wide cooperation will be key. "We're working with as many partners as we can and really trying to use this money to identify what we're doing right and push that forward and identify what gaps exist and address those." Reporting from Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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**ISSUE 11- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. PRESERVING GULLAH HISTORY IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GULLAH SUMMER CAMP, SPRINGFIELD TERRACE RESTORATION WHICH SERVED AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH IN CHATHAM COUNTY. FLAUJAE HOMECOMING, FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN SCCPSS SUPERINTENDENT GETS STREET NAMED AFTER HER, SAVANNAH HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BLACK BUSINESS MONTH SERIES, ROAD RENAMED AFTER E. LARRY MCDUFFIE, SAVANNAH HISPANIC HERITAGE PARADE
SOURCE: SSU, GULLAH ORGANIZATION, JUNETEENTH ORGANIZERS, ETC.**

LL INTRO: Councilman Griffin Lotson says being featured in the exhibit is a huge honor, but it will also help preserve local history from right here in Darien. Griffin Lotson... Walks around the main building on the Butler Island Plantation. The building stands on the same plantation... where Lotson's ancestors were enslaved. He's a Butler Island descendant, and his family spans seven generations of Gullah Geechee roots. "I would say all my life, but more particularly the last 30 years, I'm more concentrated on my culture." Lotson serves on Darien City Council... And he's also the Vice Chair of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor – a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing Gullah heritage and culture. "For me, to bring this culture alive, not singlehandedly, but to play my part so that my children and grandchildren and greatgrandchildren who haven't been born yet, they're going to look back and say 'wow, look at what my papa did. He gave a part of himself to keep our culture alive." Now – this culture is on display for the world to see at the International African American Museum in Charleston, South Carolina. Lotson is featured in this photo, taken at Butler Island... which now hangs in the Gullah Geechee portion of the museum. "All of the things that we've been doing have been rewarded and been recognized. I didn't even know I was doing that type of work to be recognized at the international level. But, it is what happened." Lotson made his first visit to the museum just last week... and he says it gives him hope for the future. "Most of us think about our legacy, at least I do. You want to do something larger than yourself. To see the recognition being brought to the Gullah Geechee culture, and now a light has been shined on the Butler Plantation." And this work is not done—the City of Darien is working with the Department of Natural Resources to help restore Butler Island... to keep it as a historical site worth visiting... for years to come. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Vo Out on Hilton Head this week Nat kids yelling Vo You'll find a group of kids enjoying normal camp activities, having normal kid conversations. Nat since when did we get sugar in here Vo This camp at the Gullah Museum though, comes with some abnormally important lessons. Sot: "The goal is to introduce young people to the Gullah culture." Vo The camp's director says this generation brings hope to preserving that culture, teaching these kids about something many of them otherwise wouldn't know about. Sot "Probably about half of them had not even heard of the Gullah culture." Vo Ferguson says the kids retain more than you'd think, as evidenced by 10-year-old Hannah Bright... who's enjoying having a good time Nat dont listen to him Vo And learning along the way. Sot "I like how they eat the food and stuff because they have a big buffet for lunch everyday." Vo At a hands on lesson in Gullah fishing earlier this week she tapped into the culture she was learning about... recalling her reaction... Sot: "Oh my gosh I actually caught something." Vo That something was a crab and it helped the history sink in. Sot "Back then they didn't have any supermarkets so they had to build their own cast net and throw it out." Vo She calls taking notes in class annoying but learning about Gullah Geechee culture out here at camp... fun. It's exactly what the museum directors were hoping for and now that hope turns to Hannah and the rest of these campers sharing their newfound knowledge with the rest of their generation. On Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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LL: The doors here are boarded up, the grass is overgrown and many of the facilities are in need of repairs. That's why the city says this money is so important in preserving the school's history. PKG: A major boost to Savannah's efforts to restore the Terrace Springs school building. The National Parks Service awarding the city 50-thousand dollars for the rehabilitation project. "It was a real community landmark and very important to residents over there" Luciana Spracher runs the city's municipal archives. She says the school was completed in 19-26 and served African American youth in Chatham County...who at the time weren't allowed in most public education buildings. "...they had to fight for the school and the role it played during the years it was open." The grant money will help the city get a step closer to construction by funding building assessments....developing rehabilitation plans...and draw up architectural designs. The school was renamed in the 50's for Pearl Lee Smith and housed the Oglethorpe Charter until 20-12. Many in the city say they have connections to the building...including Mayor Van Johnson. "My grandmother, for many years, was a school crossing guard for Pearl Lee Smith school. This area is very special to me personally and we're committed to making sure that we retain that history." For Spracher...the work is about restoring the building's past as new development...like the Enmarket Arena...continues in the area. "I think it means a lot to people who look at it and recall it as, 'this was important, this played a role in my life growing up,' and being able to see that return to the community for future generations to have." The city says they'll seek public input for what types of programs the building should house in the future. LL: For decades the city has described this building as an asset saying they hope to return this building to an active community space. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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VO THE 2023 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMP RETURNS TO THE COURT SHE PLAYED HER FIRST ORGANIZED BASKETBALL GAME ON...WITH A GENEROUS DONATION OF TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.... ACHIEVING YET ANOTHER... LIFE-LONG DREAM SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON "THIS IS SOMETHING I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO. I ALWAYS WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T PAN OUT. I AM SO GLAD THIS ONE DID. I AM JUST SUPER EXCITED TO BE HERE WITH THE KIDS... PLAYING WITH THEM AND HAVING FUN... IT'S DOPE." VO FLAU'JAE REFLECTS ON HER FONDEST ATHLETIC MEMORIES AS A CLUB MEMBER SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON Playing on the boys team with the boys. We used to run laps. Coach Maurice used to have us running around here. They used to have the little goals on the big goals...the white ones. I used to always try and dunk, but I couldn't dunk. I used to play with the guys, baseball with the guys, and I tried to play football, but they didn't let me. SOT/KAREN HAMILTON-THOMPSON "One of the basketball games she was in - she was the only girl on the boys team. in the middle of the game she got so upset because she felt like the boys were'nt working hard enough. she then basically took over and won the game." VO HER SUCCESS DOES NOT SHOCK THE CLUB STAFF WHATSOEVER. SOT/KAREN HAMILTON-THOMPSON "She always had a good work ethic, determination and has always been a humble and amazing kid. She never forgets where she comes from. She always comes back to Frank Callen to see and inspire the kids. We are just so excited to be part of her journey. VO Flau'jae leaves current club members and the area's youth with these words of inspiration. SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON I hope they realize that they can do it too. I came from the same place. I was in this place ten years ago. I want them to know that they can do it too and when they do do it, they give back to someone else. CHAD TAG OUT UP NEXT FOR FLAU'JAE, A VIEWING OF HER HER OSCAR-QUALIFIED DOCUMENTARY, 'PHENOM'. FOR NOW, REPORTING FROM THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, CHAD MAXWELL, WTOC NEWS.

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8/8/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD VIRGINIA EDWARDS MAYNOR STREET

LL: Today's street designation not only celebrated the work of Virginia Edwards Maynor but also the legacy she hopes to leave behind. VO: Speakers at the unveiling called Edwards-Maynor a trailblazer. She was the principal at DeRenne Middle School's original location. The designation sign is just outside of that building. In 19-98...Edwards-Maynor became the first S-C-C-P-S-S African American female superintendent...remaining in that role until 2001...according to the City of Savannah. Several leaders as well as former superintendents were on hand for the unveiling. Following the ceremony...Edwards-Maynor called the designation an honor...saying it represents the work she's done to advance education equality. SOT: "It is a prestigious and momentous occasion, one that I never dreamed would happen. And it was quite a surprise when I was informed that I would have this street designation. This street holds a lot of history from my childhood throughout my adult life." LL: Despite the heat, several former classmates, colleagues and city leaders gathered to celebrate Maynor today. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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8/1/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SUNBELT FARMER OF THE YEAR SC LOCAL

Brad O'Neal from Coosaw Farms in Fairfax is being honored as South Carolina's Farmer of the Year. He's a minority owner in the watermelon and blueberry farm his parents started in 1983. His farm, along with the Farmer of the Year from the other states - will be judged this month. The winner will be announced at the Ag Expo.

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8/26/2023 WKEND ANNA: The event featured four different speakers with all different backgrounds in business.
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HISPANIC People speaking at today's conference say this kind of thing provides people in the
CHAMBER focused on supporting women who are thinking about starting their own business and
teaching those who already own a business how to have a healthy work-life balance. 00:00:25

8/26/2023 WKEND ANNA: "I think it's important for the community as a whole to really understand what a huge
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HISPANIC desire there is, and such creativity that exists in the Hispanic community here in
CHAMBER Savannah, and if they just have the right tools, and access and resources, it really
can be a game changer for the community as a whole. it will benefit everybody." 00:00:19

"MLK Jr Blvd once known as West Broad Street. This was the economic center of Black Savannah, South Carolina and Coastal Georgia. Black businesses can be found all over Savannah. "We couldn't do it without the people, our families." According to the Georgia Historical Society-- Bynes-Royall Funeral home is the oldest Black owned business in Savannah. The Bynes Family has owned it since 1955 but the business has been in Savannah since the late 1800s. "I think every time we do something mommy and daddy looking down and said job well done because his legacy lives on." Moving to Broughton Street, you will find Dottie's, owner Ericka Phillips says her inspiration for her restaurant and market is her great grandmother, Dottie.. "We decided to name it Dottie because we really wanted to stay grounded in the way we wanted people to feel and not get lost in just the work. Or lost in trying to create something new and cool we really wanted to remember that first and foremost we wanted to make people feel good and feel cared for and that is something that she always did." You cannot forget about MailBox Cafe on Barnard... The building that houses this shipping store and cafe has supported generations of entrepreneurs in the Kelly family.... "What I feel like it means to be a Black business owner is to never give up, keep on going just to never give up." In Beaufort County you will find Low Country Sanitation "I look at other young people that want to start their company and for me to say to them be encouraged. Don't be afraid, make sure they get good advice from the right people. " Through all these stories *anyone* hoping to become a business owner can learn something from all these entrepreneurs. When you think of a Black owned business you think of community, you think of resources, if you own a Black owned business, you aren't just a business owner you are now a resource that has access to a larger community of people, and it is our job to keep those ties very strong." In Savannah Simone McKenny WTOC

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Nat sound "Ready? uno, dos, tres! It's Claudia Martinez's passion to teach. sot " I grew up in Mendez, Tamaulipas and part of the school culture was for students to participate in different bailables every year. I grew up and joined and learning how to do the different dances. When I moved to the United States, we didn't have a lot of that and so after I furthered my education, I realized I could help change that." They were some of her favorite memories growing up. sot "My favorite part about being involved in the different bailables was learning the different dance moves that each state has. Also, being able to dress up in the different dress wear that each dance comes with." She believes everyone should be exposed to those traditions and that is why she is inviting the community to celebrate with her in Tattnall County for Hispanic Heritage Month. sot " We just hope everybody can join us that day because our students are very proud to show off their culture and to share the different bialables from the different states of Mexico." She says along with exposing the community to something different, she wants to teach her own kids the importance of tradition. sot " Just being around my friends and family and celebrating our culture because it's part of who we are it's part of our identity. And she says in her culture, the more the merrier. sot " This year this celebration has a little more meaning because it falls on Mexico Independence Day on September 16, so if you don't have plans come and join us." Spanish-----" I hope to see you there, you don't want to miss this beautiful celebration." In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC.

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"His name being recognized at the intersection of White Bluff Road and Abercorn Street, right behind me." E. Larry McDuffie has been a pillar in the community of Savannah for years. As the morning voice of WSOK for 30 years, and still an educator in the area, McDuffie has had the chance to impact so many people's lives. ((SOT)) "If I'm sitting home, doing nothing, and there's something that I can do, I still have the strength and the wisdom and the knowledge. why not share it?" ((VO)) McDuffie has been the grand marshal for the Matrin Luther King Jr. Parade here in Savannah and was recognized as teacher of the year for two years, but says this recognition is above everything else. ((SOT)) "This community has really been god to me, I've been honored and celebrated in this community for a number of years, but this takes the icing, or puts the icing on the cake." ((VO)) He says he was in his classroom when Representative Carl Gilliard called him to let him know he wanted to dedicate an intersection in McDuffie's name. ((SOT)) "I started crying, and because I was crying, the students, the students started crying. And they asked me, 'What's wrong Mr. McDuffie?' and I said, 'Sometimes you cry because you're sad, sometimes you cry because you're happy,' I said, 'These are happy tears.'" ((VO)) Something he says he still can't understand. ((SOT)) "I couldn't believe it, I just, why me? I just couldn't believe it." ((VO)) McDuffie says this honor means so much more to him than anyone will know, because now his father's name will live on forever. ((SOT)) "I never did give him that son, to carry on the McDuffie's name. I didn't give it to him, but Representative Carl Gilliard give it to him. Because long after I'm gone, at that busy intersection there on White Bluff and 204, people will drive by and see that name, and daddy McDuffie will live a long time after I'm gone."

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((ANNA)) McDuffie says he still doesn't know what he did to deserve this honor, but says he'll forever be grateful. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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The Savannah Hispanic Heritage Parade is back for the first time since 2017, celebrating the growing community in the city. I spoke with officials who say the parade shows that you can be from all over the world and still call Savannah home. SOT: Van Johnson Mayor of Savannah "It connects us, it educates us, it helps bring us together, it makes our world a whole lot smaller. It allows people to be who they are." VO: Ten Latin-American Countries were represented at the parade, which organizers say is quite the increase since the first parade six years ago. Because of the growth of the Hispanic population in the city, the parade also had a new route this year, making its way through Broughton Street. SOT: Alfonso Ribot President and CEO, Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce "Now we're going downtown, the Business district, which is awesome. And everybody that we talked about, about the parade is coming, they're really really happy, they're just shouting with joy, literally." VO: Ribot... hoping that the parade is a way to share culture among all of Savannah's communities. SOT: President and CEO, Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce "We're in government, we're in the industry, we're in the banking industry. And now, what we're trying to do is make sure that people just like us can get together and share with other people about our culture." LL Tag: Hispanic heritage month goes on until October, Reporting from Savannah, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

9/16/2023 SAT 7PM
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HISPANIC
HERITAGE

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At just 18-years old, Mary Githems knew she wanted to live the American dream and own her own business. Sot " I arrived here in Savannah or Hinesville because my sister married a military guy. It was a total shock for me it was totally different than Lima Peru." She eventually settled in and went to college at Armstrong, now part of Georgia Southern, where she met her business partner. And soon after graduating, they got started on creating the Latin restaurant of their dreams. A dream that all began with a personal craving. sot "It started as my own necessity because I didn't have my own food and I wanted to solve that problem." sot " So I wanted something that I can find in Peru at every corner." And that hunger for both flavor and success intertwined into a restaurant, food truck, bar, and catering business. sot "We really have a tour of Latin American menu. We serve terasco, we have interpreted the Latin bowls, wraps empanada of course, because it's in every Latin American country you find and churos as well." Speaking of desserts, she says the journey to get to where she is today wasn't as sweet and it definitely wasn't as easy as pie. sot "People here couldn't believe we would fry a banana so when we started 14 years ago it was an education phase to our customers." But now, she feels an overwhelming amount of support from the community. sot "That is the why, that is the goal to see empty plates, someone complimenting you for the food like knowing they are coming back that is when you know that you made it. " But her dreams don't stop here. sot "I have many dreams. So one of the things that I would love to do is expand our meant-to-be mojito bar and Latin Chicks into another city." And she says she hopes that with one bite and sip at a time, people learn a little bit more about her culture. sot "I'm proud of those flavors, I'm proud of the colors, I'm proud of the language we share. And I am mainly thankful. In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
JULY 1, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/02/23 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Biden administration (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Eric Holder, former U.S. attorney general, Obama administration, chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (3); Dr. Michael Drake, president, University of California (4); Lindsay Gorman, senior fellow, German Marshall Fund (5)
1) Topics include: flight cancellations and delays;
2) Topics include: action and the Biden administration's plan to forgive student debt;
5) a discussion on how to differentiate AI-generated images online from real ones
- 07/16/22 **Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)
5) Topics include: economic impact of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes / call for a 25% pay cut, taken by executives and the most-paid actors / threats posed by artificial intelligence (A.I.) for actors and writers / A.I.'s impact on the publishing industry
6) Topics include: Hollywood's "struggle with the implications of technology" / WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes / A.I. / lack of legislation / Elon Musk and Twitter / Mark Zuckerberg and his new product, Threads
- 07/23/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)
Arizona's role in the future of semiconductors
- 07/30/23 **Guests:** Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)
4) a report from Atlanta, GA on the optimistic signs about the economy
5) a discussion on the bright spots on the economic front, including the

assessment of no recession ahead, the resiliency of the U.S. economy, as well as possible economic impacts from the extreme weather in the United States
6) Topics include: / his fight with the state of Texas over rules limiting local authorities' ability to set regulations that would allow for water breaks;

08/13/23

Guests: Carter Evans, CBS News correspondent (1); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2); Representative Jill Tokuda (D-HI) (3); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Abbe Lowell, attorney for Hunter Biden (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (6); Neda Sharghi, Emad Sharghi's sister (7); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (8)
Guest Correspondent: Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (2)
2) a discussion from Maui on the rescue efforts and aid from the federal government after the wildfires
3) Topics include: reconstruction costs

08/20/23

Guests: Kelly Cass, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (3); Josh Green, governor (D-HI) (4); Grace Garner, mayor (Palm Springs, CA) (5); Karen Bass, mayor (Los Angeles, CA) (6); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (7); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (9)
6) Topics include: multiple labor strikes impacting Los Angeles: writers, actors and hotel workers;
7) an interview on how the federal government is assisting Hawaii and preparing for the next possible disaster, including Hurricane Hilary

08/27/23

Guests: Cristian Benavides, CBS News correspondent (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (5); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (5); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Fiona Hill, senior fellow, Brookings Institution, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)
Guest Moderator: Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent
4) Topics include: / affordable childcare

09/03/23

Guests: Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (2); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (3); Ashley Etienne, CBS News contributor, Democratic strategist (4); Terry Sullivan, Republican strategist (4); Gina Raimondo, U.S. secretary of commerce, Biden administration (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)
Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent
2) Topics include: nation's economic reality /
5) Topics include: CBS News polling indicating the administration's economic efforts are not resonating with some Americans; / Chinese companies making investments and buying farmland in the United States

09/17/23 **Guests:** Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1); Shawn Fain, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (4); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (5); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (6); Sean Penn, actor, co-director, *Superpower* (6)
1) a report from Toledo, OH, on the UAW's history-making simultaneous strike against the nation's "Big Three" automakers
2) Topics include: possible strikes at additional plants / strike demands / benefits and pay disparity between workers and executives / use of non-unionized factories to make batteries for electric vehicles / the transition to electric vehicles / corporate reaction to union demands
3) Topics include: significance of the negotiations between the UAW and the automakers / non-unionized battery manufacturing plants / President Biden's role, if any, in the negotiations / keeping presidential politics out of the negotiations
President Biden's record on the economy;

09/24/23 **Guests:** Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Robert O'Brien, former United States national security adviser, Trump administration (4); Olena Zelenska, first lady of Ukraine (5)
1) Topics include: inserting presidential politics into the UAW strike / earning the endorsement from the UAW / President Biden's upcoming historic visit to the UAW picket line / non-unionized electric vehicle battery manufacturing plants;

60 MINUTES

07/23/23 **"Litigation Funding"** – a report on litigation funding. The new business in which investors fund lawsuits for a part of the profit is growing with few laws in place to help regulate the industry. Includes interviews with Craig Underwood, farmer; Christopher Bogart, CEO of Burford Capital; Maya Steinitz, a law professor at the University of Iowa; Donald Sefcik, former NYPD officer; and Michael Barasch, Sefcik's lawyer. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On, Jinsol Jung) (OAD: 12/18/22)

07/26/23 **60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION** (8:00 – 9:00p)
"The Power Of Grimsby" – a report on Grimsby, England. The old fishing town is home to the world's largest offshore wind farm, a massive source of clean and renewable energy which powers millions of homes a day in the U.K. Includes interviews with Bridie Salmon and Captain Peter Broughton, who service the turbines; Benj Sykes, vice president of Offshore Wind at Orsted; and Dennis Avery and Bob Formby, former fishermen. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 10/16/22)

07/30/23 **"Running Dry"** – a report on the strained resources of the Colorado River. The river plays a crucial role for agriculture in the surrounding states, but a 22-year drought and the increased effects of climate change have lowered water levels and has led to increased restrictions on the use of river water. Includes interviews with Brad Udall, a climate scientist at Colorado State University; Waylon Wuertz, a farmer in Pinal County, Arizona; Amelia Flores, chairwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; Zach Renstrom, who manages the water system for Washington County in Utah; and JB Hamby, vice president of the board that runs California's Imperial

Irrigation District. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman) The 07/30/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 10/24/21; Rebroadcast: 08/14/22)

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60 MINUTES (8:13 - 9:13p)

“Silicon Valley Scandal” – an interview with Ina and David Steiner. As creators of a newsletter reporting on e-commerce businesses, they discuss the many attempts made to thwart their reports, including violent threats made against them by eBay senior managers. Includes interviews with Natick, MA Detective John Haswell and Sergeant Jason Sutherland, who worked on the case; Andrew Lelling, former federal prosecutor; and Jillise McDonough and Rosemary Scapicchio, representatives of the Steiners in a civil case against eBay. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey) (OAD: 03/26/23)

“American Prairie” – a report on American Prairie. The nonprofit, run by CEO Alison Fox, aims to restore and conserve a large region of central Montana as a nature reserve. Includes interviews with Alison Fox, CEO of American Prairie; Conni and Craig French, who operate a cattle farm; Daniel Kinka, a wildlife biologist who runs Wild Sky; Lance Johnson, a fourth generation Montanan who runs a cattle ranch with his family; and Mark Azure, former president of the Fort Belknap Reservation’s tribal council. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman) (OAD: 10/23/22)

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60 MINUTES (7:37 – 8:37p)

“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) The 08/27/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 04/09/23)

INVESTIGATE TV

9/22-InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 11 , businesses fighting back against fake online reviews.

9/23-WEEKEND- Weekend-InvestigateTV - Season 3; Episode 1 More and more electric vehicles are hitting the road, but the critical charging stations they need to keep moving aren’t available everywhere.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 12-HOW THE ECONOMY AND OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE WEATHER, CONSTRUCTION,ETC ARE AFFECTING BUSINESSES. TYBEE CROWDS LOW ON 4TH POSSIBLY DUE TO ORANGE CRUSH CROWDS IN APRIL, GAS PRICES DOWN THEN INCREASES, ACTORS STRIKE LOCAL IMPACT, 4TH OF JULY TRAVELERS, SENIOR APARTMENT FLOODING, BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL BIZ IMPACT, PEMBROKE CLINIC REOPENING AFTER TORNADO, RINCON REC CENTER CLOSED DUE TO EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE, I16 WIDENING TRAFFIC IMPACT, RAIN AND COTTON CROPS, I-16 CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING RONNIES RESTAURANT BUSINESS, HUMANE SOCIETY STORM DAMAGE, BONAVENTURE CEMETERY CRASH, INVASIVE HORNETS HURTING BEE POPULATION, BRYAN CO. POWER LINES FRUSTRATIONS, RECONSTRUCTION PARK ECONOMIC IMPACT, LOCAL SHRIMP INDUSTRY WOES, POWER OUTAGES DUE TO HURRICANE IDALIA, CHATHAM GDOT TRAFFIC STUDY ON HOW THE INDUSTRIAL BOOM WILL AFFECT TRAFFIC, BRYAN CO. BIZ STORM PREPS, HOW IDALIA AFFECTED CROPS, HOW THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYUNDAI PLANT IS AFFECTING NEIGHBORHOODS, INVASIVE CATFISH IN OGEECHEE RIVER, STRIKE IMPACT ON LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY, CLAM AND OYSTER BAR FARMING, TMT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CANCELS FOR YEAR DUE TO DESTRUCTION AND VANDALISM BUT WILL RETURN NEXT YEAR DUE TO COMMUNITY VOICE, HENDRIX PARK REPAIRS
SOURCE: CITY OF SAVANNAH, US GOVERNMENT , BUSINESS OWNERS, ETC

"We've got a room empty tonight, which is unheard of." Karen Kelly is the owner of the Beachview Inn and Spa on Tybee. (Karen Kelly, Beachview Inn and Spa, Owner) "Starting the seventh we have availability and that hasn't happened in the years that I have been the owner of Beachview and I restored this place in 2011." VO She says she feels like the lack of visitors this year is in part because of what happened at Orange Crush in April. "What our city government should have done one is been prepared for April, but that's in the past and we're not going there. But what they should have done was talk to the local businesses." She says she does support what officials were trying to do with ramped up security for this weekend, but hopes it doesn't continue to affect her business. "I understand they had to show a power of force. I hope it works. The main thing I hope is that they all come back in April next year because we're really going to need them." Kelly says she just wishes there was just more communication between city leaders and business owners. "Especially the wonders of the hotels. Because if we don't have reservations then nobody's coming to this island."

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7/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD 4TH OF JULY TRAVELER S ((LLANNA)) "Many people stopped by at the Georgia Visitors Information Center today either on their way to or their way from some Fourth of July festivities." ((VO)) According to Triple A... over 43 million people were expected to hit the road this Independence Day. A number that is up about 2 and a half percent from last year. A number that's looking a little lower for travelers this year is gas prices. According to triple A... drivers in the state of Georgia can expect to pay an average of about \$3.20 per gallon at the pump. Last year... those prices were more than a dollar more at about \$4.30 per gallon. Although there was a large number of drivers expected to hit the road today.. the travelers I talked to said they didn't have any problems. ((SOT)) "Today's been really easy. Very light day. We kind of budgeted for it and we bet on it because people barbecuing and stuff, spending time with family and we got to drive. Yeah, we definately chose today to drive because we figured everybody's going before and after." 00:00:58

7/5/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD SHEA: GAS PRICES DOWN Those driving are seeing a drop of prices at the pumps. According to Triple-A, In Georgia, the average price of regular gas this time last year was \$4.30 but this year- is \$3.20. The change is even more drastic when you consider diesel- a gallon of that was \$5.43 in Georgia this time last year. Now, the average is \$3.70. 00:00:18

7/5/2023 12:00:00 PM NOON OD SHEA: GAS PRICES DOWN "I really don't feel like I look until I need gas, and then I'm sitting here and I'm like, this is horrible, and then that's kind of the point that I start paying attention and wanting to budget a little harder." BUTTED TO "I haven't been paying a whole lot of attention to it. It fluctuates at home, it'll be down 20 cents, it'll be up 20 cents." 00:00:19

7/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SOUTHCOA ST HEALTH PATIENT SPEAKS PKG "The non-communication is the biggest problem." Kelly Brooks was expecting to see her doctor a few weeks ago. "They called and told me they would have to cancel the appointment and they could not reschedule it because they did not know when they would be back up running." When you try to call SouthCoast (nats) But, when you head to their website, this message pops up. It says their phone lines are temporarily down and the best way to reach a representative is through the patient portal. Brooks says she did just that. "I did get a message back from the office portal that basically told me that I had to contact my doctor for other arrangements and when I tried to go on the website to do that my doctor was not even listed." So with all these hurdles to jump, many patients like Brooks tell us they are wondering "what exactly is going on?" Brooks says she has not heard anything from SouthCoast about her situation. She says it is making her feel insecure about her medical records and relationship with SouthCoast. "You have a history with these people that have worked there forever, and nobody will tell you anything. The non communication is the worst thing. If there's a problem just tell me there's a problem." 00:01:11

Imagine you're enjoying an Italian dinner when suddenly Clint Eastwood walks in That was the reality for several diners here at La Scala restaurant recently. VO: The manager here says the actor and his crew filmed at the restaurant last Thursday and came back for dinner the next night. She says he had lobster ravioli and short rib pappardelle. SOT: "He was just very quiet, very sweet, very humble. Every once in a while, he would throw out a really funny joke that no one expected, and it was hilarious." VO: According to Bill Marinella, who is helping to cast extra for the movie, the actor is here working on a film called "Juror #2" about a high-profile murder trial. He says so far, they've cast several locals to be in the film. Marinella notes that Eastwood has been in Savannah before during his time directing Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. SOT: "Here's this guy that's a legendary producer, director, writer, and he's here in town making his movies. It's just overwhelming to think about. LL: Marinella says filming is expected to continue over the next several days. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

7/6/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAV: WHERE IS CLINT EASTWOOD D? 00:01:05

"There's room for a lot of error." A SouthCoast employee says they were told the system went offline on June 19th. And ever since, they've had to make a lot of changes, according to the employee. They're worried errors can be made at any time. (sot) "Because we're doing everything on paper, something could be lost. Something could not get done, we could miss something." No phones and no internet. The employee... worried sensitive information could be compromised. "We're also working on Verizon hotspots, which I feel like is very unsafe to work off of a hotspot in the medical field." They also say, without computers, working hours aren't being tracked. (sot) "I work different hours every week. They paid us what we got paid the week before." On June 22nd, the employee says all staff were sent this letter. It thanks them for the care they're providing patients, but says if quote "the dollar amount does not match your hours worked, any discrepancies will be reconciled on a next pay check." So what is causing all of this? The employee says the company's leaders are quiet. (sot) "Management has not told us anything." Meanwhile, this employee says the staff is hearing something went wrong. (sot) "I was informed by co-workers that the system was hacked." That employee letter also says staff has to tell patients quote "We've taken the phones down temporarily and we do not have a timetable to restore phone access." I called a number for a SouthCoast representative listed on that letter. I left a voicemail. (Camille) "We are hearing that SouthCoast might have been hacked and I wanted to see if that was something you all are looking into." (sot) "I feel as though they care more about not losing money. I don't think they care about the patients."

7/6/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WTOCI: SOUTHCOAST EMPLOYEE TALKS 00:01:40

Another local restaurant getting the national spotlight. Chazitos Latin Cuisine, will be featured on tonight's episode of Diners, Drive In's, and Dives on the Food Network. Host Guy Fieri hosts the show, traveling cross-country to visit some of America's best but lesser-known restaurants. Owner Chaz Ortiz has been serving up traditional Latin food in the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry for years. He opened his first restaurant in Pooler back in 2016. The episode airs tonight at 9 on the Food Network.

7/7/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CHAZITO'S ON DINERS, DRIVE IN'S, AND DIVE 00:00:30

(sot) "This is first time there's been a double strike in decades." First the writer's guild and now the actor's guild on strike. It's not good news for several businesses in our area according to local casting director Chad Darnell. (darnell) "That affects our vendors, that affects the hotels, that affects the rental cars." The strike already impacting the Clint Eastwood film, Juror #2, that had been filming in Savannah. "The president of the Pooler Chamber of Commerce tells me Clint Eastwood was supposed to be filming in Pooler starting next week but changes had to be made." (phoner: Courtney Rawlins, pooler chamber of commerce president) "They have postponed filming. We are definitely hopeful that they will come back and we're excited to welcome them back." "And we have another film in town which is actively trying to get the SAG interim agreement so they can continue to film which would be great." Action-comedy Bride Hard starring Rebel Wilson also started filming in Savannah recently. Darnell served as casting director for that movie. (darnell) "They're independently financed. They're independently produced. There's no affiliation a studio which would allow them to have that agreement." Along with artificial intelligence worries, Darnell says screen actors want better ways to get paid for their work on streaming services. As a casting director, he also agrees with actors concerns in having to shoot their own audition . (darnell) "It's very unreasonable what we as a casting director ask of actors and it's all based on the mandate that we're getting from production." He anticipates both strikes will continue for months. Rawlins in Pooler says Juror #2 is expected to film in Pooler when the strike ends. Camille Syed WTOC News.

7/14/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD ACTORS STRIKE LOCAL IMPACTS 00:01:37

The Savannah spot took to Facebook to thank it's customers for 30 years downtown. WTOC is working to find out more details about what led up to the closure. This comes about 7 months after a new company took over ownership of the popular business area. Chatham County property records show it was sold for more than 30-million dollars sometime before the end of last year.

7/17/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAVANNAH BAR BAR CLOSING 00:00:22

Rincon's City Manager says the Rec Department is closed - after everyone that works there resigned. City Manager Jonathan Lynn told WTOC all three employees that make up the department have left. That's forced the city to close the building until further notice. Lynn says residents with any questions or concerns can go to or call city hall. That number and the link to the rec website can be found at WTOC.com

7/17/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD RINCON REC DEPARTMENT CLOSED 00:00:24

"Oh yeah, all this got soaked, I was trying to keep the water from coming into the apartment." And after those failed, the only thing between apartment 108 and the floodwaters? 2 sandbags. "I got sandbags that don't do no good because the water comes under the sandbags." Jernell Bryant is a 2-year tenant of the elderly apartment complex, Sister's Court Apartment in Savannah. Bryant lives on the first floor and says she's been through this before. "This is the second time complaining about my apartment flooding and this time it flooded really bad, the mold and mildew are all messed up in my apartment, all my furniture, my clothes, everything is just messed up." She's not the only resident who's frustrated with the floods. ((RESIDENT Patty McGahan SOT)) "Rain is coming all through the windows, and all over the rugs, on the 3rd floor" Yesterday's flooding filled many streets in Savannah and city officials are now considering how to deal with the damage. Alderman Nick Palumbo says they'll take it up at the next council meeting. ((Alderman Nick Palumbo)) "Being in a coastal position, especially with flooding events like we experienced just yesterday, we absolutely need to improve the existing communities that are here. We did reach out to National Church Residences, the company that owns the apartment complex. Their spokesperson, Todd Hutchinson, says that when flooding happens, they typically offer to bring in cleaners to remove the water and prevent mold and mildew. 00:01:24

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"Local retail shops see, you know, a 10% lift in their sales during this time of year. Restaurants see a 20% lift. Not only is it a fun time to get together with friends and family, but it's also a boost to the economy." VO: Wells tells me that the only time a 10 percent spending lift happens in the summer is during the water festival. The festival has nearly a seven-million-dollar economic impact. Beaufort business owners are witnessing the influx of visitors. "We've seen an increase in foot traffic. Especially during the week. Weekends are always busy anyway so it's kind of hard to judge. During the week definitely we've seen and increase in traffic." 00:00:38

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7/25/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD PEMBROKE CLINIC REOPENING AFTER TORNADO "The individuals have access to quality healthcare. I know the residents are happier than I am at this point. Also with the new plant coming and the influx of individuals that need healthcare here. But the surrounding community needs access to quality healthcare. " Curtis V. Cooper says their mission is to provide convenient, high-quality health care to those with limited means or ability to pay. 00:00:24

7/25/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD PEMBROKE CLINIC REOPENING AFTER TORNADO A WTOC update-- A healthcare clinic that was destroyed by a tornado in northern Bryan County last year reopened its doors to patients this morning. Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care had been providing health services to residents in Pembroke through a mobile health unit. They say reopening had its challenges, including getting water and electricity back to normal in the facility. The CEO talked about the impact this will have on residents and the new Hyundai plant being built in the area. 00:00:30

7/31/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD AAA GA GAS PRICES GOING UP According to Triple A-it's now 19 cents higher than a week ago in Georgia. That means the average price for regular gas today is \$3 dollars and 55 cents per gallon. Comparing the state average to Savannah-- Prices have risen over 14 cents per gallon here in the last week. That's according to gasbuddy. The average price is now \$3 dollars and 51 cents for a gallon of regular gas. 00:00:22

7/31/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA GAS PRICES GOING UP AGAIN (NATS:) "The gas prices are ridiculous right now." "The gas prices are just entirely too high." "I mean, they're putting a strain on everything." Triple A says...crude oil prices and refineries are having to adjust production because of soaring temperatures...causing high prices at the pump.. "A lot of people can't really afford the gas prices." "They're causing people to not be able to go where they need to go." Smart also works on cars.. he says now...gas is *more* than an oil change. SOT: jordan "People are having to choose between maintenance in their car or filling it up." Triple A reports...highest prices *here* hit three-dollars and 53-cents. Locals say...it's affecting travel plans. "I don't think that it's preventing people from getting out on the road, it's just making them more conscious about where they go." SOT: jordan "I planned to go to the beach yesterday. I looked at my gas tank and said "I'm gonna go to the house." Drivers say...they hope to see relief soon. SOT: isaiah "I just wish they would bring it down...especially when they know it's an everyday need." 00:01:02

(sot) You can see how the rain has this cotton growing. One farmer I spoke to says they need more of the same or they could have problems at the very end of the season. (vo) Ryne Brannen runs his spreader across a field to get chemicals on his cotton. Rains this summer have plants growing, not struggling. (sot) A lot of times, it's dry in July. Being dry in July is not good for us. So, we're glad it hasn't been. (vo) The rain's allowed them to shut off irrigation pivots, saving underground water in underground wells and saving electricity or fuel to run them. (sot) Rain is a whole lot better than irrigation. Irrigation is better than nothing when there's no rain. But, rain's better. (vo) In the next few weeks, these blooms will give way to cotton bolls that will need rain and sunshine to get bigger and add fiber to make this a promising crop. Until it does, it's too soon for Ryne and others to stop worrying. //If we go two weeks of 95 plus (degrees) and no rain, and all this nice looking dry-land cotton won't be nice looking anymore. (sot) He says they need about six weeks of constant rain and he'll be watching the skies until then. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

8/2/2023
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Earlier today- Georgia power crews were out in the area to install a new device that's set to help out residents in Savannah. The device is called a reclosure- a smart device that's helps with restoration times and makes their grid stronger. People in the Montgomery and Burnside Island area are the main ones that will feel the impact- which is a total of 12-hundred customers. Engineering supervisor Dylan Lee told us that this helps out with more than just bad weather.

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		RICARDO: GA	"This device really helps out under blue sky days as well as storm situations. So anytime we get some wind, we get	
		POWER	some rain, or some trees that get into the lines, this can detect that and can also automatically restore the power."	
8/3/2023		SWITCH	This isn't the first time the devices have been installed in the Coastal Empire or the state. Lee says that they've been	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	INSTALL	investing in their grid for several years- which now totals to about 10-billion dollars.	00:00:26

			"These stakes marking where the powerlines could go, in community members front yards." ((VO)) These power lines are set to be installed around Black Creek Church Road, which is about two miles away from the Hyundai Mega Site. In a statement to WTOC, Georgia Power says they are building a new transmission line in the area. "On my particular property, they're taking over half of my front yard, and going to have power lines roughly 35, 40 feet from my front door." ((VO)) Barry Miller, who's lived in the area for about 30 years, says he and his neighbors are upset. ((SOT)) "I haven't heard of a single person that's really for the power lines coming through here." ((VO)) Miller says along with the power lines being installed they'll also have to be taking down some trees. "Which, a lot of us have those trees for privacy and beauty and stuff like that." ((VO)) As Miller took me through his neighborhood, he also described what he's been told about the size of the power lines. ((SOT)) "They're supposed to be up to 100 feet, we've been told" ((VO)) Aside from how tall they are, Miller says he doesn't like how much space they take up. ((SOT)) "The bases of the poles they're going to put in is five-foot wide. " ((VO)) Miller says he's worried the property value of his home could go down, once the lines are installed. ((SOT)) "Now it's going to be, I don't know any other word but uglified by powerlines and poles." ((VO)) Georgia Power says they appreciate residents' concerns and will continue working to provide regular updates. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield WTOC News.	
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		HUMANE SOCIETY	A WTOC Update- The Humane Society for Greater Savannah says that Pet Fix Savannah will reopen on Monday. That comes despite tens of thousands of dollars in storm damage from Tuesday night's storms. The Humane Society says a tree that fell in the building put 36 holes in the spay and neuther clinic's roof, knocked out water lines and pumps, and destroyed fencing in the dog play areas.	
8/11/2023		DAMAGE UPDATE		
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(nat) "They traveled down Bonaventure Road. They came straight forward hit the sign here straight on, went through these plants here and straight towards the gate back here." Savannah Cemeteries Director Sam Beetler says he got here at 8 in the morning Sunday to pick up the pieces. He says the impact from the red '08 Honda Civic sent some bricks flying 200 feet away. "I was very shocked." The Savannah Police crash report says there was extensive damage with the left section of the gate being completely disconnected and tossed over 40 feet. It also says the driver left the vehicle and didn't come back. According to the report, officers went to the owner's address looking for the driver. There, they realized the vehicle had been borrowed the night before and never came back. "These gates were put in around 1909 and they're pretty important part of the cemetery. It's the very first thing anyone sees when they come in the cemetery." Beetler says people from all backgrounds are remembered at this historical cemetery and should be respected. "So, with steps moving forward, our big priority is security and getting these gates taken care of and also repairing them and bringing them back to their original condition because these are pretty important to the historic character to the cemetery."

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Folks with Thrive Early Learning Center say they understand those frustrations, because they went through some of the same things just a few years ago and that's what led them to opening this learning center. "I remember when I was on the parent side of things, which was just three years ago, nobody explained the waitlist to me and I thought how could you not know when the spots going to open." Now, Steinhoff sees all that goes on behind the scenes. "You don't really see all that's going on in the schools, there's a lot logistically into filling a spot." Kieth McCants says he's been trying to get his son into a school in the area for a while. "It's just the waitlists, the time. Some of them last up to six months, or to an hour, not an hour, but one year." ((VO)) McCants said this waiting, led to a change in his family's routine. ((SOT)) "It got to a point where my wife had to pretty much, you know, have to take off of work, basically be home with our son everyday." ((VO)) McCants said the waiting also makes him concerned for his sons well-being. ((SOT)) "I worry, I worry about him getting behind as far as development and social skills with with other kids. ((VO)) Something that Steinhoff says is not an unfamiliar feeling to her. ((SOT)) "And it was very frustrating and discouraging. I'm still on some waitlists from three years ago from places that I tried to get my boys into." ((VO)) But she encourages parents like McCants to stay with it. ((SOT)) "Just, again, be patient with the process. Know that we want to get people off of the waitlist too, I love making those phone calls." ((ANNA)) "Steinhoff says right now, Thrive Early Learning has a few open positions for parents wanting to get their students enrolled in programs for Pre-K and Infant Two. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News."

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8/15/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SHEA I 16 WIDENING TRAFFIC IMPACT	There's also been progress on the I-16 widening- you might notice it on 16 East right after you pass 95. The projects have been going on since 2020, and GDOT is projecting that they'll be fully completed by summer of 2024. In the meantime- they're asking for patience from drivers while they continue work- and also want to remind everyone to slow down in zones with construction workers, particularly at night.	00:00:24
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8/15/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SHEA 530 MOVE RONNIES ENTRANCE	<p>(nats) 'I've never seen it this slow.' What owners say used to be a regularly packed house... is now empty during breakfast. In an hours' time - not one customer walked through the door. "The reduction in volume of customers has almost put me out of business, more than once actually. I almost had to consider bankruptcy a few times." Apfel says raising prices and cutting his staff in half has kept him afloat - for now. He's tried to put up signs showing customers how to get in and out of the restaurant... but he says even *that's been a headache. Apfel: "Pooler code enforcement came by and said we had to take it down because we didn't have a permit for the signage." Apfel says he can't get a straight answer. Construction workers *originally told him the project would be finished a *year ago. G-DOT now tells us it will be done at the end of *this year. "We're doing our best to advance them and push the construction partner to advance to completion because we know it's a headache for the residents and the business owners in that corridor." Apfel says he just wants them to finish the job. But he also feels something should be done, to keep *this from happening, to *other small businesses. Apfel: "I'll be happy to see a new traffic pattern out here because it's dangerous and the traffic backs up, but I don't really feel like me and the other guys should have to pay the price for it."</p>	00:01:20
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8/15/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK OD 5AM SHEA I 16 WIDENING TRAFFIC IMPACT "Once you get closer into the interchange, a lot of that's going to be night work. For them to rebuild and create a brand new bridge, they're going to have to mess with traffic a little bit on 16 while that process is going on, so just be mindful of that. And please slow down too. Consturction zones have a lower speed limit. We always have issues with people not abiding by that, going 15, 20 over in the area. It's a safety concern when people are doing that." 00:00:26

8/15/2023 10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD 5AM SHEA I 16 WIDENING TRAFFIC IMPACT There's also been progress on the I-16 widening- you might notice it on 16 East right after you pass 95. The projects have been going on since 2020, and GDOT is projecting that they'll be fully completed by summer of 2024. In the meantime- they're asking for patience from drivers while they continue work- and also want to remind everyone to slow down in zones with construction workers, particularly at night. 00:00:24

8/16/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	POOLER ROAD WORK OPEN HOUSE	The city held a public information open house on *Tuesday night. Residents got to see maps highlighting proposed changes to the State Route 26 U-S Highway 80 corridor. If you did not get to go you can still see all of the map exhibits from the open house and give your feedback on the Core M-P-O website. Project leaders say your feedback will make a big difference.	00:00:22
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8/17/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	RYAN: MORE DETAILS ON INVASIVE HORNETS	<p>LL: The recent sightings are the first time the yellow-legged hornet has been seen alive in the United States. The hornets eat bees and other pollinators, posing a threat to Georgia's top industry: agriculture. I spoke with a University of Georgia insect expert who says the species will most likely be monitored for several years. SOT: Dr. Tim Davis, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, University of Georgia Extension "Let's pretend it was one nest and you kill that one nest, you're going to monitor for several years, because the term eradication means there's zero, and knowing that there's zero is very hard." VO: Dr. Davis has a PhD in studying insects and has worked on invasive species cases before. He wants people to know exactly what these hornets look like. SOT: Dr. Tim Davis, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, University of Georgia Extension "Generally what we're looking at is this thing's about an inch long, it's kinda brown in color. It has yellow cheeks. The fourth abdominal segment has a yellow stripe on it and then half the legs are yellow." VO: The hornets are not aggressively targeting humans like the so called murder hornets that made headlines a few years ago. SOT: Dr. Tim Davis, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, University of Georgia Extension "These hornets are like any other hornet. They can sting and it's going to hurt. But they're not more likely to sting you than any other hornet and you're no more likely to have any more pain or reaction than any other hornet or wasp." VO: While he says it's too early to tell if the hornets will be a major issue for our bee populations, Dr. Davis says the loss of pollinating insects threatens everything from food to textiles. SOT: Dr. Tim Davis, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, University of Georgia Extension "That becomes an economic issue, because the honeybee industry in Georgia is a \$480 million business." LL Tag: The Georgia Department of Agriculture told me that it's important to know that if the hornets do establish here in the long term, they won't just affect pollinators and industry, but the livelihood of Georgia farmers. In Savannah, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	00:02:08
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8/22/2023	5PM OD	RECONSTRUC TION PARK ECON IMPACT	<p>Four years ago, Reconstruction Era National Park was established to preserve and educate visitors about the role the area played during the late 1800s. Last year, the park brought in around 18,000 visitors, contributing over a million dollars to the local economy. VO: The park consists of three areas throughout Beaufort County. With a small museum in a former Downtown Beaufort fire station, an 1862 school on St. Helena Island, and a civil war recruitment depot in Port Royal. The national park service says that when visiting these sites, people support the local economy by spending at nearby businesses, from pumping gas to eating dinner. Park staff say a unique aspect of the park is the fact that it is integrated within its community. SOT: "This entire downtown district is our storytelling playground, we do ranger-guided walking tours all over the downtown district. From bay street, kicking all the way through the point neighborhood. We even led tours up into the national cemetery." LL TAG: Barr told me that the park will continue to develop its indoor museum and participate in upcoming events. In Beaufort, RT WTOC News.</p>	00:01:08
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8/28/2023	5:30pm OD	BRYAN CO. BIZ STORM PREPS	<p>Owner of Fish Tales restaurant at Fort Mcallister Marina Butch Broome says...they're starting to take precautions. He says there's around *50* boats docked at the marina. But right now...most smaller boats are coming out of the water. "Our experience with these storms is you really don't know what you're going to get until you're about 24-48 hours away then you have a pretty good idea." Depending on the storm's path...Broome says next steps would be securing docks and relocating rest of the boats. Thomas Hall, a boat owner at the marina, says he's closely watching the weather to figure out his plan. He says if he stays, he'll try taking everything off his boat...strongly tying down what he can't. Hall says he's also filling up on fuel, food, water, and other essential items. Both the boat and restaurant owner say...these next 24 hours are the key to their preparations. Anna Black WTOC News</p>	00:00:53
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8/28/2023 STORMS &
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?(sot) Farmers often say at this time of the year that they need a rain "with a name on it" - a hurricane or tropical storm. Right now, they'd like the rain..but nothing else. (vo) A glance across cotton fields in South Georgia shows blooms giving way to bolls. County extension agent Bill Tyson says maturing cotton plants get more vulnerable the later in hurricane season we get. (sot) The bolls that are on it have water in them and weight on them. With high winds, it can blow them over, break it, and it's tough to get it in the picker when that happens. (vo) He says crops have seen consistent rains this season up until the last week or so. Combine that with hot temperatures and most farms could use 1-2 inches of rain. But much more than that could bring damage. (sot) We have diseases that come in. With that much rain coming in, it would prevent us from getting in fields and applying fungicides. That's where it starts getting real tricky. (vo) He says nearly half the corn crop remains in the field, drying out before it's made to livestock feed. Winds could take it down too. But peanuts can withstand wind and the ground will likely dry out before harvest begins next month. (sot) And we'll keep updating you as the storm changes its course. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"We are staging equipment, we are bringing in supplies just in case we end up having to stay a couple nights, we are contacting all of our vendors and having them on standby - that's additional distribution crews, that's tree cutters - and we're also working with our state wide organization to lineup if we need to bring in additional cooperative cruise after the storms come through.

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8/29/2023	6PM OD	HHI & PALMETTO ELECTRIC	I'm told they already have field crews put up in hotels around the Lowcountry that could be first on scene to any potential problems caused by Idalia. The electric company saying they will likely work on any power outages or other issues up until the sun goes down tomorrow night... from there they would resume work Thursday morning with daylight. That does leave the potential for overnight outages, but Palmetto Electric says they are taking every step they can to be avoid that.	00:00:28
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8/29/2023	7PM OD	SAV HHI AIRPORT LATEST	The airport says they'll update social media pages as they get new details from airlines. Cancellations due to weather are up to each airline. If you're planning to fly tomorrow - they say pack extra snacks in case of delays. Shops and restaurants at the airport may be closed even if flights continue as scheduled.	00:00:18
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8/30/2023	11PM OD	IDALIA BULLOCH CO. WRAP UP	(sot) Idalia certainly made an impact, pummeling Bulloch County for hours and hours with wind and rain. (vo) A day of rain eventually flooded places like South Main at Veterans Parkway. Despite the standing water, some drivers still navigated through. In town, Little Lotts Creek overflowed its banks and filled much of Fair Road Park and Zetterower Avenue. Throughout the day, teams at Bulloch County's Emergency Operations Center logged road issues and dispatched crews as soon as the storm had lifeted and they could work safely. (sot) Crews will likely be working cleanup through the rest of the week and maybe beyond. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:00:38
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8/30/2023	11PM OD	FLYNN LIVE POWER OUTAGE ANGLE	"With safety being the top priority right now, we are waiting on the winds to die down a little bit, and we're monitoring that regularly. So as soon as the conditions are safe to do so, we will begin assessing conditions and restoration work will begin. The crews are prepped and ready to work and will be working tirelessly to get the lights restored while they are experiencing outages." Georgia Power says the best thing you can do to help power get restored is to give crews space on the roads when they do begin restoration work.	00:00:31
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8/31/2023	5PM OD	CHATHAM ISLANDS POWER OUTAGES	"It would've been much more unsettling if she was weathering this by herself. It's dark in there and it's starting to heat up and of course the refrigerator hasn't been on in that period of time. We don't know what we will be able to salvage there." He says the retirement community does have some generators but he is also worried for those that use oxygen tanks.	00:00:21
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8/31/2023	6PM OD	SOUTHSIDE SAV POWER OUTAGES	Here's some video of that the tree on the line around 2:30. I met up with Michelle Gilmore who's been living in Queens Retreat for six years. Her daughter tells me she hasn't been able to do any of her schoolwork, as Savannah Chatham schools went virtual for the rest of the week. Michelle says she worried about her and her some of her neighbors with no air and electricity.	00:00:22
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8/31/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SOUTHSIDE SAV POWER OUTAGES "For me the most important concerning thing is that, especially in this neighborhood they have people that, like me, have medication that needs to be refrigerated. I'm sure there are other people in the neighborhood who's more dependent on the power than I am. Usually, it would be restored within a couple of hours or so but every since I've been here, this is the longest it's ever taken." A rep with Georgia Power says it's taking a while to get power back up not only because they focus areas across Georgia with the most damage first, but also because crews have to access the outages before repair and prioritize safety. 00:00:36

8/31/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH CO. HOMES AFTER IDALIA This neighborhood on Sinkhole Road saw flash flooding as rains came for hours and hours last night. It overflowed creeks and branches and sent water into yards, covering up property. Roosevelt Williams says he's never seen his property look like this in the 20 years he's lived here. He says he dismissed Idalia's impact before the storm, not anymore. 00:00:21

8/31/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH CO. HOMES AFTER IDALIA "When I left work and came home, the water wasn't this high. As the night went on the water got higher and higher. And its dropped six inches from where it was this morning." County leaders urge drivers not to travel through areas where a road is closed and ask people who live there to be careful going in and out from their homes. 00:00:19

"It's amazing how people have just taken care of us, and that's what we do, it's the hostess city taking care of the mostest people" Two Senior living centers had been without power for over 24 hours. It was a frustrating predicament, especially for those confined to a wheelchair and those who rely on medical devices. But, a call for help... ((nat sound)) "WE NEED YOUNG PEOPLE!" Was answered this afternoon... *nat sound* Ice buckets, water bottles, and food came in truckloads, and volunteers hiked the four floors to deliver hope amid the darkness. Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Detric Leggett were on the scene nearly all day making phone calls to get these seniors some relief. ((ALDERMAN DETRIC LEGGETT)) "We went to city offices, city staff came out and we had multiple people who would come out." Churches opened their doors, restaurants offered free meals, and Chatham Area Transit offered transportation. But without air conditioning, temperatures rose, along with fear and frustration. ((resident sound)) "I have water that I pour on the top of my head, I take water and I splash my legs with it to help keep me cool, and that's how I can handle this heat." ((resident sound)) "I don't carry a flashlight but I got it this time, because this building is dark, and I don't want nobody to get hurt." No longer in the dark. These residents are happy to be heading home and back to their normal routines, but thankful to know they have neighbors they can count on.

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SOT: Matthew Becherer, Visited North Carolina "Everything seems fine, gas prices are reasonable. Traffic's moving pretty well. You know a few backups here and there, but in general for labor day weekend it's going really well." VO: That message... a common sentiment among people making their way down I-95. SOT: Cindy Vandamia, Visited South Carolina "Just a few slowdowns, no real accidents thank goodness. That's something we didn't want to run into thank goodness. It's pretty good so far, nice weather." VO: Another common theme for travelers was a Labor Day weekend well spent. SOT: Cindy Vandamia, Visited South Carolina "It was very good, it was nice to get away for the weekend." SOT: Matthew Becherer, Visited North Carolina "Going back to central Florida, we were up in the North Carolina mountains for a nice weekend it was great."

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9/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TYBEE ISLAND TOURISTS The common goal of all of those people today though was to come out here and relax during their day off. Some chose to spend the day fishing, while others preferred to walk down the pier or swim in the water. Some people I talked to said it was their first time out here on Tybee and they're already looking forward to coming again. Others are locals who come here all the time but enjoy it just the same. 00:00:23

9/5/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TYBEE ISLAND ROAD CLOSURE According to an alert from the city - the road will be closed between Butler and Lovell Avenues. While that's only a block - there is a gas station, restaurant and coffee shop on right at that closure. The city says the closure will help crews replace a pump at the pump house there. They say the road closure is expected to last about 6 hours. 00:00:20

9/6/2023	5AM	5AM SHEA BUSY LABOR DAY TRAVEL WEEKEND	<p>*Ad lib current conditions This comes on one of the biggest travel weekends of the year- just days after Hurricane Idalia forced the airport to cancel all their flights in the back half of the day. in speaking with Lori Lynah with the airport, she tells me that yesterday was particularly busy as well, with a lot of people catching rebooked flights. There was also an influx of people trying to get flights from Savannah after their flights from Brunswick were cancelled. Lynah said that they are expecting droves of people this weekend in what's been a big travel year for the airport. According the the aiport, they saw almost 378,000 passengers in July- which is 8 percent more people than last July, and overall, travel is up 13 percent from last year. We expect August numbers within the next week or two.</p>	00:00:48
9/6/2023	NOON	WCSC: I95 WIDENING PROJECT STARTS IN SC	<p>"I-95 is going to be widened, it is going to be improved, it is going to be something that we're proud here in South Carolina for once." The state department of transportation says this extra lane will help with the amount of tractor trailers passing through rural South Carolina.</p>	00:00:16
9/6/2023	5PM OD	FORT PULASKI REOPENS	<p>Fort Pulaski has reopened today following it's closure to prepare for Hurricane Idalia. Park officials say after the storm they completed an assessment of the facilities and found minimal damage. The park is open on it's regular schedule, 9 am to 5 pm. Park officials say visitors should still be mindful when exploring the park, as there still may be some debris.</p>	00:00:22
9/6/2023	5PM OD	CHATHAM GDOT STUDY	<p>"A manufacturing evolution, that's how the Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner is explaining the boom coming to Chatham, Bryan, Bulloch and Effingham Counties. Elected officials met here to hear about a recent transportation study." Local and state politicians and port leaders under one roof to learn about the more than 20 projects detailed in this study looking at road widenings and extensions, intersection and rail road crossing improvements. Some include improvements to I-95 and Pooler Parkway, a U-S 80 and State Route 204 widening. The expected traffic from the Hyundai EV plant underway in Bryan County is one reason for this study. But the study shows the Savannah Port growth could also double if not triple the amount traffic because of all the trucks on the road. "It's really looking at mobility. What are the solutions to that we need to do so that everybody in this area has the freedom to move about and not be stuck in traffic." "The study looks as far ahead as 2050 so it may be a while until you see some of the changes come to fruition. Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	00:01:04

9/6/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD IDALIA SENIOR POWER OUTAGE FOLO "I went to a couple of senior assisted living homes and senior housing in which there were some concerns I kind of noted, but we're going to have some courageous conversations with some of those management of some of those companies." The mayor says crews from across the Southeast worked around the clock to make sure power could be restored across the Hostess City. 00:00:22

"prices at the pump are pretty high right now. I talked to some drivers who say these prices are playing into their Labor Day travel plans." NAT SOUND POPS: "Oooh, look at what I just spent. They're high, very high." "It's a little expensive. It doesn't look like they're going down anytime soon." "Right now, it's just out of control to me." Data company *Gas Buddy* says within the past week...gas prices have dropped several cents locally *and* nationally. But prices at Savannah's pumps are still averaging around three dollars and 60 cents per gallon... 9.3 cents higher than last month and 10.7 cents higher than last year. Drivers say they don't think it will stop people from hitting the roads this holiday weekend... But might take some budgeting beforehand. "Everybody likes to travel, everybody needs a car, it's hot, everybody likes to get around." "If people want to travel, they're gonna travel. So, they're gonna pay the prices." "You have to factor in your travel costs and with things as expensive as they are, you have to pretty much double your budget." Gas Buddy says around the country...regular gas is about three dollars and 80 cents per gallon. Driver Patrick Williams says he's traveling from Atlanta...and downloaded several fuel savings apps to prepare. SOT: PATRICK "That's helped majorly but it still puts a dent in your pocket when you're traveling." Drivers say prices going down would make it a lot easier to get around. SOT: PATRICK "Just having an efficient price for us to be able to fill our car up, just to be able to travel and take vacations with family and friends." Gas Buddy says prices could go up after a large refinery in Louisiana briefly shut down last week following a storage tank fire. The company also says Hurricane Idalia and recent storms could play a role too. "In Savannah, AB, WTOC News."

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LL INTRO: Now that the storm is gone, people and businesses here on Tybee Island are ready for a weekend full of fun in the sun. While Hurricane Idalia caused some travel delays earlier in the week.... "I was supposed to come on the 30th, but our flight got canceled. So, we had to come on the 31st" Visitors are happy... to be able to make it out to the beach. "I wasn't really worried about it. I watched the weather before we came through, I've just seen it a little bit and thought it may miss us. Then we actually got here, got a little nervous for a bit, but, it ended up being alright." And businesses are ready to cash in on the last big weekend of the summer... after a couple of days of closures due to the storm. "It's good to know that we're back open today, rather than two weeks from today. So, it's good to have everyone back to work, and visitors coming back to the island." Allen Newkirk owns Boardwalk Ice Cream... he was closed all of Wednesday and part of Thursday... but now, he's ready for what he says is their second busiest weekend of the summer. "Any business is good business. Having to shut down for a couple of days hurts, but we should hopefully make it up this weekend." Some visitors... are enjoying their first nice beach days... after waiting out the storm here on the island. "The first night, we got all excited to go to the beach, and we ended up just playing some games instead. But, it's really fun. I'm excited to be able to go beaching today." Thousands of visitors.... continuing to make their way to Tybee... for the last big bash of the summer. LL TAG: Something else to keep in mind – is parking.

9/6/2023 6PM OD WEEKEND ON
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"It's horrible! "It's one of the slowest and poorest" "frustrated" Just a few of the nicer descriptions drivers told us when traveling on I-95 in Jasper County including State Senator Tom Davis. He's excited that the widening will happen in the New Year. SC Senator Tom Davis Beaufort "I feel comfortable telling my constituents in Beaufort and Jasper Counties that I-95 is going to be widened, it is going to be improved, it is going to be something that we're proud here in South Carolina for once." Something Donald Stiver who's been driving 95 since the 70s is excited about as well. Donald Stiver Florida "I just can't believe it; I said this is the best news I've heard in traveling experiences in a long time. Great. Great news. The DOT prioritized the movement of freight through rural South Carolina. Drivers say an extra lane would make them feel more comfortable with increased tractor trailers. Lissette Turzrosa New York "They definitely need to make the roads bigger because the trucks try to come into the lane without being so careful, it's very dangerous." A long checklist prior to actual widening is complete and Davis says he knows there's going to be growing pains, he's in contact with the feds about alleviating some of them. SC Senator Tom Davis Beaufort "I talked to Secretary Hall, the DOT Secretary, and she's going to try and do a lot of the work at night, so doesn't impact a lot of the travelers, but it's going to take a couple of years." Hopefully locals and passersby will keep the joy that Mr. Stiver feels through those rebuilding years. Donald Stiver Florida "Great. Great news." Jamie Ertle - WTOC News

9/6/2023 JAMIE: I95
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TALMADGE The closure is impacting outside lanes in both directions. The bridge reopened at 6pm. Tomorrow's lane closures will
9/6/2023 BRIDGE be from 7 a-m to 1 p-m. G-DOT is working on a plan to replace the cables, bearings and joints on the bridge. The
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CLOSURE agency says the closures will help them get information for the massive maintenance project.

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Sounds of a construction site is typical of what you'd hear while driving down Pine Barren Road in Pooler. LP:"They just started this construction earlier this year, maybe February or march." Only a thin row of trees separates Leslie Parrish's home from the piles of dirt and the workers along Pooler Parkway. LP:"Noisy in the morning but they are being very respectful when moving the down trees toward the road when it comes to the burns" But it's not the noises that Parrish and some of her neighbors are concerned about. They tell me a cemetery is located on the property where the construction is happening. And they're all wondering if those buried there will be dug up or left in peace. LP:"I think that is based on the family wishes so I would go along with whatever the family wanted to happen." STANDUP: "I came to the site to find out exactly what they plan to do with that cemetery. Construction workers tell me the cemetery is located on the backside of this construction site. You can see it's been gated all the way around." Looking for answers, the WTOC investigates team started digging. According to paperwork filed with the city of Pooler. The Davis Group is building a multi-family residential development on the property. City land records show that Philip Morgan and his family own the cemetery. Morgan tells me his family has cared for it since 1946. PM:"This was an old rice field at one time" Morgan sent us these master plans of the construction site. Showing the cemetery known as the Halliday cemetery would not be touched. PM:"Their development will be wrapped around the cemetery, and it will be protected." Giving Parrish and her neighbors a sigh of relief. LP:" I think it's great that the previous owners didn't allow them to dig up the residents of that cemetery and move them somewhere else. " PM:"If the general public is concerned, they don't need to be." In Pooler AJ WTOC News. 00:01:51

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"Neighbors here say this once quiet neighborhood is now nothing like it used to be." Truck driving Aspen Lane is located just up the road from one of the entrances to the mega site... leading some trucks to mistake it for the entrance. "Big dump trucks come in here and they backup in the driveway and break the driveway. They've come down to the end of the road and knocked down mailboxes." Which led neighbors to post signs at the top of their street. "Which that don't look the greatest, but it serves its purpose, and they don't, they haven't come back down here." But ultimately, people living on Aspen Lane came together and decided to put the entire neighborhood of around 10 homes up for sale. "We come up this way to get away from all that so now it's came here which, growth is great, but it's just not for us." Something the district's commissioner says he can sympathize with "We're in a high growth area and there's a lot of growing pains and I feel, I truly feel for the people on Aspen Lane and those areas there. Some of those folks are friends of mine." As someone who lives in Pembroke, Covington says this traffic is something he's experienced firsthand. "Very dangerous down there it's not a great place to be right now. We think with the growth that's happening that it will be." Brazzell has lived on Aspen Lane since 2005 and says she thought she would be here forever. "We love this neighborhood, love all the neighbors and we love the way it's got little trees in between, you know, each home and it just impacts everything about us to have to move." Folks living in this neighborhood say they're hoping people buy their homes quickly, so they can get out of this area as soon as possible. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News. 00:01:42

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This group... is made up of generations of commercial shrimpers... They say they're worried about the industry's future. "I wanted my son to keep doing this, he works with my best friend here, he'd be fourth generation in my family, and I don't know that he's going to make it, he's going to have to find something else to do... if we don't get some kind of change." Members of Georgia Commercial Fishermans Association say... an influx of imported shrimp is to blame. According to the FDA, 94 percent of seafood sold in the U.S. is imported, and shrimp accounts for the largest percentage within that... and they're sold for much lower prices. "You have shrimp coming in from foreign countries that are coming in peeled, headed, deveined, frozen individually and ready to go, between 45 cent and 70 cent a pound." At one point, these fishermen say their shrimp went for around \$7/pound... now, that's closer to \$3/pound... all while the current price of diesel fuel is more than \$4/gallon, according to AAA. "You have to fight to pay your fuel bill, and when that's paid, there's not much left over." Georgia Representative Jesse Petrea says he's teaming up with other coastal legislators to send a letter to the governor and the state's agriculture commissioner.... Encouraging them to ask the federal government for a fisheries emergency to be declared in the state. "This is an unprecedented time. The market is absolutely overwhelmed with imported shrimp, so our shrimpers can't sell their shrimp on the market." A declared emergency... could potentially grant relief payments to shrimpers. "Some of these people aren't going to make it through the season. If we don't have buyers for our shrimp, these guys, they're not going to make it. The'll lose cars, boats, houses. It's a critical point right now." A collective effort... in the hopes of protecting Georgia's commercial fishing industry.

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<p>9/19/2023 4:59:00 PM</p>	<p>5PM OD</p>	<p>REP PETREA: LOCAL SHRIMP UPDATE</p>	<p>This is a WTOC update to a story we brought you on Friday. Georgia shrimpers say they are having trouble making ends meet because the price and demand for local caught shrimp have dipped so low – it's not profitable for them to take their boats out. State Representative Jesse Petrea and a delegation of other coastal reps sent a letter to Governor Kemp and Georgia's Agriculture commissioner asking the state for help.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>
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<p>9/20/2023 11:00:00 PM</p>	<p>11PM OD</p>	<p>WANF: YELLOW HORNETS ARE NOT COOL</p>	<p>SUCH A SMALL CREATURE-CAPABLE OF A HUGE IMPACT. TYLER HARPER "This is a different type of hornet and can have detrimental impacts on our agricultural industry, which in turn translates into issues that the consumer could see in the market place," THE YELLOW LEGGED HORNET WAS FIRST SPOTTED IN SAVANNAH ABOUT A MONTH AGO. Felicia Renick, Safety Manager, Savannah Bee Company " I am really worried about them attacking the bee population, they're also attacking other native pollinators besides bees which is a huge threat to our agriculture out here. A THREAT AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER TYLER HARPER AND ETOMOLOGISTS ARE NOT TAKING LIGHTLY. TYLER HARPER "Without honeybees you can't have blueberries and watermelons. There are about 100 crops across the nation that require pollination by pollinators. This hornet is a predator of those pollinators," GEORGIA'S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEAMED UP WITH AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENTS AND ETOMOLOGISTS FROM UGA, CLEMSON, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TO FIND THESE HORNETS AND ELIMINATE THEIR NESTS. SIGHTINGS BY THE PUBLIC HELPED THEM FIND AND DESTROY HIVES NEAR SAVANNAH IN WHITE MARSH AND ON WILMINGTON ISLAND. Dr. tim davis/uga dept. of agriculture "We need them to keep reporting, to keep looking, to keep trapping, and report that, so we can continue to find where they are," NOW-SCIENTISTS ARE RESEARCHING THE HIVES AND HORNETS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE ERADICATED AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY CAME FROM. TYLER HARPER "The port is in savannah, so it's its very likely that's the method of transportation of how they got here. but we have confirmed they did come from asia,"</p>	<p>00:01:35</p>
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For over 20 years, Thanksgiving night has had an extended meaning for the people of Stateboro, especially for the Thompson family. ((ROY THOMPSON##TMT FARMS)) "This year we are going to have a normal Thanksgiving with our family and we will probably shed a tear because the lights aren't on." A decision to step back from their extravagant display and toy drive that came from countless conversations within the family, following unfortunate situations that the family says has been piling up over the years. ((ROY THOMPSON##TMT FARMS)) "The dirt Baby diapers, we thought about beer bottles and beer cans, and all the destruction and vandalism and theft and decided to shut down, actually forever." A decision that broke the hearts of the community and that didn't last long. ((ROY THOMPSON##TMT FARMS)) "Then the phones started ringing, people started visiting us we really did not know how much appreciation that it had." Once the announcement was made on facebook, love and appreciation filled the comment section. After seeing the impact the farm has had on so many people, the family says the decision to come back didn't even take a second thought ((ROY THOMPSON##TMT FARMS)) "We sat down as a family and decided that we would take one year off and we still start decorating probably or preparing to decorate on January 2nd"" Bare with us and wait till next year and we promise we will make it worth your while to come back. "

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The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Division first found non-native flathead catfish in the river back in 2021. At that time, they only found one and hoped it had just made its way over from the Savannah River. They didn't find any more flatheads in 2021 or 2022, but the division has now found over a dozen in the past couple months. W-R-D officials say the flatheads can overhunt the Ogeechee River's native species and ask that you report any that you find on their website.

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INVASIVE
CATFISH IN
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(Nat Sound Attention Grab) Meet Captain Charlie Phillips, owner of the Sapelo Sea Farms. The oldest & largest Clam and Oyster farm in Georgia. Phillips took us out on his fan boat to show us his process.. "We're aquaculture. So, we are farmers. One of the differences between us and land-based is we use no pesticides, no herbicides. No.... any kind of chemicals. All the clams do is eat algae and clean the water." : "and our crops take a lot longer. Ya know they're going to get a crop up in a few months. Like I said it's going to take me two years or more. So people say, boy that a long time to grow a clam. I say yeah... but it's quicker than pine trees." It's not easy labor either, harvest and seeding starts each day out on the water. Where workers trek through around 2 to 3 feet of mud to place and remove the product. From there, these are taken back to the dock to be cleaned, sorted, and quality control checked before they are packaged and shipped. SOT : "As far as clams go, and oysters' um we work six days a week pretty much. We're pulling clams Sunday through Friday we've got trucks going out Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday." As you can see, it takes a village to make the whole process operate smoothly. Captain Phillips says everything he's accomplished in this industry has come through trial and error since day one. SOT : "So we planted them on Four Mile, on a sand bar. Which was absolutely the worst place you'd ever want to grow stuff. And in a hard black plastic bag, which is not the optimum bag to grow stuff in. So the first thing we learned how to do is kill clams, we got really good at killing clams and then we started doing everything else. and figuring out how to make them grow" While it's not a perfect process, Captain Phillips is always working with local universities and government officials to learn about how this ecosystem is developing over time, and to find more efficient methods of growing. But he wouldn't have it any other way. "It's a great office on a good day, and a terrible one and it's a terrible office on a bad day when it's raining cold and the bugs out but it's what we do." Reporting at the Sapelo Sea Farms near Townsend, I'm Dylan Smith.

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LL: The film industry is big business in the Hostess City. The Savannah Film Alliance says the industry brought in 440 million dollars last year in economic impact to our area. Local industry experts say this tentative deal is a step in the right direction...but there's still more work to do. VO: The terms of the tentative deal between the Writers Guild of America and Hollywood studios have not been released. The Savannah Film Alliance expects picket lines to end soon...but that doesn't mean the strike will be officially over. W-G-A members will eventually vote on whether to approve the deal. Since May...Hollywood writers have walked off the job...over issues surrounding residual payments and Artificial Intelligence. Savannah Film Alliance founder Charles Bowen says the strike has brought the local film economy to a halt...impacting film sets and the businesses that support them. SOT: "We went from having at any one time 5-10 productions, filming in Savannah to maybe one, at the most, two, and sometimes none. So, it has definitely had a tremendous impact, particularly when the actors and writers were both on strike." CONT. VO: Bowen says overall...the entertainment industry has taken a financial hit from the strike. But...he's optimistic that a projected rush to film when the strikes are officially over could spell good news for local production in 2024. LL: As for your favorite scripted movie and T-V shows...Bowen says production on those will remain stopped while the screen actors strike continues. He says the hope is that the framework for the writer's deal will also help bring the actors strike to an end. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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<p>9/26/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM</p>	<p>POOLER TANGER OUTLETS DEVELOPME NT</p>	<p>The highly-anticipated Dave & Buster's coming to the Pooler Tanger Outlets now has an expected opening date. Mid-December is when councilwoman Karen Williams says the arcade bar is expected to welcome customers...barring any construction delays. "Thy're doing their own build so that's a little bit of a different story than just occupying one of the parcels that are already available." Pooler city council approved the site plans for the 22-thousand foot expansion in January. It comes as Georgia Department of Transportation data shows that in 2022...an average of more than 35-thousand daily drivers used Pooler Parkway...one of the main access points to the outlets. That's up from 28-thousand in 2020. Williams: "Just because you're adding a store into an already existing, kind of like a strip mall, that's not really going to cause any more traffic than another store being there." Williams says Victoria's Secret...Adidas..Lee/Wrangler and the Lunchbox are also already open or are planning to open at the outlets soon. Williams: "When you have a very popular name like Dave & Buster's, you are going to attract bigger stores like Adidas and Victoria's Secret, so that might have more foot traffic." LL: The new arrivals at Tanger are expected to open in time for the holidays. Reporting in Pooler...FS...WTOCN.</p>	<p>00:01:18</p>
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<p>9/27/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK</p>	<p>5AM SHEA WESTSIDE COALITION MEETING PREVIEW</p>	<p>"A lot of people out here are having problems with their septic tanks, their toilets won't flush, mud is coming into their washing machines." The issues, Wilson says, don't stop there. She says that flooding is also a persistent problem in the West Chatham areas- one that Wilson says she was told is caused by the Little Ogeechee River and the wetlands system. Wilson: "Those things should've been better accounted for before the shovel hit the ground." Traffic, is also a concern- particularly the intersection of Little Neck Road and Jon Carter Road. The Westside Coalition is advocating for a traffic light- which they believe should have been installed before the new QuikTrip was open for business. Wilson says the Coalition has contacted local leaders- and have been told that they need state backing to make some improvements. That's why the Coalition will be giving a presentation for local, and state leaders, later today. Wilson: "We gotta get everyone in the room and address the problem, and moving forward we are hoping to establish better regional planning and better best practices."</p>	<p>00:01:05</p>
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"Some people I spoke with who live right by Hendrix Park say they understand why this project takes so long, while others say their frustrated by the timeline." ((SOT)) "Having the park you know pretty much 99 percent back, you know, it's a blessing." ((VO)) Bryce Wadrose has lived in Pembroke for about six years now. He says Hendrix Park is a big part of his son's life. ((SOT)) "He comes home from school, he goes straight to the basketball courts, he uses the football fields, runs." ((VO)) Which is why Wadrose is so grateful the fields are back in use. I spoke off camera with some other people who live in the same area who say they're upset the park isn't done. Most of their concerns were that the gym is not yet under construction. Something county leaders say they can understand. ((SOT)) "I know some people are frustrated with the length of time it's taking. I mean, it's been over, a little over a year, but again those things take time." ((VO)) taking the most time.. is getting plans ready to start building the gym. ((SOT)) "It takes time to go through that bidding process. That was a lot of stuff out there. The whole gym got destroyed. So, we're working on that now." ((VO)) Wadrose says he can also see where some of his neighbors are coming from, but to him, it's been rewarding watching everything come back together. ((SOT)) "Personally, it's just good to see the homes back and, you know, the park coming back the way it was. So, you know, getting back to a normalcy I guess is the biggest thing." ((VO)) Infinger says construction should start on the gym by then end of this year and will hopefully be done in 2025. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

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**ISSUE 13-THE STATE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ECONOMY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT. TALMADGE BRIDGE RAISING PROPOSAL, GA SENATE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE, 2023 RECORD YEAR AT PORTS, GA COTTON COMMISSION MEETING MPC AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GA ECONOMIC RURAL GROWTH, SAVANNAH TOURISM CONFERENCE, JULY A RECORD TRAVEL MONTH FOR SAVANNAH, GA PORTS AND HOUSING INITIATIVE, MORTGAGE RATES, GA RECORD BREAKING TOURISM, FEMA FUNDING CONCERNS, TRUMP SURRENDERS, GA GENDER CARE RULING, HHI AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE, SC ABORTION BAN UPHELD, GA GOVERNOR AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ON STORM PREPS, A&A INVESTIGATION ON IF YOU SHOULD GET AN HOUSE OR APARTMENT, INSURANCE COSTS POST DISASTERS,
SOURCE: FED, STATE AND LOCAL GOV, PRES BIDEN**

Starting this week...G-DOT wants to hear from you about their plans to raise the Talmadge Bridge. "We're curious on the feedback that you have as citizens that traverse this area everyday." The comments will be used to develop project plans. Those plans call for crews to explore shortening the Talmadge's cables in order to raise the bridge above the Savannah River. "We're going to replace the cables, bridge bearings, the joints and other key components of the bridge to make sure it has a longer life." Right now...G-DOT says they haven't decided on how high the increase will be. G-DOT says the bridge's current 185 feet of clearance limits access for ships into the Port of Savannah. The Georgia Ports Authority tells WTOC in a statement that more space is needed for larger ships that will use Savannah's port in the future. The G-P-A says, "As the global shipping industry continues to grow, the size of new container ships calling on the Port of Savannah will only increase in the years to come. It is important that we work together to prepare for this growth as a key global gateway for cargo and an economic driver for the betterment of all Georgians." A construction date hasn't been set as the department works to find a contractor for the project. But once the work does start in the coming years...G-DOT says to expect delays and closures for the 20-thousand drivers on average that cross over the bridge daily. "We definitely anticipate some lane closures. No long term details are expected. We want to maintain traffic while the work is going on. That will definitely be quite a feat."

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"We have to continue to be the number one place to do business, which means we always have to do more. And that's what we're going to do today is make sure we continue to hear from people in the state to have the right workforce in place for now and in the future." This was the second meeting of the study committee. The goal of these groups is to get focused feedback to help shape public policy when lawmakers head back to the Gold Dome.

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7/25/2023	5:30pm OD	2023 RECORD YEAR AT PORTS	<p>A new report shows a record year at the Georgia Ports Authority - with Savannah capturing its highest container market share ever in the spring. Savannah saw more than 11 percent of the container trade on the East, West and Gulf Coasts through April. That comes on the heels of new records set in the last fiscal year - which ended in July. G-P-A says it handled about 18 percent more shipping containers compared to the year before.</p>	00:00:25
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?(sot) For Georgia cotton farmers and the people who do business with them say it's important to get together and get "on the same page" to know where they're at in this season and what lies ahead. (vo) Hundreds of growers, cotton gin owners, and others gathered for a meeting hosted by the Georgia Cotton Commission. They listened to predictions on what Congress could do in the upcoming farm bill to help cotton growers and others. The commission's executive director says they're discussing market prices, weather trends, product advances, and more. (sot) We've made this a "one stop shop" for a multitude of different topics for people to easily access that informaiton. (vo) According to the commission, Georgia ranks third in cotton production nationwide with an economic impact of \$3 billion and accounts for more than 50,000 jobs in the state. (sot) They say it's important enough to begin this mid-year meeting in the summer between their annual meetings in January. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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These renderings show what they could look like once built. According to an application from developer G-M Shay...these apartments would be for "small families and/or couples who have been displaced, or who are at risk of being displaced, due to the high cost of rental housing in the neighborhood and Savannah." The developer says these apartments will not be meant for transitional housing and are expected to be rented at or near a fair market price in Savannah of just over 12-hundred dollars. They would be built on city property and Savannah's Affordable Housing Fund...combined with private funding...would pay for construction of these apartments...according to the application. Some residents did speak out in opposition to the project saying they still need answers about what exactly will go into the retail space that's included in the plans and who exactly this building will be for. Savannah's Housing and Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty was on hand at today's meeting to clear up confusion.

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8/1/2023	5:30pm OD	LEAR CAPITAL FEES GA SOS	<p>The Georgia Secretary of State's office says Lear Capital deceived consumers in a scheme that involved selling and buying back retail precious metals. 5 point 5 million dollars will be paid back to people who invested in the company. Georgians invested nearly 18 million. Settlements will go to Georgians who bought from the company between 2016 and March of last year. Some people have already filed bankruptcy claims. Those that haven't can still get some money back as well, but it will be a proportional amount.</p>	00:00:31
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8/2/2023	6PM OD	HHI RESIDENTS USE ALZHEIMERS DRUG	<p>Vo Inside this Hilton Head home, the most important currency... Nats - clock Vo Is time. Nats - clock continued Vo There's a clock at every turn, keeping track of each second that's become more important than ever since a diagnosis three years ago. Sot: "If we could just press pause like on a cassette tape and my wife was at the level of ability she's at right now for the rest of her life, I would be thrilled to death." Vo At the age of 57, his wife Claudia is fighting early onset Alzheimer's every second... of every day. Nat puzzle Vo She's working to keep her brain sharp with puzzles like this... Nat those go together Vo While a ruthless disease attacks it from within.. taking a toll on her emotions and abilities. Sot: "All of a sudden I just can't find words." Vo Her husband of over 30 years says she has no problem doing 95% of the things in life, like walking... Nat Vo And enjoying the outdoors. Each step forward is Claudia fighting, keeping her body as healthy as it can be... but there's only so much families like the Walls can do beyond medicine. That's why the recent FDA and Medicare approval of Leqembi is crucial. Sot: "This is the first what we hope will be many Alzheimer's drugs that can change the progression of the disease and actually slow it down." Vo The Walls have tried and are trying a number of treatments, including infusions like Leqembi would be. They say the feelings that come with drug developments are about as complex as the medications themselves. Sot "On my end there was an excitement. I think on my wife's end there was some excitement, but you're remembering on the last treatment there was swelling of the brain." Vo Even with the potential return of that side affect, they're seriously considering the medication... especially at the discounted rate that comes with Medicare approval. Sot "The initial cost looks to be \$20,000-\$30,000 a year, but maybe 10-15% of that would be our cost after Medicare." Vo They say that brings this treatment closer to reality and importantly, could bring more time to their family. On Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	00:02:02
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		GROWTH	State leaders say the record year is thanks to upward momentum in the last few years. Speaker of the House Jon	
		2023	Burns says in a statement, "Georgia's continued success is no accident - it is the result of on-going public-private	
			partnerships and our commitment to expanding opportunity for all Georgians."	00:00:18

8/21/2023		SAV HHI		
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		NUMBERS	New numbers show July was a record travel month in Savannah. The Savannah Hilton Head International Airport says	
		CONT.	8 percent more people went through the airport last month compared to the year before. That's more than 187-	
			thousand people landing in Savannah. It's on track with an upward trend the airport has been reporting all year. The	
			total number of passengers so far has more than 2 point 2 million. That's up 13 percent compared to the same time	
			last year.	00:00:27

8/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH TOURISM CONFERENCE The 4-day U-S Travel Association's annual conference is held in a different location each year. This year, they chose the hostess city. City, state and federal leaders all meet to discuss different ways to promote tourism to help boost the economy. They also talk about some of the challenges and concerns. U-S Congressman Buddy Carter says labor is one of those challenges. 00:00:22

8/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH TOURISM CONFERENCE "Tourism is a very labor intensive industry. You gotta have people to have tourism and that's something we have to address. Where are you going to get that help. All of that is very important. That's why it's important as a member of congress that while we're in the district, that we meet with those who are the boots on the ground and hear directly from them." Congressman Carter says there's also still challenges for international travel. He says travelers are experiencing long wait times to receive a VISA or passport--which prevents the U-S from welcoming new visitors. 00:00:34

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			"There's no question about it. We understand, we're in a coastal region, hurricanes are a problem down here, we're in the peak of the season. if we have a hurricane, we will make sure that FEMA funds are available."	
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8/23/2023		TALMADGE	They'll also get a chance to get information for another major project under consideration. That's raising the	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BRIDGE LANE CLOSURE	Talmadge to make it easier for larger ships to get to the Port of Savannah. You may remember - GDOT took public comments on the idea about a month ago. GDOT said they'd share a response to that period about 30 to 45 days after it closed. WTOC will update you when we get more details.	00:00:23

9/6/2023		LG EXPANDS		
4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	BATTERY PLANT INVESTMENT	The agreement was signed yesterday afternoon. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp announced the investment made by LG will go into the battery cell manufacturing part of the EV assembly plant. The expansion will create another 400 jobs.	00:00:14

9/6/2023		GA PORTS & HOUSING INITIATIVE	LL: The new initiative aims to improve housing for neighborhoods near the port...including areas like... VO: Home repairs for residents north of Ogeechee Road and west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard will be the focus of this initiative...according to the city. Eligible applicants may also qualify for down payment assistance for first time home buys in the Savannah area. The program will focus on repair....construction...and purchasing of affordable and workforce housing. During a news conference today...Mayor Van Johnson called the new initiative one of the biggest things his administration has ever done. SOT: "Our residents are Georgia Ports employees. Our citizens are also their citizens. Who we serve is also who they serve. And how workforce housing is important for both of our bottom lines." LL: The G-P-A is set to make this investment over at least an eight-year period. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:00:56
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9/11/2023		MORTGAGE RATES LATEST	u-s mortgage rates ticked down for the second week in a row-- however, home affordability is at its lowest level in nearly four decades. the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged seven-point-12 percent. that's down from seven-point-18 percent the week before. =TOSS BREAK=	00:00:16
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9/12/2023		BREAKING	But it's not just about getting dollars to the Peach State. Governor Brian Kemp's office says travel demand supported	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	TOURISM	more than 442-thousand jobs across the state. That's up by 20-thousand in 2022 compared to the year before.	00:00:13

		AMAZON	New at 5 - Amazon is looking to hire more than 12-thousand workers in Georgia. The company is looking to fill full-	
9/19/2023		HIRING	time, part-time and seasonal positions. Amazon says it is offering a thousand-dollar sign on bonus and a thousand-	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	EVENT	dollar referral bonus for Associates across Chatham County. There is a hiring day happening Friday at the Georgia Tech-	
			Savannah Campus. That's happening from 8 AM to 6 PM.	00:00:24

Sticker shock is something people are dealing with whether they are deciding to buy or rent. Realtor Quin Peterson is helping people navigate those numbers. QP:"2020 kind of gave us these 250 sounds like the sweet spot but we're not really looking at those numbers anymore". Right now, you can find houses in Savannah listed for millions of dollars. But what about for the people who can't afford those historic homes? QP:"There average is about 315 thousand dollars for a property and that's a 3-bedroom 2 bathroom." But even that number is still out of reach for some first-time homebuyers. Forcing them to consider renting. And those prices can be just as high. STAND UP: The WTOC Investigates team found several 2-bedroom apartments listed at 1700 dollars a month. But According to data from Apartment List the average apartment in the Savannah metro area was nearly 1600 dollars last month. But Just a few years ago in 2019 the average was about 450 dollars a month cheaper. That's a rent hike of almost 40% for the average renter. And the drastic change isn't just for the Coastal Empire. Over in Beaufort County, the average apartment cost more than 1800 dollars a month in August, which is up from 1286 back in 2019. QP:"The more that you have to put down the less that you're going to be looking at monthly for your purchase property." While a mortgage could be cheaper than the cost of rent. It's the upfront charges that make people reconsider. The WTOC Investigates team found that when renting an apartment, the average upfront cost is about \$2,385. This includes costs like your first month's rent, admin fees, application fees, and pest control. But what about buying a home? QP:"For our average 315 thousand dollars we're looking at about 9 thousand dollars for your loan downpayment. There is an earnest deposit. You can see about 1 percent of the purchase price, so about 3 thousand for that property then you have your inspection fee which is about 200-300 dollars and then we have our closing cost about 3 thousand dollars for that so on average we're looking at about 18 to 20 thousand dollars." Stand up "Putting those numbers side by side it seems like owning a home may be cheaper monthly. But if you haven't been saving renting may be the way to go. allowing you to not have to pay all the upfront costs." QP:"But again, don't want to sticker shock anyone there are downpayment assistance programs as well as seller concessions and some new construction home builders are offering incentives to help with first time home buyers that need that down payment assistance." Numbers aside. There are a few things to keep in mind. QP: "If you're not someone who is looking to settle down in a particular area then maybe renting is a better option." "I know a lot of times with rentals you're not able to put holes in the walls or anything like that. Having that home ownership is the American dream in a lot of ways so a lot of people want to be a part of that process." So now the choice is up to you? Will you be buying or renting? In Savannah, I'm AJ WTOC News

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9/20/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD CNN: INSURANCE COSTS POST DISASTERS an analysis from nonprofit research group first street foundation found nearly 39 million homes and commercial properties are at risk of their premiums spiking. That covers about 27-percent of the lower 48 states. Major insurers have already pulled out of or stopped writing new policies in california, florida and louisiana – in part citing increased climate risks like more destructive wildfires and stronger hurricanes. While those three states are at the top of the list - other states like vermont, kentucky and west virginia have experienced costly flooding recently. There are also cities where all properties are vulnerable to sudden price adjustments -- including right here in savannah. 00:00:42

9/21/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK CNN: INSURANCE COSTS POST DISASTERS The non-profit research group - First Street Foundation lists Savannah among the cities home to properties at risk of premium spikes. These properties cover nearly a third of the lower 48 states. Major insurers have already pulled out -- or stopped writing new policies in Florida -- citing increased climate risks like stronger hurricanes. 00:00:21

9/26/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM PORTS POLICE EXPANSION *nats of horn* At the Port of Savannah...trucks...trains...and ships are loaded with millions of cargo containers each year. It's a constant operation that requires round the clock patrol from the port's own 200-person department. "We're doing traditional police work, but we're also providing industrial security. We're creating a safe environment for all port users because it's very important to us that people go home just as they arrived." Kevin Doyle with port police says his officers are tasked with protecting the port...but the department is now faced with a new challenge. "Several port expansion projects are currently in the works. Officials here say the need for more space brings the need for more officers." The Georgia Ports Authority recently announced a nearly two billion dollar infrastructure project that aims to increase capacity and add 100 acres of storage. Doyle: "Right now we have approximately 60 openings for port police officers." Port expansions mean the port police department must now grow by 30 percent. Doyle: "Most police departments in America right now are facing some sort of shortage. Ours is coming a little differently. It's not because people are leaving it's because we're growing." Not only is the port growing...but so too is the port police's jurisdiction. Earlier this year...the Georgia General Assembly passed a bill giving port police officers the power to arrest for offenses committed within one mile of port property. Doyle: "It's to help to help with truck traffic or trains or anything on the properties just outside of our gates so we can be good citizens." Despite the need to expand...Doyle says he's confident the department can fill the new openings. With a starting pay for academy certified officers at \$31.20 an hour...the department is hosting a hiring fair at 100 Main St. in Garden City on November 3rd at 9 a-m. Reporting in Garden City...Fs...WTOCN. 00:01:53

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You're looking at video from the ribbon cutting of the Mason Mega Rail. The ports says the terminal is now fully operational - and now has daily trains from the Port of Savannah to C-S-X's railroad yard in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. They call that the Carolina Connector service. They say offering that has given customers a three day transition time between when the cargo leaves the ship and when it's available. Port leaders say that's not only shifting longer-haul cargo off of roads...but it's getting to the Carolina's faster than if it was unloaded off the ship farther up the East Coast.

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ISSUE 14-HOW CHARITABLE AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY. OGEECHEE CANAL MUSEUM GETS A NEW ROOF THANKS TO CITIZEN DRIVING BY THE BUILDING, UNION MISSION HELPING PEOPLE TO BE SAFE FROM HEAT LOW INCOME COOLING PROGRAM, SOUTHCOAST HEALTH COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS WITH PHONES DOWN, BEAUFORT THEATER TRAILER STOLEN, TYBEE PROM HELPS HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER SAVANNAH, LOW INCOME COOLING PROGRAM, FLAUJAE DONATING MONEY TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, EMPLOYMENT HOSPITALITY, JOB FAIRS TO RECRUIT EMPLOYEES FOR HYUNDAI PLANT, UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN, HILTON HEAD MILLAGE RATE, GUYTON QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR COUNCIL, BLUFFTON HISTORIC HOUSE DEBATE, FEDERAL COURTHOUSE PROJECT TIMELINE, CHATHAM CO. RESOLUTION FOR FIRE DEPT, GULLAH SAPELO CONCERNS, CHATHAM FIRE PLAN, CHATHAM FIRE FEE UPDATED, STATESBORO SECURITY CAM REQUIREMENTS, TYBEE LIGHTHOUSE FUNDRAISER, AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN POOLER, TYBEE MARITIME ACADEMY NEEDS HELP IN FILLING OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING BIN, FREE RABIES AND MICROCHIP CLINIC, PARKERS SECOND HARVEST PARTNERSHIP
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<p>6AM DAYBREA K 7/1/2023 6:00:00 AM</p>	<p>SATURDA Y OD</p>	<p>OGEECHEE CANAL MUSEUM ROOF</p>	<p>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 noticed while driving by. He pulled into the museum, asked about the roof, and then called RPI Homes and Roofing. Within weeks, contractors were at the museum taking measurements and preparing to install a roof, completely free of charge. The President of RPI says this a big part of their mission.</p>	<p>00:00:26</p>
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			"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." One of RPI's suppliers donated the roof shingles while RPI donated the labor. They installed the roof friday- which they say should be good for about 20 years.	
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			Vo With the help... Nat Vo Of 4 the Jewel N U's water donation, Union Mission's Grace House is serving as an escape from the heat for dozens of homeless Savannahians. Sot: {Michael Traynor - CEO, Union Mission) "We're hearing heat indexes over 105 106 degrees and these individuals on the street need a place to go." Vo Karen Alston is the organizer of an effort to bring over 80 cases of water here this weekend, keeping these folks hydrated through extreme temperatures. Inside the Grace house, employees giving up their weekend to help. Sot "We did this back in the winter when it was 8 degrees outside, we had 100 individuals come though here throughout the day and we expect that again this weekend." Vo It's typically only open Monday through Friday, but for situations like these exceptions are made. Folks that need a cool place to be are served breakfast, a snack, and dinner... with that water available for hydration. Sot "To help in times like this is really important. It's when you differentiate yourself and show do you really believe in the mission of your organization." Vo In Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	
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7/3/2023	6PM OD	SCI FAN DONATION	today- the Senior Citizens Inc. in Savannah received a huge donation! Chatham County's Superior Court Clerk Tammie Mosley- who served on the board of the agency for 2 terms- and her staff have been raising money to donate. All together- the agency received 8-hundred dollars and 50 fans. We got a chance to speak to Mosley and the Vice president of Seniors Citizens Inc. on why this was so important.	00:00:24
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7/5/2023	7 5	MORNING TIM: BREAK OD YOUTH WORKS	<p>Knowing the work is just starting does not dampen Barrett Fry-Zee's excitement for what he is helping complete in Pooler. "It's super impactful to see what is going to be happening here in the future and be able to invest in now and watch those seeds grow. Planting is one of the projects YouthWorks groups are doing at Tharros Place this summer. The work-mission program for teenagers visiting from around the country is helping several local non-profits this summer, including the residential shelter for human trafficking victims that will open later this year. LATOYA SCOTT} "they have been phenomenal, just smiling. There is no task too big or too small for them. It was exciting seeing them do the work and being excited about it. Each week, a different group of kids arrive in Savannah and volunteer their time doing hard, hot work for churches, agencies and individuals. "we have several groups that are painting for the City of Savannah, painting houses for elderly and disabled people who can't take care of their own properties. At Tharros Place, Youthworks volunteers are helping prepare a home that will be a respite for young women between the ages of 12 and 17. "We'll be a home for them in order to thrive and learn who they are and a place to grow and have courage of what they've experienced. "At YouthWorks, we really believe God is working here year-round and that we get to join in and participate in what God is doing through incredible community members and assist them in their mission. The days at Tharros Place will stand out for the visiting teens who also experience bonding exercises, interdenominational worship sessions and lots of manual labor. "There's something about doing something that is just bigger than yourself, where you're working together and doing something that you won't see the fruit of but they're trusting in God, they're relying that something will come out of it and they're having fun while doing it.</p>	00:01:55
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TELFAIR MUSEUM OPENING CHILDREN S MUSEUM

Check it out! Savannah's only children's art museum is set to open this weekend at the Telfair Museum. The museum takes kids through French-originated art. It starts with an impressionism art style and makes its way to a digital replica of Claude Monet's garden. Telfair CEO and Savannah Mayor Van Johnson agree that it's a place to get children and their families excited about art and even inspire young artists right here in our community.

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"It creates opportunities for reflection, for creative interaction, for quiet meditation even in an environment that is welcoming, friendly and interactive. The idea is to foster conversation, foster creative processes, to foster learning for people of all ages." The museum will be open to everyone starting this Saturday. For more information, you can head over to our website WTOC dot com. Just look for this story.

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There might not be a sign to show it, but right now I'm standing in front of the Bluffton Youth Theater. Earlier this week, they made a post on Facebook saying someone stole out of the parking lot that I'm standing in right now. That trailer contained an estimated \$6,000 worth of costumes, props and other equipment. But, leaders of the theater say it might have been a blessing in disguise. * VO: Right now, these children are rehearsing for their upcoming production of Matilda. The youth theater's goal is to show that everyone can come together through the stage. Around 30% of the kids here have special needs. SOT runs 18 Cynthia Ford, Founder and Director, Bluffton Youth Theater "My idea is how there should be community, there should not be, oh there's a special needs person, oh there's one without. It should be just together, totally together, so differences are not seen." "It should be, not just accept, not just tolerate, but befriend them." VO: Kids at the youth theater befriend each other by not only performing on the stage, but also through prop making, directing and running the technical side of things. I asked some of the kids what their favorite part of the theater is, and they all gave a similar answer. SOT runs 14: Natalie Miller, Jalaa Crenshaw, Bluffton Youth Theater, "Um, Probably, hanging out with the friends." "The people here, I feel like I'm friends with friends with everyone and it's really cool to have that relationship with so many people that share the same interest as me." VO: While the theater's mission is to bring kids together in cast and crew, keeping the operation alive is costly, and there are many financial hurdles the nonprofit faces beyond the stolen trailer. SOT runs 12: Cynthia Ford, Founder and Director, Bluffton Youth Theater "Theaters are already costly, but to think about building an entire building where it would be handicap accessible, where they don't feel like 'oh I'm a second thought,' they're our first thought." VO: Planned renovations to the space include a sensory room for autistic children and a coffee shop ran by adults with special needs. No matter the cost, Ford supports the children. SOT runs 15: Cynthia Ford, Founder and Director, Bluffton Youth Theater "In the world, they're treated differently, but on stage, they're not treated differently, they just another character. And it's really amazing, the transforming. But we don't only teach them to be good on stage, we teach them to be the same off stage." Ryan Looklive Tag: "One of the best ways to support the youth theater is to check out their shows. Their production of Matilda starts its run in August. In Bluffton, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News." 00:02:40

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BEAUFORT THEATER TRAILER STOLEN

			Chatham County's Economic Opportunity Authority will begin accepting appointments for their Low Income Home Energy Assistance Cooling Program for residents starting tomorrow. In order to get an appointment- you have to call the number on your screen tomorrow night at 7. There are a limited amount of spaces and appointments cannot be made online or by calling their office. To find out how you qualify and what documents you need- head to our website- WTOC dot com.	
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7/27/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm GLENNVILL E DQ FUNDRAIS They do keep up with it, with the other local DQ's and how much we're raising. They come in and look at all the balloons on the wall and say "We've got to keep it going. We've got to get this across the finish line." They have until 10pm to reach or pass their goal. This afternoon, a single Blizzard went for \$1,100 in a live auction.

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CHAD MAXWELL ON CAM FLAU'JAE'S WEEKEND OF GIVING BACK CONTINUES AT A PLACE VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO HER HEART...THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB VO THE 2023 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMP RETURNS TO THE COURT SHE PLAYED HER FIRST ORGANIZED BASKETBALL GAME ON...WITH A GENEROUS DONATION OF TEN-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.... ACHIEVING YET ANOTHER... LIFE-LONG DREAM SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON "THIS IS SOMETHING I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO. I ALWAYS WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T PAN OUT. I AM SO GLAD THIS ONE DID. I AM JUST SUPER EXCITED TO BE HERE WITH THE KIDS... PLAYING WITH THEM AND HAVING FUN... IT'S DOPE." VO FLAU'JAE REFLECTS ON HER FONDEST ATHLETIC MEMORIES AS A CLUB MEMBER SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON Playing on the boys team with the boys. We used to run laps. Coach Maurice used to have us running around here. They used to have the little goals on the big goals...the white ones. I used to always try and dunk, but I couldn't dunk. I used to play with the guys, baseball with the guys, and I tried to play football, but they didn't let me. SOT/KAREN HAMILTON-THOMPSON "One of the basketball games she was in - she was the only girl on the boys team. in the middle of the game she got so upset because she felt like the boys were'nt working hard enough. she then basically took over and won the game." VO HER SUCCESS DOES NOT SHOCK THE CLUB STAFF WHATSOEVER. SOT/KAREN HAMILTON-THOMPSON "She always had a good work ethic, determination and has always been a humble and amazing kid. She never forgets where she comes from. She always comes back to Frank Callen to see and inspire the kids. We are just so excited to be part of her journey. VO Flau'jae leaves current club members and the area's youth with these words of inspiration. SOT/FLAU'JAE JOHNSON I hope they realize that they can do it too. I came from the same place. I was in this place ten years ago. I want them to know that they can do it too and when they do do it, they give back to someone else. CHAD TAG OUT UP NEXT FOR FLAU'JAE, A VIEWING OF HER HER OSCAR-QUALIFIED DOCUMENTARY, 'PHENOM'. FOR NOW, REPORTING FROM THE FRANK CALLEN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, CHAD MAXWELL, WTOC NEWS.

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Area musician Thomas Claxton and local attorney Howard Spiva are putting together a fundraising concert this weekend to benefit Anne Horn, who operates a public-safety website focusing on the Coastal Empire - and has been diagnosed with multiple forms of cancer. Thomas Claxton and the Myth will headline Sunday's First Alert Concert at Coach's Corner that will feature a lineup of several popular local artists. There will also be giveaways, raffles and a dunk booth to raise money to help offset Horn's medical expenses.

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?(sot) Organizers of this group say they're glad they've struck a chord with supporters to reach this fundraising milestone. (vo) Signs around town announce A Rolling Stones tribute band playing this year's Rocking Out Alzheimer's Disease show. For a decade, the grassroots charity has brought tribute bands to town and crowds pack the show. This year's event will take them over the \$1 million mark, most of which stays on the local level. Organizers say it's also about raising awareness in a fun setting and letting people know there's help within the community. (sot) We end up reaching a lot of caregivers and creating more awareness for all the opportunities that we're trying to create due to the funding we've raised. (vo) In addition to services for patients and loved ones, the group also funds scholarships at Georgia Southern and Ogeechee Tech for nursing students going into geriatric or dementia fields. (sot) It all happens Friday at 7pm at The Blue Room next to the GSU campus. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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8/7/2023 9:00:00 AM 8 7 MORNING BREAK OD DAWN SILVER CIRCLE INDUCTION

This is a great honor - only bestowed upon those who have 25 or more years of service in television news and have made significant contributions to their community in the Southeast Region. And Dawn has certainly done that. For years, she hosted and helped raise a lot of money for kids through Children's Miracle Network Telethon on WTOC. In 2015, she established her Dawn's Daughter leadership academy for high school-aged girls. She joins a legendary group of past WTOC honorees who were inducted including Doug Weathers (1996), Pat Prokop (2007), Jody Chapin (2017) and Craig Harney (2019). She will be inducted on September 8th at a ceremony in Atlanta.

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8/15/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD ATV INJURY RAFFLE FUNDRAIS ER

"Folks at Owens Supply Company say community outreach in support of this raffle has been nothing but amazing." "I think it really brings people together when, you know, this unfortunate accident that's happened to Georgia Kate, it's brought the community together. It means a lot because this is what small towns are all about. It's about taking care of their people." Ziegler says when Dairy Queen of Pembroke and Claxton reached out to her to partner in this raffle, she jumped on the idea. "Georgia Kate's family has been a good friend of ours for quite some time and we wanted to do something to help her family." Since then, the raffle has grown as other community partners pitched in. "Kimmy's Barber Shop located here in Pembroke has donated a years' worth of haircuts, worth 300 dollars, Allegiance Technology Solutions here in Pembroke donated a soundbar worth approximately 900 dollars." ((VO)) Along with those donations, Haunted Grounds Coffee, the Bryan County Sheriff's Office, Stryke Team 4 Veterans, Dairy Queen of Claxton and Pembroke and Owens Supply Company have also donated a variety of goods, totaling about 3,000 dollars worth of merchandise. And on top of those donations, they've been able to raise a lot of money in ticket sales. ((SOT)) "We've had a good deal of support. 100 percent of the proceeds are going to go to the Anderson family. We've raised over 2,000 dollars that's going to go towards their family." ((ANNA)) "If you want to participate, we'll have a link to the company's page on our website. Just look for this story. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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"I actually am a Georgia master gardener. I am a gardener here and I am a master gardener." Sandra Cason has been tending the garden here since late June. "I will probably never install a garden in July again, in this heat." But she did because she saw an opportunity to grow more than just food. "A lot of it has to do with getting people reconnected with their food." Sandra putting in the time... "Even when it's this hot out." To bring this garden back to life. "Those are actually done, that's a white cherry." Work that's often overlooked....and undervalued. "The only way to sustain them is to pay somebody to manage them." Which is why this check is so important...to those receiving it...and handing it out...like New York Life's Lydia Rayner-Syed "I was involved in the early stages of the garden. Got my hands dirty, pulled plants up and painted some boxes. This means so much that we are able to have a hand in expanding this garden because the need in this community is so great. So, it's very important to me, very special today." This grant money investing not in something...but someone. "She knows the best way to plant items in the garden. She's done a tremendous job of putting this together." A garden that is now thriving... "Cucumbers, tomatoes, more peppers." And if Sandra has it her way...much more than food and flowers will be found here. "It is very inspiring and when you see the reaction of people and they're fascinated, and they're inspired to maybe grow and maybe eat a little better, yeah, it just keeps you going."

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'so, what floor are you on? wait a little bit, then answer the question ... Angel Navarrete is looking in a new place for something he always seems to be seeking. "I tried fast food joints, I went to some restaurants, I tried to go to grocery stores. I tried everything and they say we'll call you and they never called me. It was like. OK." Navarrete is among Employability's first group of participants in Project Search, a new program for the Savannah non-profit that prepares adults with disabilities to work in the community. They are training for internships with a downtown Savannah hotel that could eventually lead to jobs in the hospitality industry. "In Savannah, tourism is one of our leading industries. So, what better place to start an adult program than hospitality ... "it's a program we've been working with for a couple of decades now with high school students. To now see it working with adults is a really great thing. Participants will learn various hotel jobs, including housekeeping, and within a few weeks will be showing up for work with program partner Northpoint Hospitality. "Supported employment helps people to gain skills that they need to be successful in the community. They are also working in competitive employment, which really important. A lot of people who have disabilities are unfortunately underemployed, but with supported employment, we are able to help them get to a place where they are competitively employed to the community. Helping welcome people to their city could make participants feel more at home in the . "It really engrains them in the community, and obviously that's what our mission is, supported employment and community integration. I think you're hitting on a really key piece to us wanting to work with the hospitality industry because it exposes people with special needs to a much larger group of people, the million and millions of tourists we have coming to Savannah every year.

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8/21/2023	6PM OD	SENIOR FOOD GIVEAWAY	<p>"In honor of National Senior Citizen Day, a local non-profit is giving away free food. Cars have been lined up here for hours all throughout the building. The executive director says...she expects around 300 families to come out here today." S-2-S Facts partnered with America's Second Harvest Of Coastal Georgia to host a pop-up food pantry in Garden City. They say the chose the city because it's where people in Chatham need them the most. Nat Sound: "Garden City has the highest poverty rate, according to the 2020 Census." Non-profit Executive Director says organizations and community groups donated food and other essential items. "Individuals who are in need of some nourishment and food, will definitely get that. We have a homeless population here that they can just walk up and get some food. We have things that they can just pop-up." Families drove up while volunteers loaded their cars. "Juices, water, cookies, non-perishables...pretty much everything you would need to have at least a week or two worth of food." S-2-S Facts says it hopes to help families with rising grocery costs. (SOT: PAUL) "I would say technically food scarcity is everywhere, especially with prices going up." Non-profit hosts free food giveaways a few times a year. But volunteers say it's important the community shows support year-round. "It is a need for food. It's a need to help people and give them what they need...and that is to give them food to eat." "In Garden City, AB, WTOG News."</p>	00:01:26
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8/22/2023	8 22	MORNING PLANT BREAK OD RIVERSIDE JOB FAIR	<p>Also-- Plant Riverside is hosting a job fair today with a number of immediate openings. They're hiring for the hotel's in-house restaurants, housekeeping, and engineering. The job fair is TODAY in the Amethyst Ballroom from 9 to 4. You can pre-register online or bring your resume with you. And make sure you dress for success. Plant Riverside is looking to offer jobs today to qualified candidates.</p>	00:00:24
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((ANNA)) "Those with the Hyundai Metaplant looking to fill about 2,000 jobs." ((VO)) Hyundai, along with other corporations, heading out the Bryan County's Job Palooza in search of applicants. Folks with Hyundai say they're looking for so many applicants because of the huge size of the metaplant. They say job fairs like this give them an opportunity to connect with potential employees and let them know what their organization is all about. They also say they were able to receive dozens of applications for several different roles they have open right now. ((SOT)) "We have various open positions in all the job areas including production, maintenance, process engineering., human resource, employer relations, finance, so we have all the areas are openings." ((ANNA)) "Those with the Hyundai Metaplant say if you weren't able to come out to the job fair, you can look for applications on LinkedIn and Indeed. Reporting in Chatham County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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"A health clinic here in Effingham County is helping some adults get the care they need. The Executive Director says they're growing, but with more patients coming in, there's a need for more healthcare providers." Nat sound: "We really believe that healthcare is a basic need, along with food and housing and those kinds of things." NON-PROFIT *TWO RIVERS HEALTH CLINIC* PROVIDES *FREE* MEDICAL CARE TO UNINSURED ADULTS IN THE COUNTY. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS TO RECEIVE SERVICE...PATIENTS MUST be in certain income brackets. "The last estimate was that there were about 10,000 people in Effingham County that were uninsured, and we've had a lot of new patients come in this year." The CLINIC SAYS THEY TRY TO MEET MANY NEEDS...ESPECIALLY WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS. "If people don't have healthcare, then they can't be productive citizens. They can't go out and maintain a job, they can't care for their families, those types of things." RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVE *3* PART-TIME PAID STAFF... BUT IT'S MOSTLY RUN BY AROUND *25* VOLUNTEERS...MANY BEING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. "We have to be able to provide the nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners that we need to be able to see the patients that are coming in." THERE'S *2* CLINICS PER MONTH...EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY. TWO RIVERS SAYS THEY'RE ADDING ANOTHER CLINIC day starting IN SEPTEMBER AND HOPES FOR A FOURTH IN JANUARY. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS THEY TREAT AROUND 5 TO 10 PATIENTS EVERY CLINIC day. BUT THAT NUMBER IS GROWING. SO FAR THIS YEAR...they say THERE have BEEN AROUND *20* NEW PATIENTS. TWO RIVERS SAYS THEY'RE ONLY TAKING PATIENTS BY APPOINTMENT. NEW PATIENTS HAVE TO WAIT UP TO A MONTH. "The challenge is that a lot of healthcare professionals are overworked and have a lot going on themselves." GETTING *MORE* HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO VOLUNTEER... CLINIC SAYS THEY COULD TAKE WALK-INS, LOWER WAIT TIMES, AND HELP MORE PEOPLE. "People have value and should be able to have basic needs met, so we want to meet those basic needs." "In Rincon, AB, WTOC News."

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8/31/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD ANNA B.: COASTAL PET RESCUE CLEANUP "Families across the area prepared their homes for the hurricane, but what about our four-legged friends without homes? Well here at Coastal Pet Rescue, I talked to the director and founder who says the community came together to help them out." Nat sound: "We had 41 dogs and cats and kittens that needed to be removed and by Tuesday at 7 pm, all of them were out." VO: COASTAL PET RESCUE DIRECTOR LISA SCARBROUGH SAYS THEY STARTED HURRICANE PREPPING LAST FRIDAY. URGING PEOPLE TO HOUSE THE ANIMALS DURING THE STORM. SHE SAYS ASIDE FROM DAMAGE TO THE KENNEL ROOF... THEY CAME OUT OKAY. BEING IN A HEAVILY WOODED AREA...SHE SAYS THERE'S STILL LOTS OF CLEAN-UP. THE DIRECTOR SAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE ALREADY HELPING PICK UP DEBRIS AND PREPARE THE SHELTER FOR THE ANIMALS TO RETURN. SHE SAYS EVEN BEING AT FULL CAPACITY...*ALL* ANIMALS HAD SAFE PLACES TO STAY DURING THE STORM. SOT: "Being able to send the animals out to fosters closer-by makes everything a little bit easier. But like I said, we started on Friday moving pets and that advantage of having additional days made sure everyone was placed by Tuesday evening." VO: SHE SAYS A FEW ANIMALS HAVE RETURNED... WITH REST COMING BACK AFTER LABOR DAY. "At Coastal Pet Rescue, AB, WTOC News." 00:01:12

9/2/2023 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K SATURDAY Y OD LINDSEY: HOMECOMING FOR ATV VICTIM "WELCOME HOME!" A homecoming fit for a hometown hero.... ((JENNY HENDRIX##GEORGIA KATE'S AUNT)) "I dont think she understands what she has done for people, what she has done for the community and other people who are going through hard times, just the perseverance and the determination and the willpower she has." Led by a motorcade of police lights and sirens, The Anderson family makes the drive they have been hoping for. ((JENNY HENDRIX##GEORGIA KATE'S AUNT)) "Today is an awesome day, she is coming home!" Coming home to a community that has continued to cheer them on from the sidelines. ((Lean Gaskin##FAMILY FRIEND)) "I wake up every morning anticipating that post on how she is doing because she has just been so strong, and her parents have done a great job keeping us informed and letting us follow along on this journey." In a statement given to WTOC Melanie, Georgia-Kate's mom says, "Our Family is so thankful for the love, prayers, and support we have received from family, friends, community, and even those we have never met. We are so thankful for today. We never could have imagined something like this. We are so thankful for everyone who showed up and for those in spirit. We give God all the Glory. It is only because of him that we can bring our daughter home today! As I have said from the beginning and will continue to say, #ONLYGOD" Tonight, a family will go to bed with a full house, and a smile a county mile wide... 00:01:17

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	MORNING	WAY KICK	Jay Wilson, of International Paper, is this year's Campaign Chair. He is here this morning with United Way	
9/6/2023	BREAK OD	OFF	Executive Director Brynn Grant with a look ahead to one of our community's most important events every	
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		200 CLUB	"It's not a matter of if, it's when we're going to have another tragedy in the twenty counties we serve, we have	
		GOLF	10,000 men and women within that twenty-county coverage area in uniform. So we have to be ready to not	
9/7/2023		TOURNAM	only care for those we have right now that we have, but also be prepared for the future." So far, the 200	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	ENT	Club has given over 3.8 million dollars to over 100 families.	00:00:22

Hi! I'm Jay Wilson, and I am proud to serve as the 2023 United Way of the Coastal Empire Campaign Chair. When I was asked to step into this role, I thought about the many ways my company's mission at International Paper Savannah Mill aligns with United Way's mission – the first and probably the most significant is our shared intention to improve lives. While we have different approaches, our goal is the same – Improving Lives. I have proudly worked with International Paper for most of my career, transforming renewable resources into products people depend on every day. This has aligned well with my work at United Way, where we connect people with resources they depend on every day. The need for the work of United Way and its funded nonprofit partners in the months and years ahead will only increase. Because while the Coastal Empire is "on a roll" with unprecedented economic development, business investment, and job creation, there will be – there already are -- growing pains and challenges in areas like housing, childcare, literacy, workforce training, and financial skills. JAY Together, we can meet the demands of this progress. BRYNN But it will take all of us rolling up our sleeves and working together. Hello, I am Brynn Grant, President and CEO of United Way of the Coastal Empire. For 85 years, our United Way has improved lives here in our community. Our mission is to improve lives and we do that by providing a safety net for the most vulnerable and pathways for upward mobility so everyone can thrive! United Way provides a social services infrastructure that improves the lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout our four-county service area every year. We do that through the Community Fund, which allows us to:

- Fund critical programs and services at high-performing nonprofit organizations through a strategic grant-making process. This year, we have awarded grants to 82 programs across 53 area nonprofit organizations, which provide everything from literacy programs and job training to quality, affordable childcare, safety for victims of abuse, and support for people with disabilities. It includes mental health support, hot meals for seniors, emergency food and shelter, and so much more. The Community Fund also allows us to:
- Support people in crisis directly through our 211 Information & Referral Service, County Service Centers, and volunteer efforts.
- Last year our 211 Information & Referral Specialists answered over 13,000 calls for help. Our United Way is a powerful example of the generosity of the human spirit and the value we place on community here. Coming together as a community to improve the lives of others, we improve our own lives and the quality of the community we love. United Way belongs to this community, this region. It is the community's asset, and it is the community that has sustained it year after year, decade after decade, since 1938. Thank you to every single person who has contributed over the last 85 years to make United Way what it is today. TOGETHER by Linda Bandelier

When the mountain is too high to climb and the river's far too wide, When the night is cold, the table's bare, and you've nothing left inside, I'll be there. I'll be there with hands to hold to lift you up again. I'll be there when you need me with a heart to call you friend. I'll be there. There are days when no one knows my name and nothing comes out right. When no one hears my story through lonely days and nights, You'll be there. You'll be there with hands to hold, to lift me up again. You'll be there when I need you with a heart to call me friend. You'll be there. Alone our hands our empty with nothing to hold or share Together we have so much more to give, to love, to dare. We'll be there. Together we have hands to hold To lift others up again. Together we have open hearts To call the stranger friend. We'll be there. Together, Together, we'll be there. I see the powerful ways United Way is making a difference every day in our community. My wife, Alicia, works with a group called CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which helps ensure our most fragile neighbors – children who have

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(:00-:09) Brad Talbert, Memorial Health's President & CEO You think about the improvement in self-esteem that children get, the expansion of their creativity, the ability to hone in on their communication skills and interaction skills with others. (:09-:20) Ben Simons, Telfair Museums' Executive Director & CEO Connecting with the children who live in our community, the families who live here, we want to introduce art into their lives and do so in way that embraces the very latest in technology The Childrens Art Museum opened a few months ago-- Ben Simons encourages everyone to become "family members" of the museum so you and the kids can come for free all year round...

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9/13/2023	4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	BRYAN CO FAMILY CONNECTI ON	<p>((ANNA)) The executive director here at Bryan County Family Connection says this study is something that's essential for the area. ((VO)) That's because right now, there are no services for mental or behavioral health throughout the county. That means people who live in Bryan County that are seeking help, are forced to turn to other places, like Savannah. For some that's possible, but this non-profit's executive director says for many, they don't have the transportation needed to travel for these services. That's why Bryan County Family Connection decided to start this assessment, to see what the needs are from community members and use that to evaluate what needs to be done to better serve those living in Bryan County. ((SOT)) "Ultimately, it helps our families become stronger, more independent families in our community, self-sufficient. And that is ultimately what we'd like to see, our families thriving in our community, being self-sufficient, giving back to the community and so I feel like mental health services are almost a building block for that." ((ANNA)) Futch is hoping they receive enough responses by the end of this year to start assessing the data they've collected. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOG News.</p>	00:01:12
9/14/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CHECK PRESENTA TION	<p>New at 6-- America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia receiving a big donation today. Parker's Kitchen donated \$100-thousand dollars to the non-profit. Part of that money is coming from Parker's round-up campaign. The campaign encourages its customers to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar. Parker's says they match the round-up by 25-percent. Greg Parker, the CEO and founder says giving back to the community is very important to them and they couldn't do it without their customers.</p>	00:00:30
9/14/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CHECK PRESENTA TION	<p>"We're so thankful for our customers and giving back to this very important initiative. We do about 120 thousand transactions a day. And our customers, they will round up to the next dollar. Whatever they give, we'll match 25 percent of that, and that really adds up." America's Second Harvest officials say this donation will go towards their mobile food pantry program that helps people in 21 counties</p>	00:00:24
9/15/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	MEMORIAL TRAUMA CENTER LEVEL 1	<p>Dr. Dunn says they have to an operating room for incoming trauma patients, and enough qualified surgeons on standby. They also have to have a program that monitors improvement. He says if our area didn't have a level one trauma center, patients may have to travel hours to Macon or another Georgia hospital for care.</p>	00:00:19

A beacon in the night, and a destination during the day. ((nat sound)) "We are from Utah and this is our bucket list trip." The Tybee Island lighthouse has been a staple for Islanders, Tourists, and lighthouse volunteers. *nat sound* And for volunteers like Jane Alexander, the lighthouse is their home away from home. ((JANE ALEXANDER##LIGHTHOUSE Volunteer)) "I do it because this is a glorious – place it really is, and it deserves to be kept up and preserved." But the price to do that is growing. That's after a routine inspection last winter found the windows that protect the light source had been dripping. That has allowed water to seep into the brick and create weaknesses and cracks. The Tybee Island Historical Society has already been testing how much work it would take to remove the current paint so they can make repairs. Sarah Jones says they are on a time crunch to get started before the lighthouse takes any more damage. ((SARAH JONES##TYBEE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY)) "The Problems that have to be corrected will only get worse if we dont fix it but putting it off is not an option for us, we have to move forward." The Tybee Island Historical Society currently has 750,000 dollars raised, but is looking to close the gap. ((SARAH JONES##TYBEE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY)) "We do probably a half-million dollar project every 3 to 4 years but this all came at once. And we have the majority to do about 75% of project saved, because we knew the painting was coming up and that was gonna be 750,000 so we have that plus some reserved saved for emergencies what we need is that last little bit to help us get the entire project done."

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"The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire says it's hosting its annual casino and golf event to help families in need." Nat sound: "Much like in Vegas, the house always wins and in this case, it's the Ronald McDonald House." Ronald McDonald House's local chapter is hosting its 9th annual two-day event... *Beer, Guys, Cigars, Golf, And Casino* to support critically ill kids and their families. The chapter's CEO says around 250 people helped kick off its *Vegas in Savannah* night Sunday. "Pretty much everyone that's at this event tonight could actually have to use our house because of an accident or a call from a doctor. So, the community supporting a house that's been here for 36 years shows that they are doing that." The event featured casino games, bourbon tasting, food, drinks, prizes, and more. Soroachak says *all* money raised tonight will support local kids and their families... And he expects to raise over *120-thousand* dollars these next two days. SOT: BILLY "To our families, they don't know anybody that's here or that's listening to us, but the fact that they know that there's people out there that do stuff for them without knowing them, I can't tell you how much that means to them." "There's so many people who need that extra hand, especially when going through difficult times, traumatic experiences and stuff like that." A person at the event says...it's important the community comes out and supports Ronald McDonald House families. SOT: LAURA "When the only thing they are focused on is their child, they're not worried about anything else, and the Ronald McDonald House is there to support them and get them through all that." "The two-day event runs until tomorrow with the open golf tournament. At Savannah Harbor, AB, WTOC News."

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9/18/2023		RMHC	"It's been two days of just amazing support from a phenomenal community. At the end of this we're going to	
3:00:00 PM	3PM	GOLF	net over \$120-thousand dollars which is going to provide 12-hundred family night stays for those that need it	
		TOURNAM	the most." Again all the money raised from the two day event goes to help support kids and their families	
		ENT	staying at the Ronald McDonald House right here in the Coastal Empire.	00:00:23

		CURE		
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		FUNDRAISER	Tomorrow- Java Burrito is hosting a give back event as a fundraiser to help cure childhood cancer. It starts	
9/18/2023		ER	tomorrow morning at 7 A-M and goes until 9 P-M. It's at both locations in Downtown Savannah and Hilton	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	TOMORROW	Head. 15 percent of all sales will be donated to CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER charity and organizers say	
		W	future catering orders paid for *tomorrow will count as well as gift cards purchases.	00:00:23

			Here's a look at just some of the programs the grant will go to support. - Farm Truck 912 - The mobile	
		BO:	farmer's market that sales affordable and healthy food throughout our community. - The Truman Linear Park	
9/19/2023		HEALTHY	Trail. Parts of it are already done. But the overall goal of the project is to link 75% of Savannah's	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SAV CDC	neighborhoods. - And the relaunch of the Savannah-Chatham Food Policy Council. Which would help tackle	
		FUNDING	issues like access to affordable food in certain communities.	00:00:28

		THURSDAY		
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		RABIES	Also tomorrow- there will be a free clinic for dogs at the canal side of Enmarket Arena. It's a partnership	
9/20/2023		VACCINE &	between Chatham Emergency Management Agency, Chatham County Animal Services, Renegade Paws	
9:00:00 AM	9 20	MICROCHIP	Rescue and Enmarket Arena. It's happening from 3 to 6. WTOC will be there! There will be 500 free rabies	
		P	vaccines and microchips available. Parking is free and they ask that you park in Parking Lot J for the arena.	00:00:24

		SENIOR FARMER MARKET PROGRAM DEADLINE	Lets get into some things you need to know If you're a South Carolina senior... and you use vouchers to buy your fresh produce... you may want to use them now before you lose them You have until October 15... which is less than a month away... to use your vouchers... for the 20-23 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Remember last year's vouchers do not carry over from year to year. If you've never heard of this program it provides qualifying individuals with five checks worth \$10 that can be used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at local authorized farmers' markets.	00:00:34
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		SENIOR FARMER MARKET PROGRAM DEADLINE	Here are the farms that participate in the Senior Farmers Market program in our area... In Beaufort... you can go to the Four Seasons Produce off Trask Parkway. And in Hampton County... you can go to Tuten Farms off Altman Road.	00:00:13
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		TIM: LOW COUNTRY DOWN SYNDROME RAFFLE	The drawing will be at the Buddy Walk in Forsyth Park on October 7th. That's when one person will win a car donated by the Grainger family - either a Honda CRV or a Nissan Rogue. Only 1-thousand raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Proceeds will help fund LDSS Family Support Program.	00:00:17
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		RENEGADE PAWS CLINIC AT ENMARKET ARENA	Happening tomorrow - Chatham Emergency Management Agency, Chatham County Animal Services, Renegade Paws Rescue, and Enmarket Arena are teaming up for a free rabies vaccine and microchip clinic. Microchips are provided by the microchipping company, fi, to Renegade Paws Rescue. This event is for dogs only. It's happening from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at Enmarket Arena. Parking is free for the event. WTOC will also be there so we hope you'll stop by and say hello.	00:00:27
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			Vo The Alzheimer's Association is global, with walks to end the disease spread out in communities like ours. A personal connection causes many people to join the cause... people like Carolyn Bush. Sot "My mom and I was always close." Vo Her mom passed a few years ago, after being diagnosed in 2011. Carolyn became her mother's caregiver, supporting her while the disease took over and keeping in mind the person she was before it. Sot: "I knew my mom before dementia, and I know that wasn't her." Vo split into two sentences -- ??? She says it allowed them to spend more time together, but adds especially more than a decade ago... it was difficult to navigate treatments and find support. Sot "There was not a cure and there was very little known about how to take care of someone going through Alzheimer's in 2011." Vo Now through organizations like the one she volunteers for, help is more readily available... and for how you can be a part of that this World Alzheimer's Day... Carolyn has a recommendation. Sot "I want them to realize that today might be my day , but it'll be your day tomorrow and to be ready to accept the responsibilities of supporting a family if you are not going through it or reach out to the organization and support the organization." Vo In Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	
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			And in just about a month- The 20-23 "Walk to End Alzheimer's" will take place both in the Coastal Empire and the Lowcountry. Those events will be on October 28th- The Savannah event starts at 9 am at Lake Mayer Community Park. and there will also be one in Bluffton- starting at 10 am at the Promenade. You can register or donate for those events online.	
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			(nats) 'We do a swipe down..' And that's how easy it is to scan your pet for a microchip. It's a process that takes only seconds, but could save you days, or weeks, of looking for your dog down the line. "A success story when a dog is found that has a microchip is a simple success story, because we can look up that person, call the number, and reunite the families." The benefits to microchipping your dog don't stop there. When a lost dog is found in Chatham County, they're put on hold at Animal Services.. taking up valuable kennel space. Weymouth: "Right now, Chatham County is one of the highest rates for euthanasia for pets in Georgia.." And the availability of that kennel- could be the difference between life and death, for another dog. Weymouth: "We want every tool at our disposal to stop that from happening. One of those is making sure that we can reunite lost dogs. That can save lives, if those dogs aren't sitting in the shelter waiting for their owner." Weymouth says that it's important to have your dog microchipped at any time- but if you don't have that done, or don't have up-to-date information on that microchip, now is the perfect time to take care of it. Weymouth: "The holidays are coming up, or a hurricane might be coming through, and you have to make these quick decisions, Therese are all times where any dog, in any situation, in a loving home, could get out. So really this clinic is for everybody."	
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9/22/2023 3:00:00 PM 3PM AMAZON: Just a couple hours ago...Amazon doing what they do best...making a delivery. This one to the Dwayne and
CHILDREN Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital in Savannah. More specifically, to the pediatric patients being treated
S there. Amazon had reached out to the hospital and asked them to create a wish list for the patients...and
HOSPITAL today they did as their new facility says they would, and both fulfilled and distributed those gifts to the kids.
WISHL LIST Making for a memorable day for all invovled 00:00:28

9/22/2023 3:00:00 PM 3PM AMAZON: "For me personally it's just awesome to get invovled in the local community. Knowing that a little act can go a
CHILDREN long way and make a childs day." "This is one of those things that really brightens the kids days. Anytime we
S can provide a special toy or art items just really elevates their day and makes it a happy spot." Amazon
HOSPITAL says they hope this is just the first of many opportunities to get out to connect and give back to their new
WISHL LIST community. 00:00:26

"Old Savannah City Mission is celebrating some new and updated facilities, and all those who made that possible." The non-profit provides overnight shelter, food, and even a 13-month drug and alcohol program. Executive Director says it hosts around 100 men every night...and feeds even more. "As a matter of fact, we feed approximately 300,000 meals a year. Over 100,000 of those meals are actually in our kitchen." Jermaine Ray is the program director, he says facilities had to grow to keep up with need. "Every year we have an increase in our homeless population. So, we're getting more and more homeless men and women who were coming to get our services." The three-year project expanded the kitchen and dining area. Now...he says more people can be served *and* seated. SOT: JERMAINE "To be able to have everybody in at one time, everybody eats together. We just feel it's more efficient that way and it gives friends and neighbors that time for everyone to talk to one another when they come in the building." Ray says it used to only fit 60 people... But now...that's doubled. Nat sound: "I love the dining hall where we can put all these men in together...we can put 120 men in there." The Director of Development says renovations were made possible by donations... With every dollar making a difference. "You can walk by and look at their faces and they're so thankful. They're to a point in their lives where they have to have somebody who's never even met them, love them so much they'll dig into their pocket and be like hey i want to buy food for these people." "At Old Savannah City Mission, AB, WTOC News." 00:01:33

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9/25/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CAMILLE: TYBEE OYSTER REEF LL "Tybee Island Maritime Academy students need your help filling this oyster shell recycling bin here at Tybee Public Works." "It takes the oyster shells six months to cure and that's when we can start building the oyster reef." As eighth graders, that's at the top of Sophie Suarez and Annie Windsor's to-do list, creating an oyster reef along Tybee's shore. "One of the benefits is it does build a living shoreline which does help with the water." When Suarez and some of her classmates started this project in seventh grade, she says they learned that oyster shells not only clean the water but also help stop erosion. "After a while, islands have just eroded away because of how much the waves are pushing it back so we're going to try and stop that with Tybee and just try and help with the erosion and try and keep Tybee lasting longer." That's why they're asking for the community's help. "We decided that we want to take some of the oyster shells from the local restaurants around Tybee and recycle the oysters." In May, they went to the Tybee City Council and asked them to create a place where people can recycle their oyster shells. The city delivered on that request with the help of the Department of Natural Resources. According to teachers, two Tybee restaurants have agreed to recycle their shells and they're hoping more will join the team. And if you live on the island and decide to have an oyster roast, you can donate too and help them help your community. "I didn't really look further into the environment and how much it needed help until I got to this school." A school teaching students how to make a difference. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:36

9/26/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm SAV WATER DEPT. JOB FAIR TOMORRO W If you're looking for a job - make sure your resume is ready. The Savannah Water Resources Department is hiring. The group is looking to fill open jobs across 7 of their departments with a career fair tomorrow. It's happening at the Savannah Civic Center from 1 p-m to 6:30. They say all their jobs help to meet their goal of thoughtful management of water resources and greenspaces. 00:00:22

9/27/2023 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K CHICK FIL A COOKIES FOR CURE FUNDRAISER Check it out--- All of the proceeds from chocolate chunk cookie sales at Chick-Fil-A on *Tuesday benefitted local chapters of the non-profit CURE childhood cancer. It's all part of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. All 10 locations across the Coastal Empire and lowcountry took part in the fundraiser. We caught up with one of the leaders for CURE...who says the fundraiser has gotten a lot of talk on social media. 00:00:25

9/27/2023 4:59:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K CHICK FIL A COOKIES FOR CURE FUNDRAISER "so we've seen lots of posts online we've been tagged in lots of posts where people are picking up for the day and I know several patients parents purchased cookies for the whole class at school or done really sweet things like that." If you miss Tuesday's sale-- no worries. You can sign up on their website to be a volunteer for future events. 00:00:22

<p>9/27/2023 3:00:00 PM 3PM</p>	<p>SECOND HARVEST PARKERS ANNOUNC EMENT</p>	<p>It may not look like much to some right now...but soon this will be the center of the fight to end hunger in the Coastal Empire. "Oh, it is unbelievable to know that in just a few months we're going to be in this new wonderful, efficient building and we're going to be able to help the community so much more. It's just exciting for us." America's Second Harvest of the Coastal Empire roughly doubling their size. "From 78-thousand square feet, to 145 thousand." And more importantly...increasing their reach. "That means we'll be able to more than double the number of meals we'll be able to serve children." But of course, turning this...into this...has meant getting a little support. "Our responsibility is to try to help in every community we do business." But for Greg Parker...this cause has a special place in his heart. "When you find out hunger is such an ever-present problem in the Coastal Empire you think, 'what can we do to give back?'" Which they have through their round-up campaign. But Wednesday...they took it a little further...about a million dollars further. "Wow, that's all I can say is wow. This is so awesome, and it is such unbelievable support from Parkers and the Parkers Community Fund. We cannot begin to thank them enough." Of course, for Parkers, a thank you isn't necessary. "I am thrilled to be a part of this. The whole Parkers team is thrilled to be a part of this." So, sure it may look like just a big empty building for now...but on a day like this it's so clearly full...full of hope...and full of belief of what it will one day do for those in need. "This building is going to be so great for our community and the impact it's going to have for children and seniors and families. It's going to be generations and generations to come."</p>	<p>00:01:41</p>
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**ISSUE 15--HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE A GREAT ASSET TO NON PROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY.
BLOOD DONATION PLACES IN NEED OF BLOOD, GREAT SAVANNAH COMMUNITY CLEANUP
INCLUDING WTOC TEAM HELPING**

SOURCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.

<p>7/16/2023 7:00:00 AM</p>	<p>7AM DAYBREA K SUNDAY OD</p>	<p>ANNA HALF HOUR HIT</p>	<p>Tonight.. a beach cleanup happening on Tybee Island. The organizers behind 'Fight Dirty Tybee' are inviting people to meet them by the pier for a cleanup from 6:30 to 7:30 tonight... where you can help pick-up trash people left on the beach.</p>	<p>00:00:14</p>
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<p>9/11/2023 4:59:00 PM</p>	<p>5PM OD</p>	<p>BLOOD SHORTAGE</p>	<p>"We've had a shortage, there's now a critical need for blood O-negative. There's a need for all blood types to serve and continue serving the needs of our community." You can help by making an appointment to give blood at the Savannah Blood Connection or the American Red Cross</p>	<p>00:00:16</p>
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<p>9/20/2023 3:00:00 PM</p>	<p>3PM</p>	<p>BEAUFORT SHRIMP FESTIVAL</p>	<p>The Beaufort Shrimp Festival is October 6th and 7th at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. The festivities kick off Friday evening with a live band. And Saturday is the "Run Forrest Run" 5-K. The city is still looking for volunteers to help out. You can find more information on our website WTOC dot com.</p>	<p>00:00:18</p>
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		GREAT SAVANNAH COMMUNITY CLEANUP	Also coming up this weekend is the Great Savannah Community Cleanup. It is a city wide day of service where residents, businesses, and local community organizations come together to beautify and improve the city of Savannah. You can participate by removing litter and debris from public areas or doing a beautification project. You can register at the websit on your screen. It's all taking place from 8 am to 1 pm.	00:00:25
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		WTOC AT GREAT SAVANNAH CLEAUP	Check it out- Team WTOC came out this morning to help in the annual Great Savannah Community Cleanup. It's a partnership between Keep Savannah Beautiful and and the City of Savannah's Sanitation Department. It's a city-wide event were residents, businesses and local community organizations come together to improve the city by removing litter and debris from public areas. Our Aria Janel says that even though the city dedicates a morning to clean- it's something that people could be doing every day.	00:00:30
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		WTOC AT GREAT SAVANNAH CLEAUP	This day is meant for everyone to get out and pick up the trash that they're seeing, but this is something that people really could be doing any day of the week. It only takes 2-3 seconds to look down when you're walking through our beautiful city. If you see something- pick it up, put it in the nearest trash can, so that days like this aren't needed as often."	00:00:21
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ISSUE16 DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND TOURISM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. SJC MEDICAL FACILITY AT NEW HYUNDAI PLANT AND IN RICHMOND HILL, CHAZITOS FEATURED ON FOOD NETWORK, HYUNDAI JOB TRAINING IN VIDALIA BRYAN CO. HENDRIX PARK UPDATE, SAVANNAH APARTMENT PROPOSAL, TATTNALL HOSPITAL EXPANSION, NEW WESTIN LLC FACILITY IN LIBERTY COUNTY, BRYAN CO. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, LIBERTY CO. JOBS, MPC AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TOY STORES PREPPING FOR HOLIDAY, EVANS MEMORIAL ICU OPENING, FEEDBACK ON HARDEEVILLE VET PARK, EFFINGHAM CO. GROWTH, \$ 6.5 MILLION PROJECT TO HELP THOSE FACING HOMELESSNESS IN SAVANNAH, HILTON HEAD MID SUMMER TOURISM DIP, DOWNTOWN HINESVILLE REVAMP, EFFINGHAM JOB FAIR AND EMPLOYMENT OVERALL, HYUNDAI FIRST SHIPMENT, HHI WORKFORCE HOUSING, CAT MASTER PLAN APPROVED, STATESBORO CHAMBER BUILDING MOVE, HELENA ISLAND DEVELOPMENT, SAVANNAH BANANAS EXHIBIT IN BASEBALL BALL OF FAME, HHI AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, BULLOCH TRANSPORTATION MEETING TO DEVELOP IN DEPTH TRANSPORTATION PLAN, POOLER BUSINESS UPDATES, BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EXPANSION, HHI WORKFORCE HOUSING, HHI NURSES TO BE HELPED WITH HOUSING, SAVANNAH ZONING CONCERNS, REVAMPING OLD SAVANNAH EAST SIDE THEATER AND DEVELOPING BUILDINGS WITH FIVE FLOORS

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

"This is where they're building the St. Joseph's Candler medical facility and it will be about 7,700 square feet with one doctor and 25 employees." (sot) "It's absolutely seamless." CEO Paul Hinchey says they've had this idea in mind for years. In fact, they already have a clinic serving construction workers. As for this new facility.. "It provides all the primary care, all the occupational medicine for it. It has a pharmacy. It has an xray unit." The doctor who will run the center is coming from the National Institutes of Health. (sot) "He specializes in workman's comp injuries. He specializes in reviewing policy and procedure." The facility is already fully staffed with nurse practitioners, assistants, physical therapists and more professionals. The Hyundai plant is set to open fall 2024. The medical center will first open in May of 2024 on weekdays for eight hours. (sot) "To do all of our mock drills, all three shifts, the what ifs, things like that." Hinchey hopes it will be open 24 hours, 5 days a week and partially on the weekends at the beginning of 2025. He says this is the first model of its kind in the country. Manufacturing plants typically use outside vendors for health care, according to Hinchey. (sot) "Healthcare can be fragmented enough." St. Joseph's Candler also plans to open a 10,000 square foot medical office across from the EV plant to care for families and partners of the project. He says he hopes to inspire other companies. (Sot) "I've got a feeling it's probably going to become more of a model in manufacturing than contracting out you're medical care in the clinic." The Hyundai EV Plant is expected to bring more than 8 thousand jobs to our area. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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7/10/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD FACILITY SJC UPDATE ON RH "You see the St. Joseph's Candler Richmond Hill campus is in it's early stages of construction but CEO Paul Hinchey tells me they're on track for their completion date." That date for the first phase, including a 15 thousand square foot building, is set for February 20-24. It's right across from the Heartwood Development bringing 10 thousand homes over 25 years. It will provide primary care, urgent care and a wellness center for people living nearby. Hinchey says the wellness aspect is apart of their Be Health initiative and will provide exercise and health tips for residents. Hinchey says this is a rare project about three years in the making. "So there's space in that building where the patients can do their pre-opt care, post-opt care right there where they live and that hasn't happened before." And the next phase is expected to be ready four years from now. It will be 40 thousand square feet with imaging, labs and medical offices. "When all five stages of this project are complete, they expect it will cost roughly \$70 million. Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:03

7/10/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD FEATURE CHAZITOS FOOD NETWORK Vo You can't miss it. From the sign outside, to the face inside... Guy Fieri has certainly left his mark here at Chazito's in Pooler. Nat Welcome to Flavortown Vo The chef and owner here Chaz Ortiz... Nat oh yeah baby Vo is about as energetic as the frosted tip celebrity who ate here in February. Sot "Literally like hey we saw the show and we got in our car and drove over there." Nat love it love it Vo The episode aired on Food Network Friday... and since... Sot "Mayhem, love it. Controlled chaos." Vo Fieri tried two items from this menu, the Sloppy Jose, and the... Nat mofo burger Vo AKA mofongo burger, a type of plantain. Both of which have become more popular in the last few days. Sot "He tasted it he was just like wow. He gave me a lot of advice too from a cooking standpoint on everything." Vo His non-celebrity customers feeling the same way... minus the advice. Nat fantastic Vo Chaz tells me the tickets are piling up quicker than before, with folks coming from all over the area to get some of his now famous food. Sot "I had somebody from Charlotte come I was like what and Jacksonville. It's been crazy - all kind of people driving - I guess and a lot of people do road trips and they follow him, so they map it out." Vo He says they're up to the task, with every intention of fully capitalizing on this new spotlight. Nat thank you Vo In Pooler, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:20

		SJC	And we're learning more about the St. Joseph's Candler expansion in Richmond Hill. The campus is in	
	4:30AM	UPDATE	it's early stages of construction off Belfast Keller Road... -- but Hinchey says they're on track to open in	
7/11/2023	DAYBREA	ON RH	February. The first phase will include a 15 thousand square foot building. It will provide primary care,	
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			Reporter Front: Many of those who have tried Chef Bernards's food say it will take you on a cultural journey. But I will show you how he started in a food truck to now owning a full-blown restaurant. sot "The whole journey started through the pandemic, I thought I had got my dream job in Chicago but the whole world shut down, it had me really contemplate what to do next." And the decision led him to South Carolina to be with family. "So you know I made up my mind to come down to Bluffton, then I knew that this was a project that I definitely gonna do." During that time, he says he felt the need to expand people's taste buds, so he started a food truck. sot "I'm using my vision of the origin of our foods in my opinion from West Africa through the Caribbean to America." But he soon realized he wanted to bring something bigger than a truck to the community. sot "Nobody is doing this flavor palette; I want to be bold I want to tell a story I want to showcase the love I have for cuisine. We are very passionate about what we are doing in bringing in a level of complexity and love to what we do. I think that there needs to be more places like that in Bluffton." And that is why a new restaurant he co-owns and cooks for is open for business in downtown Bluffton. sot "Okan means heart in soul in the language of Yoruba. Yoruba is the first language of West Africa so I thought while I am trying to represent our roots and pathways of the forced migration, we should use a language that was spoken then." But he says he hopes the food talks for itself once people get a taste. sot "Jollof rice you can't have west African representation without Jollof rice and many other things cashew curry. Cashew curry has been one of our biggest hits." sot " Everything is done through food, so I am definitely trying to teach people a little bit of a history lesson. Rice was the cash crop rice if it hadn't been for forced migration maybe rice wouldn't be in this country. Different things like that. Just showcasing those little nuggets is my goal. Now, if you learn fantastic, if you don't you had a fantastic meal so it works either way." Reporter Tag: Chef Bernard says that the restaurant will be open Wednesday through Sunday and you can check the hours on our website. In Bluffton, Michaela Romero WTOC	
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(sot) The signing today means potential employees for Hyundai and potential careers for Southeastern Tech students. (vo) A few signatures created an new program to train electric vehicle technicians through the school. The program will include three courses for automotive shop operations, automotive electrical principles, and the operation and service of electric vehicles (sot) "Hyundai recognized the importance of the technical college system in Georgia. In fact, there are a part of how this announcement of this plant happened." (vo) School leaders pointed to the opportunities students will have for jobs and a career. (sot) "The big benefit is that we get access to the latest and greatest technology. We'll even be using some of their equipment." (vo) Both sides point to the regional employment impact the metaplant will have. (sot) Our research shows that people from the area surrounding the plant, even where we're standing right now, are already driving in that area for work. (sot) In Vidalia, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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(LLIVE IN) "Rebuilding Bryan County... that's what the county's parks and recreation department tells me this project is all about." (SOT) "There were down poles, down fences, tree stumps everywhere. It literally looked like several bombs had gone off in the park and just destroyed everything." (VO) Now, it's almost entirely up and running again. Some new football and baseball fields are ready for use... while others are close.. (SOT) "Fields one through four, where we play again youth baseball and softball, those are just a few weeks away from completion." (VO) This park is something Smith says... the community here relies on. (SOT) "This park is huge for the community in this area of the county. It's the main spot for folks around here, both youth and adult to recreate." (VO) ..and eager to get back to. (SOT) "People are hungry for, to get out and participate and recreate, be active, and this is a super opportunity for them." (VO) ..and grateful for.. (SOT) "A lot of appreciation, people that everywhere from using the trails to being allowed to have their children in recreation here at this facility again as apposed to going to some outside agencies or schools." (VO) And the project isn't over yet... a new recreational center is on its way. (LLIVE OUT) "Smith tells me that new recreational center is up for bid right now. He says contractors have told him they think the project will take about 18 months so he's hopeful it will be done sometime in early 2025. Reporting in Bryan County Anna Stansfield WTOC News."

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(sot) You can see some of the demo work already underway. Hospital leaders say this project will help them continue to serve the community. (vo) They're building a new wing for patient rooms and a new lobby and entrance as a way to phase out older parts of the original hospital building. (sot) We have done a lot of renovation. But at some point, we needed a bigger footprint, we needed a warehouse, and we needed a bigger lobby. (vo) They'll shift the current wing of patient rooms into another use. Optim leaders say it's part of their dual purpose as a orthopedic surgery center as well as a overall hospital. (sot) For the medical patients admitted through our ER, they deserve the same exact experience as our surgery patients. (vo) In 2008, Optim bought Tattnall Memorial Hospital after the county closed it. While it serves thousands of surgery and rehab patients a year, they also maintain an Emergency Room and other services. (sot) .but at the same time, we're a critical access hospital in South Georgia. It's our main mission - to provide critical care to the people of this county. (vo) The two projects combined will add 13,000 square feet to the campus at a cost of roughly \$6 million. (sot) They hope to have both projects finished summer of next year. In Reidsville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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WASHINGTON D-C DEVELOPER *M-E-D* NOW OWNS THE BUILDING AT 45-TH AND BULL STREET. PROPERTY RECORDS ONLINE SHOW...MED BOUGHT IT LAST JUNE FOR TWO-POINT-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. THE 2-ACRE LOT JUST OFF VICTORY DRIVE CONTAINS A TWO-STORY APARTMENT AND THE *NOW* VACANT CONSIGNMENT SHOP. THE DEVELOPER'S CONSTRUCTION PLAN THEY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY...INCLUDES BUILDING A *181*-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX. (nats) "We were forced to have to move." *BULL STREET ESTATE SALES AND CONSIGNMENTS* OWNER SAYS...THEY RELOCATED LAST MONTH. *NOW*...THEY'RE AT THE CORNER OF WATERS AND EISENHOWER. (LISA ARCOS/BULL STREET ESTATE SALES AND CONSIGNMENTS OWNER) "Fortunately, we found a new location, it's just a lot smaller than the old one." SHE SAYS...IT WILL BE AN ADJUSTMENT BUT IS HOPEFUL ABOUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES. (SOT: LISA) "I think it'll be really busy here. And we've had a lot of good, you know, feedback from people. A lot of people say it's closer to them. And so I'm hoping that we'll keep our existing clientele and add new clientele." ARCOS SAYS THEY PLAN ON OPENING THEIR NEW LOCATION THIS WEEKEND... AND FOR OTHER BULL STREET BUSINESS... (nats) "I think that we have to look at it from a positive kind of light because it's bringing more people to this part of town." LATE AIR WINE BAR SITS RIGHT NEXT TO THE SITE. THE OWNER SAYS ALTHOUGH THE STREET MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT... (COLIN BRELAND/OWNER, LATE AIR WINE BAR) "I feel like it's something that will change the overall aesthetic of the neighborhood..." HE SAYS HE FEELS IT WILL BRING VOLUME *AND* VALUE TO THE SAVANNAH STREET. (SOT Colin) "There's not really much being done right now to keep it clean and looking good over here. So, I see it as a positive because it's people investing on the street, rather than just watching it deteriorate." APARTMEN T I REACHED OUT TO MED DEVELOPERS TO SEE WHEN WE COULD EXPECT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN...BUT I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE YET. IN SAVANNAH, ANNA BLACK, WTOC NEWS.

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"We started in an airplane hangar in Hilton Head and we just kinda grew and grew to where we are now here for 24 years. The original owner was a performer and it used to be you had to have a few kazooos for a performance because of the moisture in your breath he started experimenting with a kazoo that will last a little longer for a performance that kinda where are kazooos took off." Sarah Barnwell, the Marketing Director at Kazoobie Kazooos says that was just the start of their kazoo journey but today, their main goal is to educate and give guests an experience. So "We have them walk through our museum it's self-guided and interactive, and they learn about all the different styles of kazooos and the history then we watch a couple of videos and we go over a bunch of instruments and then we take them to the back of the factory where we assemble these million kazooos a year and 5 thousand a day." Those kazooos are then boxed up and shipped all over the world. So "We do a ton of kazooos to Europe on a regular basis and then we do orders to Japan South Korea China Vietnam all over the place." She says it may be a lot, but the process is simple. So "the body and the cap and this is where all the magic comes from this tiny resonator little membrane right here and we just stick one of these in our bodies of the kazoo and we come into the capper, and we insert the kazoo and that air is going to send a plate at the top of the kazoo its very quick, the magic happens and you just got a kazoo." So simple even I could figure it out. So sound "pop, you just made a kazoo, cool, so you put your mouth right here? Yeah, you got to hum...blows into the kazoo." While it may not be the most sophisticated toy or the most elegant instrument...seeing how people react when they play one for themselves...well that is truly music to her ears. So pop kazoo playing In Beaufort, Michaela Romero WTOC nat pop kazoo-----

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 MICHAELA: KAZOOBIE KAZOO STORY

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FURNITURE COMPANY TO LIBERTY COUNTY The Liberty County Development Authority says Westin Group L-L-C is building a new facility. The furniture company supplies retail and online markets. The new building will go up in two phases. It's happening at the corner of Sunbury Road and M-L Coffey Court in the Tradeport East Business Park. The new company is set to invest more than 25 million dollars to come to the Coastal Empire.

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It's been said that planning is the real prevention of chaos. This is exactly what Bryan County hopes happens as a result of their efforts. ((SOT COVERED IN VO)) "The important thing is to plan for that growth and I think that we have gotten ahead of a lot of the growth." Imagine this- the year is 2045. the Hyundai plant has been up and running for more than a decade and Bryan County has grown to the estimated 10,000 people. That's what Bryan County is planning for right now, in 2023. ((MATTHEW KENT##BRYAN COUNTY PIO SOT)) "The comprehensive plan is really a living document, every 5 years it is updated, because communities change in 5 years. And the real goal of these plans is to set character areas." Meaning - the county would designate different areas for different purposes like industrial or residential. The Bryan Blueprint 2045, is a 26-page plan to address concerns about the growth that the county is and will be experiencing. Over the past year, county leaders have been holding public hearings, and collecting survey data that will help steer the county in the way its needs and wants to go. According to the Survey, residents have put Traffic and Congestion, Preservation, and Future Planning as its top 3 Priorities. All of these are addressed in the plan. "The citizens see the growth that is happening and what the roads look like right now, Gdot has expedited a lot of their projects." As for preservation, there is a plan for that too. "We want to be proper stewards for the environment as well as making sure that we are growing at a responsible pace. Things like boundaries and rezoning are all going into place to keep the growth controlled.

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Westin Furniture is the fourth major industry announcement for Liberty County just this year, according to the development authority. It'll be located at Tradeport East, the county's industrial park located off of I-95 at exit 76. This photo shows what the company's Ontario location looks like. Westin is expected to invest more than \$25.6 million and create 80 jobs initially, which would increase to 180 jobs total in the future. "That's the most important thing. We're creating jobs for our citizens. Good jobs for our citizens." With this most recent addition, Brown says there's been nearly 500 jobs announced in Liberty County just this year. Other businesses include: Seohan Auto, a manufacturer for Bryan County's Hyundai Metaplant, Creative Home Ideas – an online retailer for home décor, and Pallatize, an e-commerce company. "It's not just auto manufacturing-related businesses that are coming, those are coming to our area, but it's really just put Coastal Georgia on the map to other industries. Some of these have nothing to do with the auto dealership." This comes as the Georgia Department of Labor says the state experienced record high job numbers in June. Just last month, the state is up by 109,900 jobs, or 2.3 percent, compared to this time last year... Putting the total number of jobs at more than 4.9 million, an all-time high. As for Liberty County – Brown says they're starting to benefit from Hyundai's move to their neighboring county. "They are more than booming. There are years where we've had no interest from anyone. We've had interest from probably 25 industries this year. We've landed four of them so far, and we expect some more." LL TAG: Construction on Westin Furniture has already begun, and Brown says it's expected to be operational in about a year's time. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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The 3 day event will run from October 20th through the 22nd at J.F. Gregory Park. Last week, the festival released the artist lineup for their big concert. Country artists Gary Allan, Travis Denning, Colby Acuff, Catie Offerman and Will Moseley will all hit the stage Saturday, October 21st. For ticket information and a full schedule of the festival, head to our website WTOC dot com.

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LL INTRO: The City of Hardeeville plans to tear down these buildings behind me in order to build a new Veteran's Park. But before they do that, they'll be taking public comment next Tuesday to see what the final park should look like. The park, which will be located next to the Hardeeville Library, is part of Hardeeville's master plan for the municipal hub near city hall. A recreational area that is already next to the library will also be included in the new park. If you're interested, you can share your ideas for the design next Tuesday at the Hardeeville Public Library from 5 to 7 pm. "This is sort of the next step in that the catalyst for that master plan was the desire to create a veteran's park, and so again, we have some concepts but we want to finalize the design and that's why we're asking the public to come out and especially our veterans to come out and give us their thoughts and ideas for what this park should ultimately look like." Hardeeville officials hope that veteran's park is more than a memorial space, but also becomes an active place in the community. In Hardeeville, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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<p>7/26/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>BEAUFORT MEMORIAL NOW ON HHI</p>	<p>"We wanted to make sure that we had somebody that would take good care of our employees and take good care of our patients and that would help grow health care on Hilton Head Island because we definitely need more health care services." Vo Island Imaging has been here a decade, providing CT scans, mammograms, ultrasounds and more... but as its leaders look toward retirement, they tell me now they hope to heal a more general issue in this community. Sot: "There is definitely a shortage of health care. We get patients asking us every single day who they can see." Vo She says that specifically relates to primary care, something Beaufort Memorial has goals to increase. Sot: "This gives us a chance to get know the community in a different and better way - them to know us - and it gives us the chance to expand upon the great care Island Imaging has been giving here." Vo For any patients that currently use services here the hospital CEO says there's no need to worry. Telling me only they'll be adding to this practice. Sot "Our goal is from the outside looking in to not see much of a change either. We want this to be a seamless transition for the staff, for the community."</p>	<p>00:01:08</p>
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<p>7/26/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>MPC AFFORDAB LE HOUSING</p>	<p>These renderings show what they could look like once built. According to an application from developer G-M Shay... these apartments would be for "small families and/or couples who have been displaced, or who are at risk of being displaced, due to the high cost of rental housing in the neighborhood and Savannah." The developer says they expect to rent at or near a fair market price in Savannah of just over 12-hundred dollars. They would be built on city property and Savannah's Affordable Housing Fund... combined with private funding... would pay for construction of these apartments... according to the application. Some residents did speak out against the project saying they still need to know what will go into the retail space. Savannah's Housing and Neighborhood Services tried to clear up any confusion.</p>	<p>00:00:48</p>
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			"This is not transitional housing. This is not a shelter for the homeless. This just a high quality apartment housing for people that can no longer afford the cost of housing." Ultimately the Historic Preservation Commission approved height exceptions for the building today along with some requirements to make sure the building is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The developer says those exceptions were needed in order to keep the future units here affordable.	
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John Crowley, the owner of Planet Fun is kind of like Santa Clause. sot "We sell pretty much everything from old toys to new stuff, wrestlers to superheroes barbies, monster high, my little ponies then of course comic books and video games." And much like Santa...he loves his job and knows the impact a simple toy can have. sot " There is something that draws you to it as a kid, and we kind of forget that because iPad are so hypnotizing." For him toys are a combination of art and imagination and it's his job to help kids' imaginations soar. Which is why, like an elf, he gets to work months before the holiday season even arrives. And it all starts by using his ears. sot "It's mostly about listening, because there is no resource, as far as I have seen that is useful. There will be lists that are the hot Christmas item but it's like eh I don't know if it's actually accurate. But at the beginning of the season, we will be getting a few calls about some weird thing that I have never heard about, and then it's like oh, this is the thing." John starts ordering those new items as early as August, but one of his favorite things about his job is collecting unique toys. sot "We buy toys every day and there is rarely a day when we don't buy anything so there is always something turning up and sometimes it's a lot of something. The holiday season is nice because usually because are rustling up a little more money to buy presents so they will come in with old things they don't have use for but for someone else will want so usually we get more things at the beginning of December." Although his store is known for having unique knicks and knacks you may not find anywhere else, he leaves some advice for those gift-givers looking for something more specific. sot " I would say it's always wise to keep your eyes open all around the year. I see people who are desperate 2 days before Christmas and it's just like everything is already gone." And like ole St. Nick himself, John believes everyone deserves that special toy, because those memories last a lifetime. sot " My toys were friends to me in like a large way and so that's also interesting you looked at your little stuffed animal's eyes and it's a real thing to you." In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC music playing (let play for a few extra seconds)

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY MANAGER SAYS THE AREA HAS BEEN STEADILY GROWING OVER THE LAST DECADE...BRINGING IN AROUND *3,000* NEW RESIDENTS EACH YEAR. HE SAYS...NEW PROJECTS WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH GROWTH. CALLANAN SAYS...the LOGISTICS SECTOR IS SOARING THANKS TO HYUNDAI. AND NOW *230* MORE JOBS ARE BEING ADDED TO EFFINGHAM WORKFORCE WITH *BRADSHAW* HOMES NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER. HE SAYS...the MANUFACTURING SECTOR HAD ITS BIGGEST ANNOUNCEMENT SINCE GEORGIA PACIFIC'S ARRIVAL TWENTY YEARS AGO... A HYUNDAI SUPPLIER CALLED SEYONE INDUSTRIES...BRINGING IN AROUND *740* JOBS. SOT: "It used to be the case you know, you live in Effingham, but work somewhere else. And so you know, we're changing that dynamic." VO: HE SAYS...HE ANTICIPATES MORE SUPPLIERS COMING TO THE COUNTY. IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ANNA BLACK, WTOC NEWS.

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7/31/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD OPENING EVANS MEMORIAL ICU ?(sot) Hospital leaders say this new ICU helps them serve patients and the community in those times when minutes count. (vo) Back in the Spring we showed you how they'd taken space initially meant for overflow patients and gutted it to build an ICU. The hospital was one of only ten in Georgia to receive a grant of almost \$1 million for healthcare in rural areas where a long ambulance ride to the big city won't help. (sot) We hear about "the golden hour" when it comes to trauma. But there are other issues besides trauma that require quick attention and quick medicine. (vo) That can include cardiac emergencies like a heart attack or stroke. The four-bed unit will also have cameras and monitors for telemedicine with Augusta University doctors as well. (sot) Within about 15 seconds, we can log on and request a consult and be able to have them see the room, read the monitors and help our hospitalists. (vo) He says services like this help save local patients and that makes the community better. (sot) In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:00:59

7/31/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD OPENING SAV URGENT CARE GRAND OPENING Happening today-- The grand opening of a new children's urgent care in Savannah. Urgent Kidz Care is designed to bridge the gap for kids between their pediatricians and the emergency room. It offers an option for last-minute illnesses, sports physicals, or concerns after normal business hours. The clinic will be open from 10 am to 9 pm on weekdays and from 8 am to 4 pm on weekends. 00:00:23

8/1/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD OPENING MAYOR JOHNSON UPDATE ON DUNDEE COTTAGES A lot of work has happened here at the Dundee Cottages site since the city broke ground in the fall. Right now, crews are working to pave the street all in an effort to have home construction start here by next month. VO: Depsite the progress...Savannah mayor Van Johnson says supply shortages have delayed some parts of the project. He says water and sewer lines have been put in place and just last week...city council gave Georgia Power approval to install electrical lines here. Once the infrastructure is complete...40 new cottages for permanent supportive housing and a residential service building for persons experiencing homelessness are set to be built here. After those cottages are built...the mayor says the city's homeless authority will run the site. Next door...at the Cove of Dundee...are 12 new tiny homes for veterans. In total...the city says the project includes \$6.5 million of both public/private investment and will ultimately allow at leasat 86 people experiencing homelessness to have housing. SOT: "We're working together, we're rolling in the right direction. We're going to make a difference for everyone in this community, including those who don't have a roof over their heads." If all goes to plan, mayor Johnson says the homes will be ready for occupancy by either late this year or early next. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:21

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From that - CAT says they pulled some priorities to get to work on right away. Some of that will include restoring and expanding routes that have been suspended in the past three years. Other parts of the plan focus on parts of Chatham County where they can build smaller networks called micro-transit. They say that will focus on getting people to work and giving access to job sites you can't get to on a CAT right now. They say restoring and strengthening ferry service will also be a priority in the next year... Along with making bus stops safer and more comfortable for riders.

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Hilton Head areas like here at Shelter Cove, have small businesses that thrive on summer tourist season. It's not something that ends until after Labor Day, but in August I'm told it does slow down a bit thanks to back to school. Sot: "People are always surprised by that. As local South Carolina students are headed back to school, some of our regionals are heading back to school we take a slight dip in August and then we pick right back up with Labor Day." Vo It's a moment for comparisons... local spots are still busier than the rest of the year, but not as packed as they have been the last few months. Taking the whole summer into context, the island's not doing as well as 2022, but still significantly better than before COVID. Sot "Rates are up 42% over what they were pre-pandemic and occupancy is up 11% over pre-pandemic." Vo The Chamber says last year's numbers were abnormally high, with more people visiting the island because international travel options were limited... making pre-pandemic levels the comparison they're focused on. LL tag Everyone on this island will tell you if Labor Day is the end of summer tourism season, the RBC Heritage is the start and there's huge news on that front that we'll bring you coming up on the news at 6. For now though reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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8/9/2023	5AM	DAYBREA	COMP	They held a final public hearing last night. The plan will help the county navigate some major changes coming with the new Hyundai electric vehicle plant. Commissioners say the board will send the plan to the state. Once the state approves it... the Board can vote on it. County leaders got plenty of feedback. A thousand people completed the online survey about the plan.
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8/9/2023	5AM	DAYBREA	COMP	"We just want to make sure that when we lay our community out that it best serves our citizens with traffic, shopping, housing and that's what this comp plan does and it's a living document we update it all the time we'll update it again and submit that to the state and that helps us get grants and things like that."
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LL INTRO: The initiative is a push to promote downtown Hinesville and all that it has to offer, and now, you'll be able to find all of that information in one spot. "A healthy downtown is a healthy community, it really is. It's your heartbeat." That heartbeat... is what brought long-time Hinesville resident Lillian Gray to open The Parrot & Frog Pub in the middle of downtown Hinesville earlier this summer. "We've had so many people come in and say 'hey, this is just what we needed.' And we're inclined to agree with them." The new downtown Hinesville website was created.... With business owners like Gray in mind. It keeps everything they need together—permits, grant applications, and more. "Instead of having to go to 20 different places, now we're a little more funneled. That can be a really good thing. It's a time-saver." It's not just for business owners... local economic leaders also hope... that keeping all of the information in one place... like an up-to-date events calendar... will make downtown Hinesville more accessible – all in an effort to bring in more foot traffic. "Definitely the more things we have, the more people walking by these businesses downtown, the more money will be spend. Then, more growth, you'll see more businesses opening up. More growth, more business, it helps everybody around downtown." This push to bring people downtown.... Follows major improvements to the downtown area... like the completion of Bradwell Park, and expansion of events like the Hinesville Farmers Market – all things that business owners hope will bring people into their doors. "That helps to expose us to people who had no clue that we existed. There are still people who say 'oh my gosh, y'all were here.'" A new resource... to help revamp the downtown area. LL TAG: We'll have a link to the new downtown Hinesville website on our website, WTOC.com. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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The Hyundai Pride arriving from Korea to the Port of Savannah this week...carrying with it supplies the automotive company says are crucial to the new plant. "This is the dawn of a new era in automotive, technology, sustainability in the great state of Georgia." Metaplant officials gathered on the port dock as parts for a crane were loaded onto trucks. Those parts will eventually be used in the site's stamping facility to move metal presses. "We are making steady progress at the Metaplant site. This shipment of the equipment will be vital to the completion of the project." Crews broke ground on the site last fall with several buildings already going vertical. More than eight thousand people are expected to work at the site. The Metaplant is expected to be ready by early 20-25 and will eventually produce up to 500-thousand electric cars. "It's at a very fast pace. I believe you'll see 11 buildings out there probably closer to the end of the year." Several state economic leaders welcomed the shipment's arrival...marking what they're calling a historic day. "It's a huge day not only for the Georgia ports, the JDA, Hyundai, it's just a momentous event for the area right now." LL: Hyundai officials say this shipment from Korea will be one of several that will help crews make that early 20-25 deadline. Reporting in Garden City...FS...WTOCN.

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 EFFINGHAM JOB FAIR & EMPLOYMENT OVERALL
 "Logistics company NFI is hosting a job fair today through Wednesday. The director says they're looking to fill around 220 jobs for its new Bloomingdale location." (Nat sound: "We're looking at 400 to 500 people that will be turning out to this hiring event") Bradshaw Home is setting up business in Effingham County. NFI's Savannah Warehouse Operations Director Tyler Puckett says...he's working to bring employees in. Open positions include forklift operators, material handlers, inventory clerks, and more. Paying between 17 and 20 an hour. Some businesses are struggling to find workers in our area, Puckett says...he's seeing a lot of people signing up. One person at the event says...she hopes to be a forklift driver or material handler. "Just get a little bit more work experience in different categories of distribution centers and just stay here for a while, just make it my home." "NFI says you can sign-up online through InDeed or do it here in-person. In Pooler, Anna Black, WTOC News." 00:00:53

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 SAVANNAH PORTS & HYUNDAI
 You're taking a LIVE look at the ports from our Plant Riverside District SKycam. The CEO of the Hyundai plant was at today's ceremony to celebrate the major milestone of the project. The parts will eventually be used in the site's stamping facility to move metal presses. Several state economic leaders welcomed today's shipment's arrival, marking what they're calling a historic day. 00:00:23

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 HHI WORKFORCE HOUSING LATEST
 At a town council meeting Tuesday night, the first steps were taken toward ensuring 20% of redevelopment near Sea Pines Circle would be put toward workforce housing, something tourism leaders in this area tell me would be huge. Sot: "We have a server that was in Frankie Bones in Bluffton. her rent was raised from \$1600 to \$2400. That happened about two months ago and she moved back to Indiana." Vo This is that same restaurant's Hilton Head location... where staff face similar issues. Including this one, the SERG Group runs 15 restaurants around the Lowcountry with about 1200 employees company wide. Because of their familiarity with the workforce housing issue, they actually decided to invest in this specific project. Here's a look at the proposal. I'm told a maximum of 132 units would be put in... 16 of those would become student housing for USCB, then a fifth of what's left would be allotted for workers making between 60 and 120 percent of the area's average income... securing affordable beds for some of the island's staff. Sot "We wanted to make sure that we have access to units for our workforce. Whether it be management, front of house, back of house or hourly positions we think this is a great opportunity for the live and walk." Vo Town staff says SERG restaurant group isn't the only big employer hoping this plan goes through. Sot: "There was certainly demonstration during the public meetings that I've participated in and in the material that was submitted by the applicant to indicate some of these major employers on Hilton Head support." Vo SERG is obviously one of them, but their president tells me hotels, landscape companies, and other small businesses are ready to commit to long term housing contracts as well... the proposed ordinance change securing this arrangement would hold for 15 years. LL tag For this plan to be fully approved it'll have to go through a town commission and back through town council twice. Of course we'll keep you updated on that process as it plays out but for now reporting from Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:02:02

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 GARDEN CITY RECREATION
 A big day for Garden City. Crews breaking ground on what will be a new Recreation Complex. The 32-thousand square foot campus is being built at Rossignol Hill. Garden City's Mayor Bruce Campbell says this is a big deal for him and the community. He says when he was a kid a recreation area was close to being approved, but it never happened. 00:00:20

8/18/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GARDEN CITY REC GROUNDDB REAKING "Everybody was waiting. They say it was a dream come true because a lot of promise has been made and now they get the chance to really see. Nothing happens coincidentally. This was the time that was meant to happen so the people are really excited about it." The Mayor says he's looking really forward to playing pickle ball once its all finished. The project will cost about \$17 million dollars. City leaders say it's expected to be done in about a year and a half. 00:00:27

8/18/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD STATESBO RO CHAMBER BUILDING (sot) Statesboro's Chamber left its longtime downtown home a few years ago for office space across town. They say coming back to this spot - near downtown - just makes sense. (vo) Final paint and preps seem to be the final things needed to finish the Statesboro-Bulloch Chambers new storefront location in the West District development off College Street. Chamber CEO Jennifer Davis says they sent a survey to chamber members earlier this year about where they'd like to see the chamber office. (sot) ..it did surprise our board of directors because it was unanimously "downtown". (vo) Back in 2021, previous Chamber leaders moved from and sold the landmark building that have been the headquarters since the 1990's. They've rented office space since then. Davis says this spot is just two blocks from the old site, two blocks from The Blue Mile in what she says is an emerging center of downtown. (sot) It could be a blessing in disguise that we do have a lot more parking. This is a new up-and-coming development with a lot of store fronts and chamber members right here with us. (vo) They'll enter a three year lease agreement with an option to buy. (sot) They hope to be able to move in the first of September. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:11

8/21/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	JESUP PARK RENOVATI ONS	<p>"New pickleball courts here at Cracker Williams Park, something the mayor of Jesup says the community here can't get enough of." "If somebody asked me, 'Hey, mayor, let's add some pickleball courts.' I would've probably said, 'you're crazy, what is pickleball?'" But, after the city installed two courts, his mind was quickly changed. "People just took to it, I mean everyday it was packed." That's what led the city to add four more courts. "You come by here any evening, just about, and it's just, people are enjoying it, this is what we, we like to see." And something else coming to Cracker Williams Park... renovations to the community pool starting in September. This pool has been closed since 2018 when it had a leak. ((SOT)) "They've been, since it closed down in 2018, the public has been wanting the pool back, so we're pretty excited that we're going to be able to do that for them." ((VO)) And this time, the pool will be a little more shallow and heated. ((SOT)) "So, we'll be able to allow people to do therapeutics in it, they'll be classes for the elderly." ((VO)) Money for both of these projects came from the city's general funds. ((ANNA)) "Construction on the pool is set to be done sometime next April. Reporting in Wayne County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."</p>	00:01:11
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9/6/2023 5:58:00 AM	6 AM DAYBREA K OD	HYUNDAI TO SIGN PARTNERS HIP	<p>It's one of a handful of educational partnerships Hyundai has created while the new E-V plant is under construction in Bryan County. That plant is expected to start operating in 20-25.</p>	00:00:11
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			Pine Island and St. Helena Island aren't your average barrier islands – they are a part of the Gullah Geechee cultural protection overlay zone. That special zone bans developments like golf courses and gated communities, to protect their cultural home. For the past year, one developer has continued to try for the right to put a golf course and community on Pine Island. The county zoning board and council denied the request because of the cultural zone. Now the developer is suing in protest of the cultural zone. But most recently, a judge granted intervention in the lawsuit to the Gullah Geechee nation, landowners and environmentalist groups. This gives the community a strong voice of their own in the legal battle. "The community voice matters and it you know when the community has spoken it's important and incumbent upon decision makers and potential developers alike to listen and we have zoning rules for a reason. There is a very highly specific community driven zoning overlay on St Helena for a reason and that's because it's the largest concentration of living Gullah Geechee culture in Beaufort Community."	
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		ROBOTICS FULFILLME NT CENTER RIBBON CUTTING	First at 3-- Amazon's first ever robotics fulfillment center is complete. And it's located right in Pooler. Today, company leaders, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and state leaders were all there to cut the ribbon on the new facility. The community got the chance to scope out the innovative technology and more. WTOC's Flynn Snyder was there and will have more on what this center will bring to the area. He's working on that story for THE news at 5.	
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9/18/2023	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	FLYNN: AMAZON OPENING	Earlier this afternoon...we got our first look inside this more than 600-thousand square foot facility. This center is expected to create one thousand jobs. It has four-thousand robotic machines and is eventually expected to produce four-point-five million packages a week that will be shipped across the southeast. The site will mostly handle electronics...books...and toys...according to Amazon. The company announced this facility back in 2021 here at what is known as the Pooler Megasite...just off I-16. It's one of the latest industrial sites to open following last year's announcement that Hyundai would build an electric vehicle production site in neighboring Bryan County. Several local and state leaders were on hand...touting the opening...saying it is just another sign of growing economic development and industrial sites in this region.	00:00:52
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9/18/2023	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	FLYNN: AMAZON OPENING	SOT1: "This is an area that is growing a lot. So one of the reasons this building was constructed is because we wanted to be closer and get quicker to our customers." SOT2: "This just isn't your average distribution warehouse. You'll see if you've never been in one. It really is state of the art. It's the future of logistics, I think, in our state, but also across the nation, and across the world in this competitive environment, especially with workforce and other things."	00:00:27
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9/18/2023	5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	SAVANNAH BANANAS HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT	Check this out - The Savannah Bananas have their very own exhibit in The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. It features relics that tell the story of Banana Ball and the Savannah Bananas. Including a yellow baseball, a yellow kilt worn during games, and the pad where Owner Jesse Cole wrote down his original ideas for the rules of Banana Ball. Cole said - "As a kid, you look up to your heroes in the Hall of Fame. To even be considered among them for this display, is a tremendous honor." After the unavailing of the new exhibit, the Bananas played the Party Animals at Doubleday Field for their last game of the season.	00:00:37
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9/18/2023 7:00:00 PM	VAN PRACTICE	BROOKLET PEANUT FESTIVAL	Happening tomorrow - The annual Brooklet Peanut Festival returns to Bulloch County. Organizers say it's a way to celebrate the community's agricultural roots - and remind people just how important farming is to the area. You can expect tractor races, live music and of course, peanuts. The big parade kicks off at 10 AM. We'll be live streaming it on WTOC.COM and on our social media pages.	00:00:23
9/21/2023 4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	HHI ISLAND AIRPORT IMPROVEM ENT PROJECT STARTS	The airport is embarking on the first phase of its terminal improvement project. The project aims at modernizing and enhancing the facility for the growing need. The project as a whole is valued at over 30-million dollars--and is expected to take two years to complete.	00:00:16
9/21/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	TASTE OF POOLER TONIGHT	Happening now - Taste of Pooler is moments away from kicking off. It marks the return of the celebration of Pooler's top restaurants for the first time in three years. It looks like it's going to be a packed house at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. Registration for the event is closed...but the excitement around the night isn't over. Those in attendance will get a chance to vote in the Taste of Pooler awards...honoring a local eatery.	00:00:27
9/21/2023 11:00:00 PM	11PM OD	RICHMOND HILL BUSINESS EXPO	New at 11 --Richmond Hill business owners gathered together for a night of networking.The Chamber of Commerce hosts their Business After Hours event once a month to help locally owned businesses get to know each other something the CEO says is important now more than ever with the new growth coming to Byran County.	00:00:19

9/21/2023
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD RICHMOND HILL BUSINESS EXPO ((SUMMER BEAL##CHAMBER CEO)) "This is a small community everybody tends to know everybody, we have alot of new people coming in, and there are a lot of small businesses in town, so networking is very good, you want to do business with people you know." Beal says that these events bring up as many as 75 small business representatives from all over Bryan County. 00:00:19

9/21/2023
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD TASTE OF POOLER "The Chamber's job is to drive commerce to local businesses and highlight them in any way we can. So it was kind of a no brainer when we thought about putting our businesses out here especially our local restuarants. They are the character of the community; they're where we laugh where we, where we have conversations where we spend time with our family and any opportunity we have to highlight them in a special way we want to take advantage of that." 00:00:26

9/25/2023
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD ANNA: BULLOCH TRANSPORTATION MEETING "Statesboro and Bulloch County are working to develop an in-depth transportation plan, starting with public input." City and county are teaming up with a consulting firm to create it. Tonight...they hosted a public meeting to get the community's feedback on the main areas and issues the plan should address. And a hot topic today...growth. "Obviously, the Hyundai plant is a big one. We also have other development that's coming into Statesboro as a result of the Hyundai plant, and there's also big development planned for Bulloch County." She says they're trying to get ahead of the curve...looking at both short-term and long-term impacts. SOT: KATHY "We're looking at approximately 15,000 jobs and that's climbing. So where are those people going to live, where are they going to shop and how are they going to get there." An employee with the consulting firm Goodwyn Mills Cawood says they're focusing on the plan's next five years... Saying feedback today will help create the plan and tackle problem areas. "It's really going to give us that first list of projects to look at and there may be things that come out of the meeting tonight that we didn't think of, that the staff and county and city didn't think of." He says the plan will focus on growing and improving *all* areas of transportation...*both* city and county-wide. NAT SOUND: GMC "The folks in the community are the ones that use the roads and the highways and walk on the sidewalks and they can tell us best where the issues are. So, it's really important to talk to them early in the process." He says people can still voice their concerns ... By taking the online survey posted on the city and county's website. "In Statesboro, AB, WTOC News." 00:01:41

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11:00:00 PM 11PM OD POOLER BUSINESS UPDATES She announced some tentative dates for Dave & Busters, Victoria's Secret and Adidas to open -- those three are all expected to be up and running by the end of the year. A Lee and Wrangler store is already open. Williams says Lunchbox and One Last Taco are also expected to open very soon. 00:00:17

9/26/2023
10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD POOLER BUSINESS UPDATES More details about some businesses coming to Pooler in the next few months. Councilwoman Karen Williams announced updates last night on some of the shops and restaurants set to come to the area. She announced some tentative dates for Dave & Busters, Victoria's Secret and Adidas to open -- those three are all expected to be up and running by the end of the year. A Lee and Wrangler store is already open. Williams says Lunchbox and One Last Taco are also expected to open very soon. 00:00:28

		BANANA BALL WORLD TOUR DRAFT	BUT unlike last year they're inviting you to join them at Grayson Stadium in person. They're hinting at some special appearances...new rules...and even new teams. The gates will open at 5:45 and the draft gets underway at 7pm...but you will need to buy tickets to attend...which are likely to go fast.	
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		POOLER NURSING SCHOOL APPROVAL	The city's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval for the Galen College of Nursing to build a new 400-student school and medical office. The college's application says that if all goes to plan...construction would start at the Mosaic Town Center in November...with opening expected late next year. The proposal now heads to Pooler city council for final approval.	
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		BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EXPANSIO N	Beaufort Memorial Hospital held a 'wall-breaking' today to celebrate the beginning of a new expansion. The expansion worth more than 20 million dollars was funded in part by federal money supported by Senator Lindsey Graham. Our Ryan Tisminezky tells us how local leaders hope the new space will serve the community. "This money came from the American Taxpayer. It is not my money, it is your money and it is my job to figure out how to spend your money, and I think I made a great decision by bringing it here to Beaufort." VO: That money... being used to build new additions to the hospital's surgical pavilion. Two new state-of-the-art operating rooms will be built, and existing rooms will be expanded to fit new equipment and improve workflow for doctors. SOT: "It will expand robotic services, new technology, new infection control practices and opportunities to reduce surgical site infections. You name it, we're going to achieve it here with this project." VO: Senator Graham said his support of the funding came at a request from Beaufort County, and the rapid population growth was a motivator for his decision. SOT: "Beaufort County works pretty well, together you have your mayors and your county council folks and they all seem to work for the common good. Again I can't account for every dollar in the federal budget, but I can account for this. And come down, and you can see it for yourself." The expansion is expected to be completed in three years. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOG News.	
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9/27/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM HHI NURSE HOUSING TO OPEN

Nurses are in high demand everywhere, forcing local health care providers to look for creative ways to bring in staff. The newest innovation here at Hilton Head Hospital... Sot "They're not writing a rent check... at all." Vo Thanks to a partnership right here in Coligny with developer the Richardson Group, an existing building is being turned into 10 studio apartments for newly hired staff. They'll be offered up to six months of rent-free living... to give them time to figure out a longer-term option. Sot: "This will offer folks an opportunity to come live here, get settled into work and then make the determination where on the island they want to live." Vo He says with rent being expensive and options limited, helping out with staff housing is a priority. Sot "It's one more step that we're taking. It's not going to be the last housing initiative that we partake on but one of the first." LLtag There's an official ribbon cutting scheduled for this project for Friday. Today though it's not the only step being taken on the island toward workforce housing. Coming up on The News at 6 I'll tell you what the town is doing with this 11 acre plot of land off HWY 278. For now though, reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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9/27/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM SAVANNAH ZONING CONCERN S

Flooded neighborhoods...and crowded streets are some of the impacts west Chatham residents say an increase in residential and industrial development has had on where they live. Neighbors blame rezoning decisions from area cities for putting warehouses near residential areas...saying that existing infrastructure can't support the growth. "Our communities keep being negatively affected by rampant, rushed growth, outdated standards and procedures, and policies and plans not being followed." They're now calling for local governments to work together on regional planning to make sure unincorporated land that's been annexed by cities can keep up with new development. County commissioner Dean Kicklighter who represents west Chatham County blamed relaxed annexation laws. "That's allowed this hodge podge piecemealing to take place throughout all of west Chatham County." "What's bad is these people, in the unincorporated area, they're the ones being, pardon me, but screwed over." State representative Carl Gilliard...now calling on county leaders to send a bill to state lawmakers addressing annexation concerns "I think it'll be interesting to see if that can come together and I'm sure we as lawmakers representing the Chatham County delegation would love to represent those needs."

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<p>9/27/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM</p>	<p>HHI WORKFOR CE HOUSING LATEST</p>	<p>Sot "You must work here to live there." Vo 11 acres of land, with that simple requirement. The town committing this plot to serve the island's workforce forever. Sot: "Our goal is to develop a multi family neighborhood consisting of one, two, three-bedroom apartments." Vo That means instead of trees here there could be up to 170 units for people to live. The town actually bought this land back in 2002 for 1.4 million dollars, so the big break now... they've narrowed the search down for who will transform this space from ten companies to a final one. Sot "We've identified One Street Residential as our preferred development partner." Vo At Wednesday's news conference the town said it's a company with loads of workforce housing experience and shared priorities... like making this development in large part for folks who can't afford other local housing options. Sot "At least half of the units will be for people and families that earn less than 80% of the area median income." Vo The mayor acknowledging the need for those cheaper options, especially with the tourism-driven economy of this island. Sot: "Our viability and our tax dollars are at risk by not having the proper employees in place so having the housing here is the first step to making sure we have the employees here for today and for tomorrow." Vo There's still a lot of work to be done before folks can call this area just off Highway 278 home, with construction expected to begin before the end of next year and finish about a year and a half after that. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:32</p>
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<p>9/28/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM</p>	<p>FLYNN: OLD EAST SIDE THEATER. PROJECT</p>	<p>"...some see as a boundary, but for us we see it as a connector, as an opportunity, an opportunity to bring all of the different aspects of Savannah together, blend it, start bringing in more uses, more activities." This isn't the only development project proposed for this area. According to a city planning commission report...a developer wants to build two buildings across the street with residential space on the upper floors and commercial space on the lower ones. We're working to find out the status of this project..</p>	<p>00:00:31</p>
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<p>9/28/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM</p>	<p>FLYNN: OLD EAST SIDE THEATER. PROJECT</p>	<p>According to property records...the theater was built in 1946. During a meeting of Savannah's Zoning Board of Appeals today...a petitioner asked members to allow for some future buildings here to be higher than what the current zoning allows. The application wants one of the buildings to have a partial fifth story...while the current zoning only allows for three currently. Board members delayed making a decision on this crucial aspect of the proposal after some opposition letters said people weren't given enough notice about today's hearing. The project's architect did address board members saying he believes this project could be an asset to the city.</p>	<p>00:00:40</p>
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		NURSING	build a new 400-student school and medical office. The college's application says they plan to start	
	DAYBREA	SCHOOL	construction in November at the Mosaic Town Center November. The proposal now heads to Pooler city	
4:30:00 AM	K	APPROVAL	council for final approval. The college would open late next year.	00:00:22

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

**TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY
JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/09/23 **Guests:** Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Biden administration (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (5); Dr. Kate Calvin, chief scientist and senior climate advisor, NASA (6)
2) Topics include: China's commanding position on strategic critical minerals / CHIPS and Science bill; efforts to help Sweden join NATO; Ukraine's bid to eventually join NATO / Biden administration's decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine; review of U.S. envoy to Iran Rob Malley's security clearance / U.S. hostages held in Iran
3) a report from Kharkiv, Ukraine as President Zelenskyy marked day 500 of the invasion
4) Topics include: Biden administration's decision to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine / commitment to be 'responsible' with these munitions / Ukraine's bid to eventually join NATO / risk of Russia blowing up the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant
- 07/16/23 **Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)
7) Topics include: / failed Ukraine amendments; support for longer range missile systems for Ukraine; suspension of Rob Malley, U.S. special envoy to Iran
8) Topics include: latest Chinese cyber hack; expiration of the Black Sea initiative, granting ships safe passage from Ukraine when carrying food supplies / Ukraine's future NATO membership; Rob Malley's suspension
- 07/23/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)
3) Topics include: floating barrier used in the Rio Grande to deter migrants / use of unacceptable enforcement tactics outlined by a Texas trooper / HIRE Act; problems with the Safer Communities Act
7) a report from Donetsk, Ukraine on the recaptured territories and the port cities which bear the unrelenting brunt of Russian missile strikes
- 07/30/23 **Guests:** Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024

Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)
6) Topics include:; how San Antonio is handling the surge in migrants

08/13/23

Guests: Carter Evans, CBS News correspondent (1); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2); Representative Jill Tokuda (D-HI) (3); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Abbe Lowell, attorney for Hunter Biden (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (6); Neda Sharghi, Emad Sharghi's sister (7); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (8)
Guest Correspondent: Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (2)
6) Topics include: tentative agreement with Iran to bring home five Americans detained there / Iran's nuclear enrichment program / considering a potential travel ban to Iran
7) an interview with the sister of Emad Sharghi, one of four Americans recently transferred from Evin Prison to house arrest in Iran

08/27/23

Guests: Cristian Benavides, CBS News correspondent (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (5); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (5); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Fiona Hill, senior fellow, Brookings Institution, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)
Guest Moderator: Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent
suggestion by some of his opponents to send U.S. troops into Mexico to fight drug cartels / using the National Guard at the border
6) a discussion on the mysterious plane crash that killed Russian mercenary chief and Wagner Group leader Yevgeny Prigozhin after his failed coup attempt against Vladimir Putin

09/10/23

Guests: Vice President Kamala Harris, Biden administration (1) (4); Representative French Hill (R-AR) (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3); General (Ret.) Frank McKenzie, United States Marine Corps, former commander, United States Central Command (5); David Sanger, White House and national security correspondent, *The New York Times* (6); Josh Rogin, foreign policy and national security columnist, *Washington Post* (6)
2) Topics include: Ukraine Reconstruction Act; his recent trip to Syria
4); North Korea's Kim Jong Un's expected meeting with Vladimir Putin in Russia
5) Topics include: enduring threat of ISIS / U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; threat posed by Iran

09/17/23

Guests: Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1); Shawn Fain, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (4); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (5); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (6); Sean Penn, actor, co-director, *Superpower* (6)

- 5) Topics include: continued support for Ukraine / President Zelenskyy's upcoming visit to Washington; expected prisoner swap with Iran / travel to Iran; classified documents
- 6) Topics include: potential prisoner swap with Iran to bring five Americans home;
- 7) an interview about *Superpower*, his new documentary on the war in Ukraine and President Zelenskyy

09/24/23

Guests: Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Robert O'Brien, former United States national security adviser, Trump administration (4); Olena Zelenska, first lady of Ukraine (5)

- 1) Topics include: immigration reform / Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Venezuelans / U.S. sanctions and their impact on the migration crisis / sanctions against Venezuela;
- 2) Topics include: / impact of a government shutdown on Border Patrol agents; his solutions to "Joe Biden's failed immigration policies" / TPS for Venezuelans
- 3) Topics include: his recent trip to Ukraine; Senator Bob Menendez; decades-long border crisis / concern over the potential government shutdown and its impact on Border Patrol agents
- 4) Topics include: possible government shutdown; concern over the possible fallout from the recent deal made to secure the freedom of five Americans from Iran;
- 5) Topics include: impact of the war on Ukrainian children / speaking at the United Nations about the sexual violence committed by the Russian military / genocide and ethnocide in Ukraine / Russia's kidnapping of Ukrainian children; her current family life / President Zelenskyy running for reelection in 2024 if elections are held

60 MINUTES

07/02/23

"The State of the Navy" – a report from aboard the USS Nimitz, a United States Navy aircraft carrier operating southeast of Taiwan and China in the Western Pacific, along with a report from the Pentagon. Members of the U.S. Navy discuss the possible Chinese invasion of Taiwan, new long-range missile systems and the general state and power of the Navy. Includes interviews with Admiral Samuel Paparo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Cmdr. David Ash, who flies an F/A-18; Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA), who served together on the House Armed Services Committee in the last Congress; Admiral Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations; and Toshi Yoshihara, Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. (C: Norah O'Donnell – Producer for Part I: Keith Sharman; Producers for Part II: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (OAD: 03/19/23)

09/03/23

"Hide And Seek" – a report the island of Cyprus, used by Russian oligarchs to hide their assets. Following sanctions made against Russia launching its invasion of Ukraine, investigators for the U.S. and EU are attempting to find hidden offshore money on the small Mediterranean country. Includes interviews with Alexandra Attalides, a member of the Cyprus Parliament; Maira Martini, an analyst for Transparency International; Constantinos Petrides, the Cyprus Minister of Finance; and Lisa Monaco, U.S. Deputy Attorney General. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Oriana Zill de Granados) (OAD: 01/15/23)

09/10/23

60 MINUTES (7:46 – 8:46p)

"9.11: The FDNY" – a report on the 9/11 terrorist attacks and its impact on the Fire Department of New York. Firefighters who were at Ground Zero on that day discuss the tragedy and recall fallen colleagues. Includes interviews with Joe Pfeifer, Chief

of Counterterrorism; Sal Cassano, fire Commissioner; Peter Hayden, Chief of Department; Dan Nigro, FDNY Commissioner; John Peruggia, EMS Division Chief; John Sudnik, Chief of Department; Regina Wilson, Jeff Coniglio, Jamie Efthimiades, James McGlynn and Bob Bacon, firefighters who were there that day; Captain Peter Ganci III and Battalion Chief Chris Ganci, sons of the late chief of department Peter Ganci; Josephine Smith, a firefighter whose late father Kevin Smith passed away on 9/11; John Palombo and Tommy Palombo, both firefighters whose father Frank Palombo passed on 9/11; and Mike Florio, a firefighter whose father John Florio passed on 9/11. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic) THIS SEGMENT RUNS THE FULL HOUR. (OAD: 09/12/21; Rebroadcast: 09/11/22)

09/17/23

60 MINUTES (7:50 – 8:50p) (56th SEASON PREMIERE)

“President Zelenskyy” – an interview with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Presidential Offices in Kyiv, Ukraine. He discusses his upcoming trip to the United States, where he will speak at the United Nations and meet with President Biden, the state of Ukraine’s counteroffensive and Russia’s ongoing war. (See also: “President Zelenskyy”, OAD: 04/10/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

09/24/23

“Bankrolling the War” – a report on the scope of the United States’ contributions to Ukraine since Russia’s military invasion in 2022. As Congress considers more financing, some question the aid’s impact on the war. Includes interviews with Oleksandr Shyrshyn, a Ukrainian lieutenant; Ben Hodges, an American Lieutenant General who commanded the U.S. Army in Europe; Tatiana Abramova, owner of a knitwear company being subsidized by the U.S. government; Lindsey Graham, South Carolina Senator; Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Senator; and Oleksandra Ustinova, an anti-corruption activist and outspoken member of Ukraine’s parliament. (C: Holly Williams – P: Erin Lyall)

INVESTIGATE TV+

September 11, 2023 -InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 1

InvestigateTV+ examines a federal law that forces Gold Star families, trying to rebuild their lives, to make a difficult choice. Then, an in-depth look at proposed legislation that could give surviving military spouses a second chance at love. A wounded warrior finds inspiration from his family and country.

9/29- InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 15 Requirements stop some youth from military enlistment.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 17--OUR MILITARY FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. HAPPENINGS AT FORT STEWART, PARIS ISLAND AND HUNTER, MILITARY VEHICLE INTO 3RD ID BUILDING, FORT STEWART 3RD ID DEPLOYMENT TO EUROPE, PARRIS ISLAND COURT MARTIAL ON A RECRUIT TRAINER AFTER RECRUIT DIES, ARMY CORPS CHANGE OF COMMAND, C130H RETIREMENT, PARRIS ISLAND REASSIGNMENT DUE LT COL CHARGED WITH FELONY CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC BATTERY BY STRANGULATION. FIGHTER JET COMPETITION.
SOURCE: MILITARY OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ETC.**

This is what it all looked like around 10 this morning. This photo appears to show that stolen Humvee rammed right into the front doorway. We were allowed on base after that Humvee was removed. We saw crews clearing damage including dangling wires inside...shattered glass...and doors ripped right off the hinges. Military police and the Army's Criminal Investigation Division responded to the scene. Fort Stewart officials tell us the driver was taken into custody. An official with the C-I-D's office tell us the person arrested has prior military experience but is not currently an active military member. The headquarters building is often referred to as building one here on base...it houses several top leaders on post. Officials haven't released any details about how this person was able to get on base and access the Humvee...or why they may have done it.

7/10/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

MILITARY
VEHICLE
INTO 3RD ID
BUILDING

00:00:52

All we know is that they're now in custody. Take a look at some of the damage left behind from this incident after photos surfaced that appeared to show a Humvee crashed through the doorway. We were able to get on base after the Humvee was removed from the building. You can see crews working to remove that damage...the entire front doorway of the 3rd ID headquarters appears to be destroyed. This headquarters facility is also referred to as building 1 here on base and is close to the main gate at Fort Stewart. We checked in with the U-S Army's Criminal Investigation Division...a member of their office says the person arrested has prior military experience but is not an active military member. However...they did not give us the name of that suspected driver.

7/10/2023
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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7/11/2023
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STEWART Lacy served from 2002 to 2013...serving two tours to Iraq during his career. No one was injured.
SUSPECT Military Police say there is no additional threat following the crash. WTOC will update you if more
NAMED details are released. 00:00:13

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STEWART These photos show what Building 1 on Fort Stewart looked like – just after Monday's crash.
HUMVEE Investigators say Treamon Lacy crashed an Army Humvee – an armored vehicle... into the building.
SUSPECT Records show... that Lacy is a retired Army Staff Sergeant... and he has prior arrests for Driving
LATEST Under the Influence and Disorderly Conduct. Fort Stewart officials say Lacy's veteran status allowed
him access to the military installation. Court documents show that estimated damages to the building
are more than \$1,000... The initial complaint, completed by a Special Agent with the Army's Criminal
Investigation Division, also states that "based off the mode and precision with which the Humvee
was driven, I believe that the subject intentionally drove the Humvee in Building 1's front doors." 00:00:46

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STEWART "I am a proud dogface soldier, and it is because of the reputation of this storied division, the grit, the
3RD ID lethality, the endurance and everything that this division stands for is exactly why we need to be the
EUROPE organization to go in and do this at this time." Other groups of 3rd ID soldiers will continue to deploy
DEPLOYME to Europe throughout the summer -- totaling around 45 hundred. This deployment is set to last nine
NT months. 00:00:24

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3RD ID Around 70 3rd Infantry Division soldiers deployed to Europe this afternoon. They'll be in Poland
EUROPE supporting our country's NATO allies as the war in Ukraine continues. These soldiers are part of the
DEPLOYME 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade -- helping with supplies and logistics. Leaders with the brigade
NT say... their soldiers are ready for what's ahead.

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LL INTRO: Autopsy results were a main focus today in court – located in the Legal Services building on Parris Island.... Both sides – questioning different medical examiners... about the exact cause of Dalton Beals' death. The prosecution says Staff Sgt. Steven Smiley, a recruit trainer at the time, ignored Beals' signs of heat exhaustion... He faces the following charges: dereliction of duty resulting in death, two counts of violation of a lawful general order, cruelty or maltreatment of subordinates, obstruction of justice, and negligent homicide. The defense – filing a motion to get some of charges thrown out today. A judge will consider that motion first thing tomorrow. Both sides cross-examined Dr. Bryan Platt with the U.S. Navy – a federal medical examiner. Platt provided a consult on the results of the multiple autopsies performed on Beals after his death... Platt stating that he believes Beals' cause of death is heatstroke, and the manner of death is accidental. The defense – in response, using a rebuttal witness of Dr. Priya Banerjee, a forensic pathologist, who stated through her analysis, she believes the cause of death to be cardiac arrythmia – or improper beating of the heart, and that it happened by natural causes. The case... is ultimately decided by a panel of eight Marines, six men and two women. LL TAG: The panel of Marines tasked with coming to a verdict... will return tomorrow for closing arguments and deliberation. On Parris Island, HB WTOC NEWS.

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HAYLEY: Staff Sergeant Steven Smiley was found guilty of violating a lawful general order -- in this case, prosecutors say he violated the Marines recruit training order for calling recruits "pigs." It all stems from the June 2021 death of recruit Dalton Beals... investigators say he died while completing "The Crucible" -- one of the final steps of Marine recruit training. Smiley was his drill instructor at the time... and faced multiple charges in his death -- including negligent homicide -- but was found NOT GUILTY IN MARINE DEATH guilty. For the lawful general order charge he WAS found guilty on -- Smiley will be demoted to an E5 Sergeant. He was previously an E6 Staff Sergeant.

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HAYLEY: "It's a tragic loss for the Beals family, for the Marine family. But, it had nothing to do with Staff Sgt. Smiley. So, that was an absolute just verdict." "I'm shocked and a little numb. Obviously, it wasn't the verdict that we wanted. I think my son deserved better than that." Smiley reached the end of his active service -- and will be leaving the Marines. We'll have a full recap of court proceedings ahead on THE news at 11.

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PANEL NO. I'm shocked and a little numb. Obviously, it wasn't the verdict that we wanted. I think my son deserved better than that." That's Stacie Beals' speaking outside of the courtroom on Parris Island... right after Friday's verdict. The defense... saying they feel the panel – made up of eight Marines – made the right decision. "It's a tragic loss for the Beals family, for the Marine family. But, it had nothing to do with Staff Sgt. Smiley. So, that was an absolute just verdict." The prosecution laid out a timeline of June 4th, 2021 – the day of Beals' death. Recruits had been in training since before dawn on the day of June 4th, 2021..... that afternoon, the government says Beals began to struggle... Then, around 3:30 that afternoon, a different recruit had fallen – recording a body temperature of around 107 degrees. Smiley went over to this recruit to help – leaving his group. Between 3:30 and 5 p.m.... the prosecution says Beals went missing... and his team members began looking for him, and also asked Smiley where he is... Then, around 5 p.m. – Smiley takes a head count and discovers Beals is missing. A search begins, and Beals is found dead around 5:40. The prosecution – argued that Smiley ignored Beals' signs of heat-related illness. The defense, arguing that Smiley was busy helping that other recruit with a heat-related injury. They also said that Beals wasn't showing signs of heat exhaustion.... They also say Smiley began searching for Beals as soon as he learned Beals was missing. The defense argued that Beals' death is the result of cardiac arrhythmia, or irregular beating of the heart.... An independent event that has nothing to do with the actions of Smiley. The panel of Marines tasked with coming to a verdict... ultimately agreed. Smiley was convicted on one count of violation of a lawful general order for name-calling of recruits.

HAYLEY: The panel also decided Smiley's sentence – being demoted to an E5 Sergeant. He was previously SGT FOUND an E6 Staff Sergeant. "We thought no punishment more appropriate given the nature of the offense, NOT GUILTY but the members also considered that evidence and they came to a sentence they thought was just. IN MARINE You can't argue with members who take their job seriously." Beals family... still coping with the loss DEATH of their 19-year-old son. "Nothing will bring him back. So, I'll honor him by believing in the values of

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PALOOZA Military families are also getting in on the back-to-school bash action. Hunter Army Airfield is hosting
ON Marne Palooza this week. Families will be able to get resources to help their kids transition into the
THURSDAY local school system. That's happening Thursday at the Tominac Fitness Center from 3 to 5 p-m.

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD 3RD ID SOLDIERS DEPLOYED A group of about 70 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division will head to Europe tomorrow as a part of a NATO support mission. They'll be leaving from the Air Dominance Center in Savannah. WTOC is planning to be there. We'll have more mission - Friday on THE News. 00:00:15

LL INTRO: These 70 soldiers are part of the 4,500 3rd ID soldiers deploying to Europe just this year. Each soldier... lined up... and boarded this plane... to travel to Poland for their most recent assignment. "I feel great. I feel safe and secure of my team." They're part of the 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade... assisting with supplies and logistics... to make overseas missions and training possible. "We do everything from receiving more soldiers. We have an HR company that does that. Maintaining fleets, maintaining all of the equipment that we have in Europe, making sure that all training has the fuel, water, and food that they need." Whether it's their first deployment... "I'm just ready to learn from anybody and everybody, and come back home and share that with my loved ones here." Or one deployment of many... "My wife and I, we've been married 12 years. This is our fifth time apart, it's always hard, but we figure out how to bounce back from it each and every time." These soldiers are all making the commitment to serve their country – and leaders with the brigade say, they make sure their families are supported. "We know that we leave a gap when we deploy, but we've made sure we have the right people in place to fill that gap." Then it was wheels up—to answer the call to serve. Other groups of 3rd ID soldiers will do the same – they're set to deploy throughout the rest of the summer. LL TAG: This deployment is expected to last nine months. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Col. Ronald Sturgeon will take over as the commander of the Savannah District of the Army Corps of Engineers. He was celebrated with a change of command ceremony today. A ceremony steeped in tradition... thanking the outgoing commander, Col. Joseph Geary... and welcoming Col. Ronald Sturgeon to his new position. "Ron is absolutely qualified and absolutely ready to take command. Serving as a district commander is an important duty, and being selected to serve does not happen by accident." Under Col. Geary's leadership, the Savannah District took on some major projects – most notably the expansion of the Savannah Harbor. He says he's proud of his work in the region. "What the Savannah District does, it gets to those tasks and accomplishes those mandates. It provides for the common defense, promotes the general welfare, and they secure the blessings of liberty." Today – Geary passing on his post to a new leader... in front of a large crowd – including Rep. Buddy Carter, and representatives from the offices of Governor Brian Kemp and Sen. Jon Ossoff. "I'm deeply honored to be a part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers again, specifically Savannah District. Not just for the location, but for their reputation of reliability, because they win." The Savannah District – ready to continue serving the country and the community. As Col. Geary, the outgoing commander, moves on from Savannah, he'll be accepting a new position at the Pentagon. In Sav, HB WTOC NEWS.

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You're looking at video of the latest group to deploy to Poland in a support mission for NATO. That means they're now leading the group that will be responsible for completing future sustainment missions across as many as 13 countries. They'll also run support for exercises involving multiple countries with U-S allies and security partners. The 3rd I-D sustainment brigade is relieving a group of soldiers from Fort Carson in Colorado.

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LL INTRO: The C-130H, better known as the Hercules aircraft, has served the 165th Airlift Wing for more than 40 years. Today, marking a new chapter for the Air National Guard. This plane... carries with it... decades of 165th history. "We're losing this aircraft... which is the H model which we've had since 1981. All of my hours here, which is over 6500 hours is in the H model aircraft... so, it's bittersweet to see it leave the ramp." Saying goodbye to the Hercules model... as the 165th prepares to welcome the newer, C-130J model – known as the Super Hercules. Leaders say upgrading the planes, which are responsible for transporting supplies and making airdrops, is necessary. "Older airplanes, they get old and they break more often. And you have to keep them up to speed, here's fewer parts, and things like that." The upgrade... comes with some changes to flight crews. "Sadly, we're going to be losing two crew positions on this aircraft. On the H model, we had two pilots, a flight engineer, a navigator, and two load masters. So, the flight engineer and the navigator are going to be going away." Savannah is one of only a few wings nationwide that will have the new Super Hercules model... something 165th members say they're looking forward to. "It's supposed to make their job easier by being more advanced. But they're also taking on a lot more responsibility that was shared with more crew members in the H model. It's an overall drawdown in numbers. Ultimately, when they become proficient in the aircraft, I think we'll be better at what we do." The past, present, and maybe the future of the 165th... looked on... as the Hercules left Savannah.... For the final time Friday. LL TAG: Leaders with the 165th say they expect the new C-130J to be in Savannah by this December. IN SAV, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Lt. Col. Michael Masters has been charged with felony child abuse, and domestic battery by strangulation, also a felony. According to a report from the Gulf Breeze Police Department, officers responded to the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center for a domestic issue. The police report is heavily redacted, but officers say after interviewing the victim and witnesses, they had enough evidence to charge him in the incident. A spokesperson for Parris Island says the investigation is ongoing and additional details are unavailable at this time..and Masters has been reassigned pending charges.

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FIGHTER JET COMPETITION

This is being described as the Superbowl of military air competitions and it's drawing people out to see the event for themselves. *nats of jets* VO: Fighter jets took off from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport throughout the day. The William Tell competition returns following a nearly two-decade hiatus. The 165th Airlift Wing says the pause was due to the War on Terror. Nine units from active-duty...Air National Guard and the Reserves will be tested on their skills in maneuvers against enemy planes and are competing to be named as the top fighter integration team. Even though the action is happening high above our area...several people came to watch from the ground hoping to catch a glimpse of these fighter jets in action. "It's funny, I've been in the business almost 50 years and it still excites me. There's something about it. I don't know what it is. It's an inner feeling." According to a social media post from the Air Dominance Center...a military official called the competition a show of force and validates U-S air dominance worldwide. The competition is expected to run through this week until September 15. Reporting at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport...FS...WTOCN.

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9/17/2023 11PM WEEKEND 11:51:00 PM OD BEAUFORT: PILOT EJECTED INVOL. F35 PLANE Members from Joint Base Charleston and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort responded to what they're calling a mishap today. According to public affairs specialist jeremy Huggins- it involved a F-35B Lightning II jet from the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. Officials say that the pilot was safely ejected and taken to the hospital- they're in stable condition. They are looking for the F-35 involved and they're asking for the public's help in finding it- They say their focus is north of the joint base in Charleston, around Lake Moultrie and Lake Marion. anyone with any information is asked to call the Base Operations Center. 00:00:37

9/18/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MISSING BEAUFORT MCAS JET "This \$80 million question is where is it and if the beacon or transponder device within an \$80 million dollar brand new jet doesn't work, what else doesn't work in it? How much many has been invested into this program to see a jet like this fail for whatever reason?" Per usual there have been planes flying all around Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort today, but none have been able to find this missing F-35 jet. I'm told an investigation has already started and that the department of the Navy has a quote, well-defined process for investigating aircraft mishaps... The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing also telling me they are unable to provide additional details to preserve the integrity of the investigatory process. 00:00:42

Members of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart getting their day started with a splash. "The main focus out here, we're out here to be more proficient, test our capabilities." The task at hand. "So, today the engineers are going to put together a raft and the purpose of that is to float armor across." Heavy armor. "The Bradley is 44 tons; the Abrahms is 72 tons so it's heavy pieces of equipment we're moving out here." They do it using a technique called wet gap crossing. Basically, building a floating...mobile bridge... Something they're getting pretty good at. "Our fastest build was 14 minutes. So, we actually built this bridge in 14 minutes." And even that is a number they'd like to bring down...so they can be able to respond as fast as possible in a time of crisis. "You know, the engineers may be called upon to build this bridge to either gain access to isolated places that may need resupply if it was a natural disaster, or in war time if we need to cross armored assets across a body of armor, this is how we're going to do it." While it's clearly a skill worth practicing... On this day it was even a bit more special as they had the chance to show the public, including some students, there's no obstacle, whether at war...or in life that can't be overcome, when you work together. "I love any opportunity to teach, so, to get these young American's out here to show them the capabilities that we have and how cool it is and the men and women that make it happen, it makes me proud to be a soldier." Sam Bauman WTOC News

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"Over 250 soldiers are taking off here tonight, heading overseas to Eastern Europe." EVERYONE DEPLOYING SATURDAY NIGHT IS FROM THE SECOND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM...SPARTAN BRIGADE. BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL ETHAN DIVEN SAYS IT'S FOR *OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE*... A MISSION HE SAYS WILL HELP SUPPORT THE NATO PARTNERS OF THE UNITED STATES. "To show up with the newest equipment, to be all-in and shoulder to the load with our NATO allies, to improve partnership with people across the continent." HE SAYS IT TAKES A LOT OF PREP AND TRAINING... SOT: COLONEL DIVEN "This is really the culmination of about 24 months of an all-army effort focused on our brigade and our division. COLONEL DIVEN SAYS HE EXPECTS DEPLOYMENT TO LAST AROUND 9 MONTHS. SOT: COLONEL DIVEN "We never like to leave our families, but we are absolutely committed to go do the mission we have a strong community. Fort Stewart, Georgia, and the surrounding communities will take care of our families and everyone back home while we're gone." IT'S THE 10-TH DEPLOYMENT FOR THE BRIGADE COMMANDER... BUT FOR OTHERS...IT'S THEIR FIRST. "It's going to be the first time I travel outside the United States to go to a foreign country. So, I feel good." HE SAYS...HE'S READY TO GROW. SOT: VALDEZ "Learn about every position of the tank in my job, be proficient in every position...I just want to learn." THESE SOLDIERS... LEAVING FROM HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD... TO ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE. "In Savannah, AB, WTOC News."

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LL: Earlier today we heard from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort's Commanding Officer for the first time about the F-35 Incident, which he calls a mishap. He says despite the incident, the plane still has a great safety record, being flown around the area for almost ten years. VO: In a phone call this afternoon, Colonel Mark Bortnem said the pilot of the jet ejected around 1:30 pm on Sunday, near Charleston Airforce base. The debris field of the plane was found yesterday in Williamsburg County. Bortnem confirmed the crash site was found, and asks that people stay away from it for their own safety, and to not compromise the investigation. SOT FS: "We have the aircraft located, we have located where the aircraft site is. And now the investigation starts. And so what we're really looking at is it really starts at the crash site by looking at the wreckage that's there and then we'll continue on." LL TAG: Bortnem says the investigation will most likely take several months in order to find out all details of what occurred, reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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IT TOOK NEARLY 28 HOURS TO FIND IT. THE CREW FINALLY STARTED PICKING UP THE PIECES FROM THE CRASH OF ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S MOST SOPHISTICATED JET FIGHTERS. SOT - Randolph White/Witness: "Then I heard the boom, and I said, "My goodness." SOT - "It was kind of shocking. I mean, it's scary to thing that something landed that close to our house." (GFX) THE PILOT OF THE MARINE F-35 EJECTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUST A MILE FROM THE CHARLESTON AIRPORT, BUT THE AIRPLANE WENT MISSING, (GFX TWEET) FORCING THE MILITARY TO TWEET OUT AN APPEAL FOR "ANY INFORMATION" ON ITS WHEREABOUTS. SOT - U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace - R-SC 1st District: "How does it just disappear? And how does the Pentagon ask for the public's help in finding it? it's just a huge embarrassment." (Font: File) (KEYABLE) THE PLANE WAS ONE OF TWO F-35S FLYING AT 1000 FEET AS THEY CAME IN TO LAND - WHEN SOMETHING WENT WRONG. NAT -AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL: "SWEDE 11 OR 12, Charleston Approach, any F-35s, are you on this frequency?" THE PILOT WHO EJECTED HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL BY THE TIME THE \$100 MILLION PLANE WAS FOUND 60 MILES AWAY. NAT -AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL: "Ground crews are currently searching it. There's not much of it left." DAVID BERKE IS A FORMER MARINE F-35 PILOT WHO ONCE COMMANDED THE SAME UNIT. MARTIN: "Does it surprise you that a plane could have an emergency serious enough for the pilot to eject and still be able to fly another 60 miles?" BERKE: "It's a pretty rare event, but as uncommon as it might be, it's a plausible thing." MARTIN: "Even at 1,000 feet?" BERKE: "If the nose was pitched up, the jet will fly for many miles." THE F-35 IS A STEALTH JET, WHICH MAKES IT HARD TO TRACK ON RADAR, HARDER STILL BECAUSE ITS TRANSPONDER WAS OFF, WHICH BERKE SAYS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE IN A TWO PLANE FORMATION. BERKE: "It's very common in any aircraft. For the wingman to secure, meaning to turn off, their transponder." (TAG ON CAM) "It's embarrassing to lose track of such a sophisticated aircraft, but it may have been a blessing since the F 35 flew far enough to come down in a less populated area. David Martin, CBS news, the Pentagon."

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"First and foremost we are making sure that we are informing the workforce of what the impacts would be what their requirements and responsibilities will be not everybody will still have to come to work. There will be hundreds of thousands of DOD civilians people who are integral and vital to making this department work everyday that will be furloughed. There will be a significant impact on them but also on the department of defense's ability to conduct business everyday to include even the task of recruiting and we are in a tough recruiting market right now with the economy doing much much better." John Kirby says while they hope it does not come to a shutdown--they are doing everything they can to prevent it. WTOC will continue to bring you updates as this story develops.

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We know that it is not just the service members that won't get paid that is affected by this it is very much their families paying rent buying groceries, taking care of the needs of children, childcare will be affected if in fact these service members will have to work without pay." He adds that while they hope this all doesn't come to a shutdown, the D-O-D is working to keep everyone informed on how they will be impacted and how their responsibilities may change.

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<p>9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM</p>	<p>3RD ID MORTAR LIVE FIRE EXERCISE</p>	<p>Take a look at this -- pictures showing the hard work local soldiers are doing overseas. The 3rd Infantry Division was one of a handful of army divisions conducting a mortar live-fire exercise in Poland yesterday. This is just one example of the 3rd I-D's mission to do training and exercises on a multinational level across the continent.</p>	<p>00:00:20</p>
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"We were able to save up enough to hopefully get us through a month or two, but after that it's kind of scary not knowing if we'll get kicked out of our house." This woman, who interviewed on the condition of anonymity, says that she and her military husband live off-post. Unlike their on-post counterparts, their housing is not guaranteed. She says it's particularly frustrating to be in this position- knowing how much she and her husband sacrifice for his career. Spouse: "No matter what, they're always the ones having to go to work, and sacrifice everything. Long hours, strenuous tasks, and still, they always seem to get the brunt end of the stick." There are programs in place to help get military members through an impending shutdown. USAA implemented a 0% payday loan program during the last shutdown- which they say has grown exponentially since then. "We have other tools that we can help them with. For instance, if they have a car loan with us, they can take a 60 day interest free extension on that payment. Same thing for a credit card. It's a 90-day extension, and then if they have a checking account with us but say their federal deposit doesn't come in to us, we will waive overdraft fees." There are other similar programs available from NavyFederal and Army Emergency Assistance. Those programs are lifelines, according to several military members I've spoken to- but ultimately, they feel it shouldn't come to this in the first place. Spouse: "I would appreciate if they started prioritizing civilians a lot more than they do, military affiliation or not.

<p>9/29/2023 6AM 5:59:00 AM DAYBREAK</p>	<p>5AM SHEA GOVT SHUTDOWN MILITARY IMPACTS</p>	<p>They're still getting paid regardless, so it kind of feels like they don't care about us as civilians of this country and they would rather pick a battle over their sides than put us first."</p>	<p>00:01:43</p>
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**ISSUE 18: HOW THE MILITARY IS HONORED AND REMEMBERED. FORT STEWART NFL
CAMP, WW2 VETERAN CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY, 911 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES
SOURCE: VETERAN ORGS, ETC**

7/1/2023	11PM	LEWIS: FT	"The 3rd Infantry Division has been called many times for many generations here, and this team as well will continue to very selflessly serve and answer that call proudly. An opportunity as we get ready to do all of this, to be able to spend a night like this is amazing." The event was open to the public... organizers say it's an effort to give back to the military community that supports them.	00:00:23
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This year featured performances from country singer Chris Cagle and R&B group Dru Hill. The installation was full of food trucks and family fun activities... like face-painting and rock climbing! Leadership on the installation say... it's a moment for soldiers and their families to relax and enjoy time together... This comes as much of the 3rd Infantry Division is preparing to deploy to Europe over the next three to four months... Leaders say it's part of the country's continued support of our NATO allies.

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CHAD TAG ON CAM 00:00:00 A very special occasion for young athletes here at Fort Stewart, as Jaguars linebacker Devin Lloyd host a free football camp for over 150 military children. VO Lloyd, a 2022 first round pick by the Jaguars out of Utah, was a standout in his rookie season. Playing in all 17 games, registering 115 total tackles. Even with the NFL success, Lloyd's moral roots stick with him, and he wants to help military children tackle the challenges he also grew up facing... SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker :30-:39 I believe in service. I believe that we are all on this earth to serve and help one another. Growing up in a military is very near and dear to my heart. Any opportunity that I have, I am going to take advantage of it. My dad would go on deployments sometimes, so I understand the difficulty of growing up in a military household and everything that comes with it. VO Lloyd's camp provides kids an opportunity that he himself... never had. SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker 1:00-1:10 I really wanted to come out here and give that opportunity to kids. I didn't really have that opportunity. I'd say in high school I went to camps, but that was just to compete for a scholarship. I think this youth camp is great and I think they can take a lot from it. VO Lloyd made it a priority to have both boys and girls... learning at his camp SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker Flag football is huge, especially for girls. They love it. I think that opportunity that they have is great compared to a few years ago, when they didn't have that opportunity. I think the game just does so much for everybody, and there is nobody that should be excluded in that. No matter the campers professions down the road, he wants them all.. to pay it forward. SOT Devin Lloyd/Jaguars Linebacker 1:45-1:55 and 2:04-2:09 I think just seeing somebody in the NFL coming out and offering their time to them, that's something I want them to do in the future. I hope that's what they take from it. Even if is their parents telling them later down the line that when they see someone in the position that I am and how grateful I am to be in this position to take time out of my day and service other kids...I hope that's the lasting impact they take. CHAD TAG ON CAM 2:11-2:21 Just two weeks before starting his second NFL season, Lloyd... giving back to military children. Reporting

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WW2 Check it out -- a World War 2 veteran celebrated his 100th birthday today! Sid Nudelman enlisted in
VETERAN the Army back in 1941 - and became a sergeant. He flew over Normandy on D-Day 3 times...
100TH assisting other members by dropping supplies and more. He also served as a radio operator. We
BIRTHDAY had the chance to speak with him today. 00:00:19

8/5/2023
7:00:00 AM 7AM
DAYBREAK ANNA 6 7:
SATURDAY SERVE IT
OD FORWARD The tournament starts at 9 o'clock this morning. A total of 22 people have signed up to compete
today... and all the proceeds from their registration goes to provide two days of shelter for a female
veteran. Along with these proceeds, there's also going to be several organizations at today's
tournament... giving veterans the opportunity to learn more about what they can get involved in
around them. 00:00:24

7AM
8/5/2023 DAYBREAK ANNA 6 7: "You expect to see sisterhood, a brotherhood., We're going to have different organizations for
7:00:00 AM SATURDAY SERVE IT veterans like the American Legion, the VFW, so I just expect to see a lot of collaboration, some
OD FORWARD connection, networking and future opportunities so we can always check on our buddies." 00:00:17

7AM
8/5/2023 DAYBREAK ANNA 630
7:00:00 AM SATURDAY 730: SERVE IT The tournament is called Serve it Forward. The organizer says she hopes that the turnout today lets
OD FORWARD IT female veterans know that they are not alone and not forgotten. Sally Rejas put this day together
and says feeling forgotten is a feeling she's unfortunately used to. 00:00:16

((PKG)) The tournament... called Serve it Forward, was all about serving it forward for a community in need. ((SOT)) "The importance of raising awareness of homeless female veterans is, bottom line, when you hear someone saying they served, the just think about, not just the men wo serve our county, we have a lot of women as well." ((VO)) And others at today's event, know just how serious this topic is. ((SOT)) "Currently, there are 55,00 homeless women veterans." ((VO)) That's why Rejas organized an event like this, where proceeds from registration help to give a homeless female veteran at least two days of shelter. ((SOT)) "Literally, their donation goes directly to Final Salute Incorporation." ((VO)) And on top of that, today's event also provided a way to set some veterans up with organizations that can help create future opportunities for them, like the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. ((SOT)) "It means everything to me, because I am also a veteran and just knowing that there are organizations that will be willing to support me if I ever need help, or to support my fellow sisters in arms, it's very important." ((VO)) Rejas says that after today's tournament, she wants folks feel welcomed and seen. ((SOT)) "I'm hoping veterans know that they are not alone and that they're not forgotten. So, at the end of the day, I want them to make new friends, new buddies, right here in Richmond Hill, because we care about our veterans." ((VO)) Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News.

8/5/2023 WKEND
6:00:00 PM 6PM OD

ANNA S.:
SERVE IT
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"One man has witnessed many historic milestones... But, tonight, he got to witness his own." Nat sound: "I feel fortunate I've come this far, you know." WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN *CORPORAL LEONARD TURNER* IS CELEBRATING HIS *ONE-HUNDREDTH* BIRTHDAY. "I don't really feel the difference between how I felt at 99 now that I'm 100. But, at any rate, it feels great to reach that number and be in good health." MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 5-6-4 HOSTED...SAYING THEY EXPECTED AROUND *200* PEOPLE. NAT SOUND: "We've got veterans, generals, colonels, dignitaries from the state coming in..." SOT: LEONARD "I was against it to start with..." BUT HE SAYS...HIS KIDS INSISTED. AND NOW THAT HE'S HERE. SOT: LEONARD "It's amazing, actually amazing." NAT SOUND: "I believe he is the last Carlson Raider of the four fathers of the Marine Reconnaissance Community." RETIRED MARINE AND MEMBER OF THE DETACHMENT SAYS...CORPORAL TURNER PAVED THE WAY. "He epitomizes what we as Marines try to uphold. He is a hero. He will never say that, he'll always say I'm not. But in our mind, he is a hero of our Corps and the history of America." HE SAYS...IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE VETERANS LIKE CORPORAL TURNER. SOT: HARRY "We need that engagement to let them know they're never forgotten, they're a part of our lives. THE ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD SAYS HIS BIRTHDAY WISH... SOT: HARRY "To stay healthy and go as long as I can." "At the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, AB, WTOC News."

11PM
8/19/2023 WEEKEND
11:01:00 PM OD

ANNA B.:
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		ANNA S	The department says this is a way for the community to get together and remember the heroes who	
		LIVE	lost their lives. They say everyone from kids to parents to police officers, EMS crews and more have	
		MEMORIAL	signed up... making it over 200 people that are expected to participate. That's why the department	
	8AM	STAIR	made this event free to the public, so it's easy to attend if you're interested. One firefighter I spoke	
9/10/2023	DAYBREAK	CLIMB 7:30	with says this turnout is more than he ever expected and it shows how much people want to honor	
8:00:00 AM	SUNDAY OD	AM	those first responders.	00:00:30

			nats of bell The sound of The Big Duke Alarm Bell rang through city streets as firefighters honored	
			first responders on the 22nd anniversary of the September 11th terror attacks. *nats of radio calls*	
			Radio calls marking each moment of the day played through the firehouse as crews stood under an	
			American flag remembering the 343 New York firefighters who died in the attack. "We spend more	
			time with our firefighter brothers and sisters than we do with our own family so it cuts right straight to	
			our heart when we see someone else doing all they can do because we would do the same thing if	
			the opportunity presented itself." At a meeting of Savannah's Rotary Club...a compelling speech to	
			mark the day. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ted Anderson spoke with members about being in the	
			Pentagon when American Airlines flight 77 crashed into the building. "The walls caved, ceiling	
			came down, lights went out. That giant sucking sound of all of the air going toward the fueling fire is	
			what I remember. I remember that sound." Club members say Anderson was awarded the Soldiers	
			Medal for Valor after being credited with helping multiple people escape the Pentagon. "The smoke	
			was just overwhelming, but we had an opportunity to bring two or three people out. Unfortunately,	
			there were people left behind that we did not have the opportunity to get to. That's what sticks with	
			me more than anything." Anderson still struggles with the emotions of the day...but says he wanted	
		SAV: 911	to speak so that others would never forget what happened...an idea echoed by Savannah	
9/11/2023		CEREMONI	firefighters. "It's just sort of a constant reminder of their sacrifice and the sacrifice that we're willing	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	ES	to do here in Savannah."	00:01:40

9/5/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SFD 911 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB	The public is invited to walk with Savannah Fire this coming Sunday. The department is hosting its first ever 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb. They'll be holding it at the Savannah Civic Center starting at 8:30 a-m. People will be climbing the stairs there - 110 flights to symbolize the heroic efforts of first responders who climbed the World Trade Center 22 years ago.	00:00:22
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9/11/2023 3:00:00 PM	3PM	MICHAELA: 9 11 STAIR CLIMB	<p>LL: The average weight of basic firefighter gear, like what I am wearing now is around 45 pounds and it feels pretty heavy already. Carrying it up 110 flights of stairs will be daunting, but I am going to go along with these climbers as long as I can. Pkg: sot "packs could weigh from 25-35 pounds, when you put you bunker gear your helmets you are looking at 65 added to just your body weight." After putting on a portion of that gear, I was already sweating. And boy did I feel it. But I wasn't the only one. Over 250 community members were alongside me to honor and remember the actions of those brave first responders 22 years ago. Some of the first responders wore the gear all the way to the end, but I couldn't get through it like some of the first responders like Tyler Barrett, A city of Savannah Firefighter says that day changed her life forever. sot "I remember getting home and my mom sat me myself and my brother and sister down and we were watching the news it is just really emotional it is just heartbreaking and events like that you hope you never have to encounter or happen period." And that is one of the reasons she does what she does today. sot " I think every firefighter has a part of them that remembers 9-11 and knows about 9-11 and you carry that with you because our job is to run into the building when people are running out." "What we are doing here doesn't even halfway mock the courage and strength those guys had." But she says she hopes events like this give the community more appreciation for our first responders and their brave actions on the day we will never forget. LL: It was definitely an experience, and although I didn't make it that far it gives me more appreciation for our first responders 22 years ago and today. In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC.</p>	00:01:43
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9/8/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BLUFFTON 911 REMEMBER ANCE	Looking ahead to this Monday - September 11th... The Town of Bluffton is holding a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony It will be at the Veterans Memorial in Buckwalter Place Park Local government and community faith leaders will be speaking. The ceremony begins at 8:30 Monday morning.	00:00:17
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9/8/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SAV
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Packet pick up is happening tonight at the Night of Honor Event. That's happening at Forsyth Park as well from 6 to 10. The 3rd I-D Band will be there, along with food trucks, displays and more. If you can't make it tonight, you can pick up that race packet tomorrow morning starting at 6:30 a-m. 00:00:17

**ISSUE 19: HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. HEALTHCARE COMPANY HAS DATA BREACH
SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TSA, NSA, FAA, ETC**

7/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD DATA
SAFETY
AFTER
BREACHES
"IT professor Dr. Hayden Wimmer at Georgia Southern says there are several things you need to know if a health care facility with your information gets hacked." "You should be concerned about what data was leaked." Recently, HCA Healthcare had a data breach and several of Memorial Health's facilities in Savannah and Vidalia were affected. "It seemed like it was their system that was responsible for emailing people things like appointment reminders. That system wouldn't have detailed information about your particular health care situation." A release from HCA says this information including the patient's name and emails address was breached. Dr. Wimmer says patients should be incredibly cautious for scams, phishing and credit card breaches. You should not give out any sensitive information over email and be cautious of emails asking to you to click a link. Dr. Wimmer says hacks are happening more often. If health care information was breached it can be very costly for a company. (sot) "What they'll generally try to do is A, hold a ransom, tell the company we're going to release the data, if you don't pay us. Often times they will sell it on the black market, usually on the dark web or they will sell it and use it to scam people." Dr. Wimmer hopes more companies will be proactive and hire cyber security professionals before a hack occurs. (sot) "Often times what they do is just push this task on to either the network people or somebody else as kind of an after thought but it needs to be like a business strategy." HCA's full news release is on our website, WTOC.com. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:34

LL: The T-S-A says you are allowed to travel with a firearm, but if you do it the wrong way, it could be a very costly mistake. PKG: Last year...Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport set a record for passenger numbers. This year...the airport has already shattered another record. "We're seeing a huge increase in the number of guns coming through the security checkpoint." The Transportation Security Administration says so far this year officers have detected 15 firearms at the airport's checkpoint...surpassing the total of 14 for all of last year. Why the increase? Howell: "Volume is part of it. You've got more gun ownership. So, you put those things together -- more people travelling plus more guns, equals more guns at airports." The T-S-A says guns can only travel in checked luggage...not carry ons and must be stored in hard sided cases with padding. They also remind passengers to make sure their guns are completely empty and store ammunition separately. Once the case is packed...make sure it's completely locked before dropping it off at the ticket counter. Howell: "99.9% of the time when we detect a firearm at the checkpoint, the excuse we get is, 'Oops, I forgot it was in my bag.' So, it's almost always not intentional." But it's a mistake that could cost you. The T-S-A says civil penalties for bringing a gun through the security checkpoint can be as high as 15-thousand dollars. Officers will also call local police and shut down some security lanes...resulting in potential delays for you and fellow travelers. The T-S-A reminds fliers that when it's time to take to the skies...shake the routine of keeping your gun with you. Howell "When you're travelling, you really have to flip that mindset and make sure you're thinking about what you're bringing with you to the airport. If you're planning on travelling with a firearm just make sure you're doing it the right way." LL: The T-S-A also reminds passengers that each airline and destination has different rules when it comes to firearms...so be sure to check ahead before booking your travel. Reporting at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport...FS...WTOCN.

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8/16/2023
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And last month, authorities arrested 25-year-old Bluffton resident Tyler Dykes. He faces 9 charges related to the Capitol riot. Dykes is accused of stealing a riot shield from a police officer that day. He was arrested in Charlottesville -- where he'd already served a prison term related to a white nationalist march in 2017 His arraignment is scheduled for September 22nd.

8/24/2023
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

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7AM	ANNA 630	"One of the biggest, biggest challenges that I have faced is that when I walk with my husband, and I	
8/5/2023	DAYBREAK	730: SERVE	wear a veteran's shirt they say, Oh did your husband serve or did someone serve?And I go no, I
7:00:00 AM	SATURDAY	IT	served to. So it's very important that we remember and we recognize that our women have served
	OD	FORWARD	side-by-side with our men." 00:00:18

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

GOVERNMENT

JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

FACE THE NATION

- 07/02/23 **Guests:** Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Biden administration (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Eric Holder, former U.S. attorney general, Obama administration, chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (3); Dr. Michael Drake, president, University of California (4); Lindsay Gorman, senior fellow, German Marshall Fund (5)
1) Topics include: bipartisan infrastructure bill;
2) Topics include: 2020 presidential election; his recent trip to Ukraine; recent State Department faulting both the Trump and Biden administrations for missteps in Afghanistan; China
3) Topics include: / Supreme Court 6-3 ruling, rejecting the theory that state legislatures can decide the rules for federal elections / pardoning Donald Trump, the 45th president
- 07/09/23 **Guests:** Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Biden administration (1); Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) (2); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (4); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (5); Dr. Kate Calvin, chief scientist and senior climate advisor, NASA (6)
1) an interview on her goodwill mission to China
5) Topics include: gender transition care for kids / lack of compassion and empathy in politics; Republican governors running for president
- 07/16/22 **Guests:** Danya Bacchus, CBS News correspondent (1); Chris Livesay, CBS News foreign correspondent (2); Paul Goodloe, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (3); John Giles, mayor (Mesa, AZ) (4); Barry Diller, chairman and senior executive, IAC, chairman and senior executive, Expedia Group (5); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, “On With Kara Swisher”, co-host, “Pivot” (6); Representative Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (7); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (8)
7) Topics include: National Defense Authorization Act, which includes a controversial amendment on abortion
- 07/23/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Kate Gallego, mayor (Phoenix-AZ) (2); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (3); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (5); Dr. Marci Bowers, president, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (6); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7)
4) Topics include:; case against Hunter Biden; refusal by some Republicans to say former President Donald Trump's actions surrounding the 2020 election were criminal
5) Topics include: transgender care in New Jersey; suing the Biden administration for congestion pricing; RNC strategy of politically attacking Vice President Kamala Harris
6) a discussion on the facts surrounding gender-affirming health care

07/30/23

Guests: Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (1); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal expert and analyst (1); Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Asa Hutchinson, former governor (R-AR), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota (5); Ron Nirenberg, mayor (San Antonio, TX) (6)

1) Topics include: latest developments in the mounting legal troubles for former President Trump, in both the classified documents case and the investigation of his conduct in and around January 6th; collapse of the plea deal agreement between Hunter Biden and the Department of Justice

2) Topics include: accusations and indictments against former President Trump / Department of Justice / suggestion that Mr. Trump should be pardoned if convicted; call for Congress to revoke permanent normal trade relations with China until the flow of fentanyl ends; term limits and mental acuity tests for politicians over the age of 75

3) Topics include: mental acuity tests for politicians over the age of 75; criticism of discussing pardons as “inappropriate”; political attacks on the Department of Justice / his reform proposal; fentanyl crisis / China and Mexico’s role in the crisis

08/06/23

Guests: Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bill Barr, former U.S. attorney general, Trump administration (2); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (3); Will Hurd, former representative (R-TX), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (4); John Lauro, attorney for former President Donald Trump (5); Representative Dean Phillips (D-MN) (6); Chris Krebs, CBS News cyber security expert and analyst, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (7)

Guest Moderator: Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent

1) Topics include: false characterizations made by some members of Mr. Trump’s legal team about the interactions between the two men on January 6th, 2021 / case against Mr. Trump / former vice president’s candidacy for president

2) Topics include: legitimacy of the case against former President Trump; investigation into Hunter Biden

3) CBS News poll results on Americans’ reactions to President Trump’s indictment and what it means for democracy

4) Topics include: recent appearance in Des Moines / current state of his presidential campaign / former President Trump

5) an interview on the 2020 election case against his client, former President Trump

6) Topics include: possibility of him challenging President Biden for the 2024 Democratic presidential nomination / praise for Mr. Biden / presidential campaigns of Democrat Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Green Party candidate Cornell West / mischaracterizations about Vice President Kamala Harris

7) Topics include: security of the 2020 election / case against Mr. Trump; concerns about the 2024 election / threats to election administration officials

08/13/23

Guests: Carter Evans, CBS News correspondent (1); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2); Representative Jill Tokuda (D-HI) (3); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Abbe Lowell, attorney for Hunter Biden (5); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (6); Neda Sharghi, Emad Sharghi’s sister (7); Robert Pape, professor, University

of Chicago (8)

Guest Correspondent: Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (2)

3) Topics include: conditions in Lahaina / recovery efforts / failure of the hazard warning system /

4) a discussion on the impact of naming David Weiss as special counsel to oversee the Hunter Biden investigation, the reaction from Democrats and Republicans, the potential impact on the Biden campaign for reelection, as well as the possible indictment of Donald Trump in the Georgia election fraud investigation

5) Topics include: break down of the plea deal on July 26th / naming of David Weiss as special counsel / case against her client

6) Topics include: naming of David Weiss as special counsel to oversee the Hunter Biden investigation / investigation into Hunter Biden;

8) a discussion on the findings from his survey on the rising support for political violence in the wake of Trump's indictment

08/20/23

Guests: Kelly Cass, meteorologist, The Weather Channel (1); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (2); Jonathan Vigliotti, CBS News national correspondent (3); Josh Green, governor (D-HI) (4); Grace Garner, mayor (Palm Springs, CA) (5); Karen Bass, mayor (Los Angeles, CA) (6); Deanne Criswell, administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (7); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (8); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (9)

6) Topics include: her role as a surrogate for President Biden's reelection campaign

8) CBS News poll results indicating former President Trump has his biggest lead yet over his 2024 GOP rivals, as Republican voters dismiss the indictments against him and his challengers prepare for this week's primary debate

08/27/23

Guests: Cristian Benavides, CBS News correspondent (1); Mike Pence, former vice president, Trump administration, 2024 Republican presidential candidate (2); Chris Christie, former governor (R-NJ), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (4); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (5); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (5); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (5); Fiona Hill, senior fellow, Brookings Institution, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

Guest Moderator: Nancy Cordes, CBS News chief White House correspondent

2) Topics include: last week's Republican debate, where the majority of participants supported the former vice president for his actions on January 6th, 2021 / Republican candidate Vivek Ramaswamy / pledge to support Mr. Trump, should he be the nominee

3) Topics include: President Trump making money off of his mugshot / need to stop normalizing the former president's behavior; Mark Meadows' attempt to get his charges moved to federal court;

4) Topics include: former President Trump; President Biden; abortion rights; their launch of the Congressional Bipartisan Affordable Childcare Caucus

5) Topics include: Mr. Trump's upcoming legal cases

09/03/23

Guests: Nikki Haley, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (2); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (3); Ashley Etienne, CBS News contributor, Democratic strategist (4); Terry Sullivan,

Republican strategist (4); Gina Raimondo, U.S. secretary of commerce, Biden administration (5); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)

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

- 1) Topics include: support for term limits and mental competency tests for anyone over the age of 75; important spending deadline and potential government shutdown; supporting Mr. Trump, should he be the Republican nominee / criticism of Vice President Harris / consolidating the non-Trump vote
- 2) Topics include: gains made by the Biden administration / winning back a working class which is leaving the Democratic Party / need for President Biden to run on a strong progressive agenda; major reforms in primary health care
- 3) Topics include: GOP presidential field of candidates / focus on nominating a Republican challenger that is not Donald Trump / third-party candidates / his work with the bipartisan group No Labels / possibility of the former governor seeking the nomination on a No Labels ticket
- 4) Topics include: President Biden's connection with working class voters / running against former President Trump; calls from some Republicans to impeach President Biden; President Biden's age / topics driving voters
- 5) Topics include: deadline to avoid an October 1st partial federal government shutdown; recent trip to China /

09/10/23

Guests: Vice President Kamala Harris, Biden administration (1) (4); Representative French Hill (R-AR) (2); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (3); General (Ret.) Frank McKenzie, United States Marine Corps, former commander, United States Central Command (5); David Sanger, White House and national security correspondent, *The New York Times* (6); Josh Rogin, foreign policy and national security columnist, *Washington Post* (6)

- 1) Excerpt from an interview with Vice President Kamala Harris, recorded late last week while she was in Jakarta, Indonesia for ASEAN Summit. Topics include: why she thinks Republicans are attacking her personally; root causes of migration; abortion rights
- 2) Topics include: avoiding a government shutdown / Republicans who vow not to vote to fund the government unless an impeachment inquiry on Joe Biden is passed;
- 3) a report from Hanoi, Vietnam on President Biden's meeting with Vietnam's leaders as part of an effort to "counter China in this region", made after his visit to the G20 summit in India on Saturday
- 4) Additional excerpt from the interview with Vice President Harris. Topics include: China / leadership summit this November in San Francisco;
- 6) a discussion on the diplomatic challenges facing the Biden administration in Asia

09/17/23

Guests: Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1); Shawn Fain, president, United Auto Workers (UAW) (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News executive director of elections and surveys (4); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), chairman, House Intelligence Committee (5); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (6); Sean Penn, actor, co-director, *Superpower* (6)

- 4) CBS News poll results indicating President Biden is in a "precarious" position in a hypothetical matchup with former President Donald Trump
- 5) Topics include: potential government shutdown / possible impact of the just-announced Biden impeachment inquiry on the negotiations;
- 6) Topics include: Trump and Biden classified documents; China's AI capabilities

and the threats posed to our upcoming elections; potential government shutdown

09/24/23 **Guests:** Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) (3); Robert O'Brien, former United States national security adviser, Trump administration (4); Olena Zelenska, first lady of Ukraine (5)
; New Jersey Democratic Senator Bob Menendez' indictment on bribery charges.; Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy
2) Topics include: his opposition to a short-term deal to avert a government shutdown / belief that the United States is headed for a government shutdown /
4) Topics include: why he never considered resigning after January 6th / serving in a possible second Trump administration

60 MINUTES

08/20/23 **"Who Is Ray Epps?"** – a profile of Ray Epps, a Trump supporter who participated in the January 6th 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 6th Committee author its final report. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick) The 08/20/23 rebroadcast includes an update. (OAD: 04/23/23)
"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) (OAD: 04/30/23)

09/17/23 60 MINUTES (7:50 – 8:50p) (56th SEASON PREMIERE)
"Into the Streets" – a report from Israel on Brothers and Sisters in Arms. As the Israeli government's plan to overhaul the Supreme Court draws widespread opposition and counter-defense from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, military reservists continue to join the protest group. Includes interviews with Eyal Naveh, Shira Eting, Ron Scherf, and Omri Ronen, members of Brothers and Sisters in Arms; and Yariv Levin, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

On **Tuesday, August 1**, a CBS News Special Report (Former President Donald Trump indicted over efforts to overturn his 2020 presidential election loss) aired for 58:32 from 5:31:27-6:29:59pm cnyl, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, August 3**, a CBS News Special Report (Former President Donald Trump arraignment at Federal Courthouse in Washington, DC) aired for 1:44:59 from 3:16:50-5:01:49pm cnyl, live to all stations.

On **Friday, August 11**, a CBS News Special Report (U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland appoints David Weiss as special counsel to oversee Hunter Biden probe) aired for 13:56 from 12:19:41-12:33:37pm cnyl, live to all stations.

On **Monday, August 14**, a CBS News Special Report (U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland appoints David Weiss as special counsel to oversee Hunter Biden probe) aired for 1:00:00 from 11:00:00pm-12:00:00midnight cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, August 24**, a CBS News Special Report (Former President Donald Trump surrenders at Rice Street Jail in Atlanta, GA) aired for 17:46 from 7:32:56-7:50:42pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, September 14**, a CBS News Special Report (Hunter Biden indicted on federal gun charges) aired for 12:22 from 1:40:28-1:52:50pm cnyt, live to all stations.

INVESTIGATE TV

9/27- InvestigateTV+ Season 1; Episode 13 Discipline for doctors whose substance use endanger patients is often lenient, secretive. Plus, terminal patients seek 'death with dignity' across state lines.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 20: ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON FEDERAL, LOCAL, STATE. OSSOF VISITS SOUTH KOREA, BIDEN IN SC NEXT WEEK, BLUFFTON MAN ARRESTED FOR JAN 6TH RIOT, GOV DESANTIS CAMPAIGNING IN SC., GA TRUMP INDICTMENT, SPECIALTY CROP FARMERS BILL, WHALE SPEED BILL, CANNABIS RESTRICTIONS, US GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN TALKS, SUPREME COURT TERM LIMITS BILL INTRODUCED, SEC YELLEN VISITS SAVANNAH, SHARK FISHING CHANGES
SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, CBS, CONGRESS, SENATE GOV. KEMP, GOV. MCMASTER, BUDDY CARTER, ETC**

The Palmetto State looks to be popular with presidential candidates over the next few months. President Joe Biden will be making a visit to the state this week. He'll be here this Thursday, July 6th. South Carolina will be the first democratic primary for the 2024 election... taking the place of Iowa. Biden won South Carolina during the primaries back in 2020. Details on the location and purpose of the visit have not yet been released.

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Republican Presidential hopeful Ron DeSantis is expected to be the first GOP candidate to file for South Carolina's Republican Presidential Primary. The Florida governor is set to make an appearance at the republican party headquarters on Tuesday. After he signs his paperwork, he plans to make a policy rollout. He already announced proposals on tackling immigration... a proposal that includes the call for ending birthright citizenship and finishing construction on the Mexico border wall.

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7/18/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BLUFFTON MAN ARRESTED JAN. 6 Tyler Dykes is charged with civil disorder and assaulting, resisting or impeding officers in the 2020 riot at the U-S Capitol Building. Dykes was arrested in Charlottesville, Virginia. According to court documents, Dykes attended the "Stop the Steal" rally and marched with others to the U.S. Capitol building. Court documents say that Dykes can be seen in video tearing down barriers with other rioters as they approached restricted grounds. 00:00:27

7/19/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WTOCI: JAN. 6TH ATTACK BLUFFTON SUSPECT The tipster identified Tyler Dykes of Bluffton... saying they were talking about the January 6th attack... when Dykes told them all about how he went into the capital with a mask on, with the other rioters, and started beating-up police officers. The tipster said Dykes also told him he was there for 'fun'... and to make a statement. The document says Dykes also told the tipster that he was in the military at the time of the attack... and that he even had video evidence of him being there. The tipster tells authorities they believed Dykes was telling the truth... saying, "I believe he needs to be investigated." An FBI officer also described an interaction with Dykes. He said, quote... "My personal knowledge stems from the fact that I met and personally interviewed DYKES in or around January 2019 regarding his potential ties to domestic extremist groups." The arrest warrant also notes Dykes' criminal history. It says, quote... "Not only was DYKES indicted and pleaded guilty for his illegal involvement in the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia... but publicly available information also indicates he may still have ties to extremist groups.. " The arrest warrant also shows how FBI agents pieced-together their case. They say Dykes' phone pinged near the Capitol on January 6th.. And, they say Dykes' unique facial features also helped them I-D him. 00:01:21

8/1/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SPECIALTY CROP FARMERS BILL It comes on the heels of a hard summer season for one of Georgia's signature specialty crops. The Peach State lost over 90 percent of its peach yield this year. Pecan and blueberry farmers, along with others would fall under the purview of this program for everything from late season freezes, severe weather and more. 00:00:19

LL: As a potential fourth indictment looms for former president Donald Trump, Georgia's Secretary of State was here in Savannah, telling Rotary Club members the state's election system is secure. PKG: *nats of applause* A message of elections confidence from Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to Savannah Rotary Club members. "In Georgia, our elections are safe, secure, honest, accessible and accurate." The secretary's visit comes just days after former president Donald Trump was indicted over his alleged efforts to interfere with the peaceful transfer of power following the 2020 election. The indictment lays out what prosecutors call Trump and his co-conspirator's false claims of election fraud in Georgia. Raffensperger "There weren't 10,000 dead people that voted, there's only four. There was no underage voters, they said there was 66,000. There weren't 2,400 non-registered voters. And there weren't thousands of felons, there was less than 74. So all the facts always proved that the results were what the results were." Raffensperger has testified in front of a Fulton County grand jury investigating whether the former president illegally tried to meddle in the 2020 election in the state. Reporter question " " Raffensperger "I have no idea, and they don't call us and so we'll just wait and see what happens." Despite the national attention surrounding Georgia's 2020 election...which at one point even focused right here on Chatham County... Raffensperger hopes to instill confidence in the state's voting system. Raffensperger " " BUTTED TO - "We think that has elevated security. By elevating security, it has elevated voter's confidence in the process." As the state gears up for what's expected to be another closely watched election.. "We understand that next year will be a very well participated race, just like it was in 2020." LL: Ahead of the 2024 election...Secretary Raffensperger says his office will conduct statewide health checks on elections offices...making sure security protocols are up to date. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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The governor's report says that's because the two largest projects in state history were announced last year. Both electric vehicle makers Rivian and Hyundai boosted that total to more than 51 thousand jobs. Georgia commerce experts say this year would have beaten last year's totals without those projects at more than 38 thousand new jobs.

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In June of this year, Representative Buddy Carter proposed a bipartisan bill that would put a stop to the funding of NOAA's push to expand its current speed limit for vessels. Carter argues that this could be damaging for coastal Georgia ports. ((US REPRESENTATIVE BUDDY CARTER)) "We certainly do not want to see any specific of the animal go extinct, but what NOAA is proposing here, won't work." NOAA's proposition is to explain its speed limits now limiting vessels 35-65ft to a speed of 11mph, in hopes to help preserve the endangered species of the right whale. However, Georgia ports, feel as if this speed reduction could cause a man-made supply chain issue. ((JAMIE MCCURRY##GEORGIA PORT AUTHORITY)) there was more cargo than could be processed by the shippers who were buying and taking that cargo but in this case, we would see the same kind of ship delays simply from the inability to bring ships in and out of ports. But both sides of the debate must remember one thing... ((JAMIE MCCURRY##GEORGIA PORT AUTHORITY)) I think it's important to say that it is a proposed law-making, there is nothing yet that is defined, and it can still be re-looked at, it can be refined in a way that does strike a better balance between the environment and the economy. that's exactly what Environmental preservationists at 100 Miles Georgia are hoping for. CATHERINE RIDLEY##100 MILES GA "We owe it to all of us to have an open and transparent dialogue and yeah we can all say that yes this is a good rule, this is a safe and effective rule, but there are opportunities to compromise if we are willing to start with the facts." And the fact is there are less than 350 right whales and this area is their only known breeding ground According to NOAA . Which is why preservations are worried. CATHERINE RIDLEY##100 MILES GA "Unforently the legislation that representative carter has proposed is not only dangerous but it would put our north atlantic right whales on the fast track to extinction, he would be hand-stringing the one agency with the power to come in and make a difference in a safe and effective way." A conversation, a comprise, and hopefully, common ground. ((US REPRESENTATIVE BUDDY CARTER)) "We all have the same common goal, we want to save, the right whale but let's do it in a way that not gonna be dangerous and is gonna be smart."

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8/15/2023		NUTS &	"So the world is watching in that, and as someone that was an elector in the election of Joe Biden,	
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"This is the first time that we've had someone who is a former president who could be charged with a crime and potentially go to jail, much less, a potential sitting president who could be serving jail time. This is really uncharted territory for us." Trump is facing 13 charges... including violating the Georgia's racketeering law... Prosecutors say Trump was a part of a criminal enterprise that had the goal of overturning the state's 2020 election result. "Being convicted of racketeering charges in a state court, is probably worst case scenario for Donald Trump for a couple of reasons. First of all, he can't be pardoned." Dr. Martin says Trump's best bet – is to get this case moved out of Fulton County. "If they could argue that the alleged crimes were committed while he was trying to check and ensure there were free and fair elections going on, then there's a good likelihood that it would get removed to federal courts." From there – Martin says... there's different rules in federal court, which could in turn, potentially work out in Trump's favor. "He could get a judge and a jury that's more sympathetic and favorable to him, essentially. The other thing is, if a republican is in office after November 2024, what that republican could do, whether it's him, or another republican, is get the Department of Justice to throw out the case entirely." Trump's attorney – Mark Meadows, who is also indicted in the case... has already filed a motion to have his charges moved to federal court. Dr. Martin says... there's still a lot of uncertainty .. over what happens next. "All of this at this point, is just probabilities. Will he be able to move it to federal court? He might, he might not. If he can't, will he be convicted of racketeering in Georgia? We don't know. It's all a lot of what ifs at this point."

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It would update the national tax code to make supplementary doctors and other practitioners independent contractors. Those are the people that hospitals often contract to help fill gaps in staffing. The bill would allow them to work as independent contractors anywhere in the country. It's something Carter and other sponsors say would be high-impact, with 85 percent of medical groups using these kinds of doctors.

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The court's decision comes after the companies being sued filed to dismiss the case last October. They argued it violated the state law passed after the settlement. It has a clause preventing against past, present and future claims by a government entity. The court unanimously agrees that the hospital authority falls into that category.

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		5AM SHEA QUALIFYING	In the City of Savannah, anyone running for an alderman position has to pay 750 dollars this week. Anyone running for the mayor's office pays a 1,710 fee- which is three percent of the Mayor's salary.	
8/22/2023	5AM	WEEK FOR	According to the City of Savannah's Clerk of Council, four people have declared their intent to run for mayor- and 30 people for council.	
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		5AM SHEA QUALIFYING		
8/22/2023	5AM	WEEK FOR	"Ours is a little unique in that all of our candidates run their terms of office at the same time, so all nine of our elected officials are running, whereas in other jurisdictions it's usually a staggered term."	
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		REP. CARTER PROVIDER BILL	It would update the national tax code to make supplementary doctors and other practitioners independent contractors. Those are the people that hospitals often contract to help fill gaps in staffing. The bill would allow them to work as independent contractors anywhere in the country. Right now 85 percent of medical groups are using these kinds of doctors.	
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		WCHA GA SUPREME COURT RULING	The court's decision comes after the companies being sued filed to dismiss the case last October. They argued it violated the state law passed after the settlement. It has a clause preventing against past, present and future claims by a government entity. The court unanimously agrees that the hospital authority falls into that category.	
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"We know the battle is not over." Back in March, Deep Center youth organization in Savannah took several young people to the Capitol to oppose what was Senate Bill 140 banning gender-related surgeries and hormone treatment for people under 18. CoCo Papy Gunthrie with Deep Center say they gave their own testimonies. "Stories of children and parents talking about what it took to get to that point to get the care they needed. What it meant to finally been seen for who they are." The bill did go into law in July but... On Sunday, a U.S. District Court Judge put in a temporary ban that will temporarily allow hormone treatment. (coco) "that's great. That's the kind of gender affirming care we want." Senator Ben Watson chairs the health and human services committee and sponsored the bill. He says he wasn't surprised by the recent blocking and the believes the judge misused her power. "Irreversible changes relating to the estrogen or testosterone for the opposite sex to allow or to make them make a decision at that time is just not right." Papy-Gunthrie disagrees. (coco) "When we have young people and their families saying, 'This is what I need to not only be my full self, but to meet my emotional needs, to meet my mental health needs, to meet my wellbeing,' we need to listen to that." Senator Watson says to expect an appeal on the blocking. Watson says similar legislation has been tied up in court in other states.

GA GENDER CARE RULING FOLO (Watson) "I expect our attorney general here in Georgia will take it up and have that appeal. With two separate rulings in the 11th circuit and then there's some out west that ruled differently, I suspect this may eventually go to the Supreme Court."

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Hilton Head town council and staff have been working on affordable housing for months if not years, but Tuesday for the first time a group of citizens sat where council normally does and started their work on the topic. Nat "welcome all of you and thank you so much for your service" Vo Nine residents with varying backgrounds are being tasked to advise town leaders on how the island should address its affordable housing issue. "This committee is going to be the body or the lens that really takes the time to review all of the program or policy that we have." Vo Sandy Gillis runs a nonprofit on the island that helps folks pay for rent if they can't afford to and she's thrilled to be on this committee. "I'm just hoping we can bring some fresh ideas and fresh insights to the table." Vo She calls the crisis created by a lack of affordable options... enormous, and says this isn't something the citizen group or town can fix overnight. So "When I moved here as a 25-year-old single person housing wasn't an issue. There were plenty of places where people could find and could afford to live here, but that has changed." Vo She's hopeful this new committee will be able to help reverse that trend, saying the varying backgrounds of members is their biggest asset. So "We're just going to have to tackle it from a multitude of different ways. There's not one silver bullet that's going to fix that and i think that means you need a lot of different perspectives around the table." Members of the committee tell me this meeting is a good place to start but they know they have a whole lot of work to do and are glad to now have an official seat at the table to help out. Reporting from Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

HILTON HEAD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

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Planned Parenthood – which operates two of South Carolina's three abortion clinics – says providers have now stopped abortion services for patients more than six weeks along in their pregnancy. It says the majority of the 30 patients on the schedule for its Columbia clinic today – were sent home once this ruling came down. "This is devastating." "I'm not terribly surprised. I thought that it would go this way, and I'm obviously gratified that it did." The "Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act" bans abortion after about six weeks into a pregnancy. It allows limited exceptions to save the mother's life ... for sexual assault survivors up to 12 weeks and with a reporting requirement ... and when the fetus has a fatal anomaly that would prevent it from surviving outside the womb. "I'm outraged. I think this is a tragic decision that's going to have widespread consequences for women in this state." In the majority opinion – Justice John Kittredge wrote, "The legislature has made a policy determination that, at a certain point in the pregnancy, a woman's interest in autonomy and privacy does not outweigh the interest of the unborn child to live. As a Court, unless we can say that the balance struck by the legislature was unreasonable as a matter of law, we must uphold the Act." That's what the court did in a 4-to-1 opinion released Wednesday – a reversal of the 3-2 decision from January that struck down the state's previous six-week ban. "The focus we had on the previous court opinion and trying to address those concerns paid off." The court's makeup also changed in that time. "It made a difference that we had a different justice. I think that clearly made a difference." Prior to this ruling – abortion had been legal in South Carolina through about 20 weeks into a pregnancy. That was one of the least restrictive limits in the southeast – and DHEC reported the number of people from other states seeking abortions in South Carolina had skyrocketed since last fall. "Not only does this policy mean that we're not going to have the destination state, but we're probably also going to reduce, almost certainly going to reduce what we were having historically anyway, so in that respect, it's a big win for life." "This decision is devastating not only for the impacts that it's going to have on South Carolinians but also because South Carolina is a critical state for access across the entire South." In the last year – there has not been enough support in the state Senate – to pass an abortion ban more restrictive than this one. Members of both parties I spoke with today seem to be in agreement that *this new law that's now in effect – is likely how the law is going to stay for the time being. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

8/23/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SC ABORTION BAN UPHELD 00:02:41

"I'm very proud, look, having someone like Nikki Haley and Tim Scott being put forward as South Carolinians for the highest office in our land says great things about South Carolina, they're both very fine individuals, excellent public servants, they'd be excellent Presidents, I think they put South Carolina in a very positive light for the rest of the country." The debate is being held tonight in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 9 PM.

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"To be an American is to be part of this nation. In this nation, many have suffered for us to live this democratic life. But presently, Mr. Donald Trump, you know I have a lot of respect for him, but he is very unfair to himself, he is changing the whole system."

8/24/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM OD 530 RYAN TRUMP SURRENDER S TODAY 00:00:15

I want to show you some video we captured earlier of what the street outside of the jail looks like. This street has been shut down to thru-traffic.... And media, protesters, and supporters alike are all being kept behind a barricade. The crowd is predominantly Trump supporters... with others who consider themselves anti-trump... But so far, there's just about as many media members here as there are protesters and supporters... We've been talking to people out here all day... here's what some of them had to say.

8/24/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD TRUMP ARRAIGNMENT 00:00:31

8/24/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD T TRUMP ARRAIGNMEN T We want to give you a look at the scene outside the jail.. Sheriff's deputies put up barricades to keep people across the street mid-morning.. and there are also deputies constantly monitoring the crowd wearing extra protective gear. We are still not sure of what entrance to the jail Trump will actually go through to be booked. but, there are people from both sides of the aisle waiting to hopefully, get a glimpse of him. 00:00:25

8/24/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CHATHAM DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES Michael Hamilton has worked with kids at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club in Savannah for years. nats of coaching? His time here as program director has shaped one of the key issues he's running on. "Our second district has not been heard from in a long time. There's no recreation for our young youth. Our youth is just out there in the streets doing any and everything. I think we need some activities for our young youth." Hamilton...who's known here as "Coach Mike"...wants to expand recreational options in Chatham County's second district. He says his experience working with at-risk youth in the club's gang prevention program has shown how recreation opportunities can reduce crime among young people. Hamilton: "Breaking in cars, fighting, stealing from one another, if we can find things for them to do, activities, create activities for them, I think the second district and all around the City of Savannah, Chatham County will be better for our young youth." Hamilton also wants to raise pay for law enforcement. This isn't the first time he's run for this seat. In 2020...he lost to Larry "Gator" Rivers. Now looking to fill the seat left vacant by River's passing...Hamilton is using his experience from the last election...saying he has big shoes to fill. Hamilton: "Just being consistent. Finding out what the people in the neighborhood need, find out what their desires are, and I've been doing that. I've been paving this concrete way before I ever thought about running for election -- running as a candidate." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:31

8/24/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TRUMP SURRENDER LATEST "We've been saying how quiet this neighborhood is. Where we've lived previously, it's always been a lot busier, and now it feels like we're in the eye of the storm, if you will." "With Giuliani, some of my neighbors came down and got really close. Then, today is the big day. We've gotten a lot of unwanted attention, I guess you could say." Craig... is referencing yesterday... when Trump's attorney Rudy Giuliani turned himself in here at the same jail. 00:00:26

8/24/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TRUMP SURRENDER LATEST "I feel what they're doing to Trump is horrible. It's a fake indictment, and I want him and people and the world to see that are people that know this. "We actually had tapes of him saying that he would assault women and he could assault women. How is it that he could have eve White House? We have to ask ourselves that, all of us. How did we allow that to happen?" 00:00:20

8/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GEMA KEMP ON STORM PREPS Georgia governor Brian Kemp activated the state operations center today ahead of Idalia. That's where state leaders will work together to monitor the storm. The governor says it's all about being prepared, writing in a statement, "As the week progresses, I will work closely with GEMA/HS, the weather service, public safety organizations, and others to ensure we leave nothing to chance." 00:00:23

8/28/2023				"The before and after pictures are incredibly important. Any receipts. Don't do any major construction or repairs, do just enough repairs to prevent any further damage but don't get into any major repairs until you have talked to your agent." King says it is too late for flood insurance- you need 30 days for those policies, but home insurance is effective immediately. Beware of scammers who will pose as contractors or tree removal services that are working with insurance companies.. Try to use local contractors and know that members of the insurance and safety fire office are credentialed and uniformed.	00:00:36
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GA INSURANCE COMMISSION ER PREPS			

9/8/2023				A new bill is looking to support the farmers that put chicken, turkey and more on your tables. Taking a LIVE look from Washington D-C where Senator Jon Ossoff introduced the Health Poultry Assistance and Indemification Act.	00:00:13
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	OSSOFF POULTRY FARMS			

9/12/2023				Ashonti Ford – "The health and human services department is asking the drug enforcement administration to reconsider how marijuana is classified .. adding that the DEA needs to ease up on cannabis restrictions ... which are currently ranked in the same risk class as heroin, LSD and ecstasy." David Mangone, Director of Policy for the National Cannabis roundtable "What we've created is a very significant amount of conflict between the federal government's position on cannabis and where the states have evolved and developed." DAVID MANGONE IS PRO MARIJUANA ... AND AS THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY FOR THE NATIONAL CANNABIS ROUNDTABLE .. HE'S DONE HIS RESEARCH ON THE HISTORY BEHIND THE PLANT David Mangone, Director of Policy for the National Cannabis roundtable "There's a group of senators and congressman called the Shafer commission – put in place by President Nixon .. this commission recommended cannabis not be classified on any of the drug schedules at all. This was ignored by Nixon and started the modern war on drugs." CURRENTLY MARIJUANA IS LISTED AS A SCHEDULE 1 DRUG WHICH MEANS IT HAS A HIGH POTENTIAL OF ABUSE AND NO MEDICAL USE. CONVICTION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR SELLING UP TO A TON OF POT COMES WITH UP TO 10 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON David Mangone, Director of Policy for the National Cannabis roundtable "What you've seen is decades of incarceration .. particularly of minorities... the birth of a cannabis industry that lives in a legal grey area." BUT IT'S BLACK AND WHITE FOR KEVIN SABET .. THE PRESIDENT AND CEO FOR SMART APPROACHES TO MARIJUANA Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., President and CEO, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) "Todays marijuana is not your Woodstock weed .. it's much more addictive then in the past. 30% of the people who use it are addicted because it's so potent." SABET ADDING THAT RECLASSIFYING CANNABIS FROM SCHEDULE 1 TO SCHEDULE 3, IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., President and CEO, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) "The term marijuana is thousands and thousands of products – any product containing thc. Unless those products are approved by the food and drug administration .. I don't see how they can become a schedule 3 drug." HOWEVER, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, AFTER A YEAR OF REVIEW .. IS ASKING THAT THE DRUG BE RECLASSIFIED, UNDER THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT ... A MOVE, THAT IF APPROVED -- WILL BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES WE'VE SEEN IN FEDERAL DRUG POLICY... IN DECADES. BUT IT IS THE DEA THAT HAS THE FINAL SAY. IN WASHINGTON, I'M ASHONTI FORD	00:02:26
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				The south Carolina department of social services announced today they are developing a new parent mentoring program. The program is funded by a new grant from Blue cross blue shield of south Carolina. The parent program will partner parents with similar peers to offer guidance on how to navigate the process of reunification, and providing social support. The program is based on a similar program in Iowa that has been called "promising".	
9/13/2023		SCDSS			
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				"A lot of people reported that there was this vaccine faituge, that they just felt like they were gonna keep getting another shot and then a new one and a new one. This one seems like the regiment is getting a lot more simplified. With this new vaccine, you pretty muvh, if you're five years or older, you get one shot and up you're up to date. It doesn't matter what you've done beforehand, you get the one and it's up to date. And it's my guess that it'll be like this going forward. That it'll probably be like your flu shot. Every year you get your flu shot, you get your COVID shot, and it won't be this just recurring, over and over again, for the majority of people."	
9/14/2023	6AM	530 SHEA			
5:59:00 AM	DAYBREAK	CDC COVID	VACCINES	THIS FALL	00:00:38

				It was a packed house on Tuesday at the Founders Club here at Williams-Brice Stadium – not to cheer on the Gamecocks – but to discuss what many South Carolina businesses say is their most pressing challenge right now – finding workers. "The fact that we have 80,000 jobs going unfilled. As great as our economy is — and as the governor points out and rightly so — just imagine if we could fill those 80,000 jobs. That would create billions more in economic activity." Hundreds of representatives from companies across the state gathered for a Workforce Development Symposium in Columbia on Tuesday. The Department of Employment and Workforce says rural communities and technical colleges – are two of the main places it's turning to – to find and train workers. Around 14-thousand jobs and counting are expected to open across South Carolina in the next few years – many of them from massive investments in the electric vehicle industry. DEW acknowledges existing employers' concerns that these new jobs could get filled by their own workers – and leave *them with vacancies in turn. "It's not the first time that question's been asked. No doubt it was asked 40 years ago when Michelin came and 30 years ago or so when BMW came. We can do it, and we will do it by expanding the skilled workforce." Director Floyd says he has full confidence in Ready SC – the technical college system's workforce training program – and its experience in training and recruiting people for the new sites. While he says the state will continue to support existing employers. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green	
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				REP PETREA: Representative Petrea wrote in part - "... We are asking for your advocacy to provide relief for our commercial shrimp fisherman and to promote Georgia wild caught shrimp more aggressively..." A declared emergency could potentially grant relief payments to shrimpers.	
9/19/2023		LOCAL			
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11:00:00 PM 11PM OD TRUMP ATTORNEYS CAN INTERVIEW GRAND JURY in an order issued tuesday -- judge scott mcafee formally ruled that attorneys for kenneth chesebro and sidney powell could seek those interviews. The judge will need to approve all of the questions -- and each interview will be "on the record in the presence of the court and counsel for all parties." prosecutors had objected to conducting the voluntary interviews during a hearing last week, saying that it breached georgia's grand jury secrecy rules. The judge in his ruling said that prosecutors were overstating the potential harm. 00:00:32

9/21/2023
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD REP. CARTER ON GOVT SHUTDOWN "I will say that, look, nobody wants to see a shutdown, but that is not the worst thing that can happen. The worst thing that can happen would be to continue this Democratic plan of excessive spending. That's not good for our financial health, nor is it good for future generations that continues to build on our debt. That is not the way for us to do. That would be the worst thing that can happen." 00:00:23

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3:00:00 PM 3PM SC: POSSIBLE BLUE CRAB CHANGES Recreational and industrial crabbers are reporting low numbers of blue crabs in state waters. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is hosting 3 public meetings next week to discuss the dwindling numbers and how to fix it. Some proposed changes include limiting the number of crabbing licenses, limiting the number of crab traps, and increased funding for research. The closest meeting to us is happening October 4th in Okatie. We have those details on our website WTOC.com 00:00:29

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5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD OKEFENOKE SWAMP DESIGNATIO N In the meantime - some say the recognition could have little impact on a decision on permits to mine near the swamp. State regulators are weighing a proposal to let a company mine minerals. WTOC has followed the pitch from Twin Pines Minerals for years, as they say they can mine without harming the swamp. That plan has met opposition from scientists and others who say it could damage the swamp's ability to keep in water. 00:00:25

} Former President Donald Trump spoke to a sold-out crowd for about 40 minutes here in Summerville on Monday afternoon – the first stop in the Lowcountry of his 2024 campaign. "We're going to win the South Carolina primary by a lot. We're up by about 50 points but we don't want to take it for granted." A crowd of well over a thousand supporters packed into the shadeless yard of a Dorchester County boating manufacturer – where temperatures peaked in the upper 80s Monday afternoon. There, the Trump campaign rolled out a slew of new endorsements – including from two statewide officeholders – Attorney General Alan Wilson and Secretary of State Mark Hammond. They join backers including Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, and Sen. Lindsey Graham – whose name evoked boos from the crowd when Trump mentioned him Monday. The new endorsements come as Trump maintains his sizable lead in polls of South Carolina Republicans – though the state's former governor, Nikki Haley, has gained traction in recent weeks. But Trump supporters told me – they're not sweating it – five months out from South Carolina's Feb. 24 Republican primary. "It's ludicrous to think he's not going to be the candidate, definitely in South Carolina. I just see him being too strong, and he's too far ahead." Monday's trip here comes just two days before the second Republican presidential debate. Trump is planning to skip it – as he did for the first debate last month. Reporting in Summerville, I'm Mary Green.

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9/26/2023	6AM			((SOT- NO SUPER, PHONER GFX)) "We cannot continue on with these deficit budgets that we continue to see with the deficit spending, and continue to add to our already 33 trillion dollars in debt. The interest on our debt is killing us right now. The number one responsibility of our federal government is to protect our homeland and protect our citizens. Next fiscal year, we'll be spending more on the interest on our debt than we will be on defense. That's inexcusable and it has to stop."	00:00:27
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9/26/2023	12:00:00 PM	NOON		"We're planning ahead. There are contingency plans in places, so we have ways to get things funded. And even if it goes beyond that 30 days, we'll be thinking heavily way before that moment, if it looks like it's getting to that point, where we'll have backup plans for people."	00:00:16
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9/26/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM	GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN	"It should have never come to this. Hopefully it won't but if it does, it should never get that way because of house republicans and their extreme agenda threatening to shut down the government at a critical time around the world in terms of national security. Our message also to congress is to move forward, pass the appropriated appropriations so this government can continue to provide the services that it requires to its citizens." Analysts say the impact of a shutdown would go beyond the government--hitting the private sector as well.	00:00:32
9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM	WCSC: GOV SHUTDOWN FLOOD INSURANCE IMPACTS	The CEO of the South Carolina Association of Realtors, Nick Kremydas, says the National Flood Insurance Program is one of many federal programs that could be affected by a government shutdown. If a new funding bill isn't passed and signed by September 30th, the National Flood Insurance Program will *not be able to sell or renew flood insurance policies.... But existing policies will remain in effect.	00:00:24
9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM	WCSC: GOV SHUTDOWN FLOOD INSURANCE IMPACTS	"I hate to use the term 'perfect storm,' but in light of what we're seeing for new buyers, and first time homebuyers, an extended lapse could delay their American Dream and keep them from buying that house.." With the potential shutdown coming during hurricane season, Kremydas says anyone looking to buy property should consult with their realtors to avoid going uninsured.	00:00:22
9/27/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM	DCB: GOV SHUTDOWN SETUP	"here's what's going to happen. We're going to secure our border as part of any effort to keep the government open. I want to keep the government open, and I want to close the border. When it comes to illegal immigration. If this is not a crisis, this is not an emergency, what would be?" Senator Graham also said he expects there to be some funding and policy changes for the southern border crisis by November 17th. The senate has introduced a short-term funding bill that would fund the government until that date so that Congress has more time to reach a larger agreement.	00:00:33

SEGALL: (05:47:34) "really, the biggest issue facing the American Supreme Court is this one." AFTER DECADES OF STUDY ON THE SUPREME COURT... GEORGIA STATE LAW PROFESSOR ERIC SEGALL SAYS HE'S DISCOVERED ONE THING ABOUT LIFETIME TENURE. SEGALL: (05:52:18) "in a democracy, don't give government officials power for life. It's a terrible idea." THAT THOUGHT IS SHARED BY GEORGIA DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE HANK JOHNSON... WHO JUST LAST WEEK... INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD SLAP 18-YEAR TERM LIMITS ON JUSTICES. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ATTEMPTED BEFORE IN WASHINGTON D.C. ... BUT NEVER SUCCESSFULLY. JOHNSON: (00:03:48) "reception has been good..." WE CAUGHT UP WITH JOHNSON IN D.C. JUST DAYS AFTER HE INTRODUCED THE BILL. (00:02:08) "for a longer-term salvaging of our democracy... we need to do away with this concept of lifetime tenure for Supreme Court justices." THE U.S. IS ONE OF THE ONLY NATIONS IN THE WORLD WHERE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES SERVE FOR LIFE. IN FACT... LIFETIME TENURE IS EMBEDDED IN THE CONSTITUTION. JOHNSON SAID HIS BILL ADDRESSES THAT. JOHNSON: (00:04:05) "judges, justices would remain justices, they just would go on senior status and they would be removed from handling the everyday matters that come before the court. They would be like reserve justices. They would be on the payroll, they would still be Supreme Court Justices, but they would be in senior status." IN THE EVENT A JUSTICE GETS SICK OR HAS TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM A CASE. SEGALL THINKS THE BILL'S CONSTITUTIONALITY IS PRETTY SOLID... AND ARGUES IT'S HIGH TIME THE HIGH COURT CHANGE THINGS UP. SEGALL: (05:50:06) "we shouldn't name our highest judges on our highest court through luck... through who lives and who dies. It's a crazy system."

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TERM LIMITS

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WANF: GOV "People had to make decisions on whether to feed their families, buy diapers or come to work, so we
SHUTDOWN don't want them to have to make those decisions again." "We are urging all of our members to call their
TSA IMPACTS Congressional members and urge them to keep the government open."

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And changes could be coming for shark fishing along Georgia's coast. The state's Board of Natural Resources is proposing an amendment to the saltwater fishing regulations. That change would address catch limits for hammerhead and shortfin mako sharks. Those limits are required in order for the state to comply with guidelines from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Board is accepting written public comment on the amendments until November 1st. If you'd like to submit a comment, we have the mailing and email addresses you need posted on our website along with this story.

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9/28/2023 5AM SHARK
4:59:00 AM DAYBREAK FISHING CHANGES
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9/29/2023 HAYLEY: SEC
4:59:00 PM 5PM YELLEN. ON PORTS
LL INTRO: Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen spent the day here at the Port of Savannah, meeting workers, and discussing the importance of promoting infrastructure in the United States. Yellen received a full tour of the port... and spoke to Georgia Ports Authority workers, as well as members of the Army Corps of Engineers. Yellen recognized the work to deepen the Savannah Harbor... "Deepening the Savannah Harbor will be transformative in enabling more heavily loaded vessels to enter and exit the harbor more easily." She touted the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for providing \$48 million for a decade of environmental monitoring of the Savannah Harbor – to ensure ships can properly travel through it. "Estimates predict that every dollar invested in this project will bring about seven dollars in benefits in our economy." Sec. Yellen – also taking a moment during her remarks to honor the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein of California... "Senator Feinstein was a giant in the Senate, a champion for Californians, and a trailblazer for women. Our nation is indebted to her for her life of service, and my thoughts are with her family at this time." Yellen... also applauded the volume the Port of Savannah experiences... It was responsible for moving more than 5.7 million shipping containers in and out last fiscal year – "It's resilience and its ability to handle the nation's traffic is critically important to economic growth." LL TAG: Coming up on the news at 6, we'll talk about what Sec. Yellen had to say about the potential for a government shutdown. From the Port of Sav, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:35

9/29/2023 SEC YELLEN
5:53:00 PM 6PM VISITS SAVANNAH
LL INTRO: Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen says when she left Washington for Savannah this morning... it was still unclear if Congress will reach a deal in time to prevent a potential government shutdown. Sec. Yellen... making a stop in Savannah... as a government shutdown looms... strongly speaking out against it – and calling out House Republicans. "It's utterly unnecessary. The vast majority of both Republicans and Democrats understand it's necessary and possible to keep the government open and running. It's really only a handful of Republicans in the House that are preventing that from happening." Savannah Mayor Van Johnson – who was there for Yellen's visit... also expressing his concerns over a potential shutdown. "If you're a praying person like me, I hope this shutdown doesn't happen. Because this shutdown affects everyone. I'm hoping in D.C. they can work together like we do here in Georgia and like we do here in Savannah." Yellen received a full tour of the Port of Savannah today... something she says is a critical part of the country's infrastructure... Federal employees who play a role at the port... like Customs and Border Protection Agents, as well as members of the Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ... could have to work without pay if the government shuts down. Sec. Yellen says – that's not all. "We'll see a restriction in services the government provides that people really count on. Things like payments for food stamps, and nutritional benefits, a loss of government services across the board." However – Yellen says she's confident in the economy's resilience even in the event of a shutdown. "It'll impact many people's lives negatively, but at the aggregate level, it probably wouldn't have a significant effect. But if it lasts for a long time, we would see a larger effect." If Congress fails to reach a deal by Sunday, it would trigger a government shutdown that would start on October 1st. From the Port of Sav, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:55

ISSUE 21- ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STAFF CHANGES. HINESVILLE MOTEL TAX, NEW SAVANNAH DOCK SPACE, HINESVILLE NEW WATER CONSERVATION AGREEMENT, SOME WANTING TO EXPAND SAV. HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY DISTRICT POSSIBLY HALTING NEW HOTEL CONSTRUCTION IN SOME AREAS, SAVANNAH NIGHTLIFE REPORT, BULLOCH RAD BANE AGRIBUSINESS, HOMELESS CAMPS CLEARED OUT, TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW INCLUDING RAISES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, BRYAN CO. ZONING MORATORIUM, BULLOCH CO. NEW OFFICES, BEAUFORT MPC VOTING AGAINST CHANGING CURRENT STRUCTURE OF HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD, RINCON REC DEPT CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF STAFF, SAV. ALCOHOL MEETNG WITH BUSINESSES TO DISCUSS IMPACTS FROM CHANGES TO ORDINANCE, GATOR RIVERS SPECIAL ELECTION, FAA AND BEAUFORT CO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT MOVING HHI CHURC, CALHOUN SQUARE LAWSUIT, HEAT AND HORSES ORDINANCE, BEAUFORT CO. ADMIN ON LEAVE, STATESBORO ZONING OPEN HOUSE, TYBEE CITY HALL RENOVATIONS, MPC AND BUSINESSES DISCUSSING WHAT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL REZONING COULD DO THEIR BUSINESSES. SAVANNAH MILLAGE RATE VOTE, BRYAN CO. ROAD MAINTENANCE, SAVANNAH STVR MANAGEMENT, BRYAN CO. STVR PROPOSAL, BULLOCH CO. TAX INCREASE, HHI STRATEGIC PLAN, TYBEE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RAISES, RICHMOND HILL PROPERTY TAXES, EXTENDING SAVANNAH AQUATIC PROGRAMS, CHATHAM COUNTY HOMELESS COURT HELPING THOSE IN NEED, CHATHAM CO. GROWTH STUDY, SAVANNAH RAILROAD QUIT ZONES, SOUTHSIDE ZONING CONCERNS, STATESBORO ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE CAMERAS AT EVERY APARTMENT COMPLEX NEW ZONING ON SAPELO ISLAND, BEAUFORT CO. FORMER ADMIN HEARING, MPC VOTES ON SCAD HOUSING PLAN, BEAUFORT MAYOR RESIGNS, IDALIA CLEANUP DEBRIS TIMELINE, FORMER TYBEE MAYOR PASSES AWAY, FIRE FEE APPEALS, TYBEE ISLAND CITY MANAGER RESIGNS, REP BUDDY CARTER CONGRATULATES DAL CANNADY ON HOUSE FLOOR
SOURCE: CHATHAM CO. COMMISSION,, SAV. CITY COUNCIL, ETC

A big change is coming to a Savannah staple. The Savannah Belles Ferry will now service at a different dock. Chatham Area Transit says you can now catch it at the Westin Savannah Dock instead of the Savannah Convention Center dock. The change starts Sunday and will continue until further notice. CAT says expect some delays as their crews adjust. They say the ferry will still service City Hall and Waiving girl landings.

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NEW DOCK
SPACE

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HINESVILLE
WATER DEAL

The city of Hinesville has now adopted a new water conservation agreement. The city's engineer says it'll help them plan for years of growth to come. Water – it's something everyone needs – and now the city is updating their water conservation plan for the first time since the 1990s... now, it will factor in the additional water intake from a jointly-operated well in Long County. Hinesville City Engineer Paul Simonton says the city has several mechanisms in place to ensure proper water use – like a rate structure that encourages using less water, a recycle/reuse water strategy involving a wastewater treatment plant at Fort Stewart, and state-regulated plumbing ordinances. Simonton says changes to the city's water plans and infrastructure were necessary... due to the city's growth. "If we conserve, we don't have to expand our withdrawals quite so much. It's a marriage of all of those things together to try to be able to meet the demands of the customer and continue the growth of the future." LL TAG: Simonton says the new agreement will be submitted to the state, where it'll be considered as part of their application to operate a joint well with Long County. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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SAVANNAH
HOTEL
DISTRICT

It's a decision that could change hotel construction in the Hostess City. Victorian and Thomas Square neighborhood association members say they're asking the Metropolitan Planning Commission for an expansion of the city's Hotel Development Overlay District. That move could prevent new hotel construction in those areas. "We're not anti-hotel, but we are pro-resident." Ryan Madson is a Victorian Neighborhood Association member. He worries that new hotels here would drive up commercial lease prices...pushing out local businesses. Instead...he says many of the large parcels here should be used for mixed-use developments and multifamily housing. "We would like to make it a little bit harder for hotel developers to come into the neighborhood. So the overlay would prohibit new hotels from coming in the neighborhood without going through a more rigorous public process to get their properties rezoned." Right now...the overlay covers areas between the Savannah River and Gwinnett Street. New hotels are not allowed in the pink area. If the neighborhood associations get their way...the district would expand the pink area south to Victory Drive...that would include the Victorian and Streetcar Districts. Ultimately...city council would get the final say following M-P-C approval. During his weekly news conference...Mayor Van Johnson says he'll wait to see how the process plays out. "There are a lot of stakeholders. I wish they'll take the time to communicate with all those stakeholders before it comes to us. But we'll let that process play out." Back in the Victorian District...Madson says there's support here for an expansion. "I don't want us to pass a tipping point where the Victorian neighborhood becomes a place of consumption by the tourist industry at the expense of local quality of life and the interests of residents and small businesses."

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7/6/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HINESVILLE MOTEL TAX	<p>LL INTRO: Hinesville City Officials say raising the hotel-motel tax would help visitors pay for priorities in the city... that includes things like building a new convention center. Visitors to Hinesville... could soon be paying a tax on their hotel rooms that's three percent more than it is currently. Hinesville City Council... is eyeing raising the rate from 5 to 8 percent. "The presence of tourism helps our local economy in so many ways. It gives us exposure, it increases sales tax revenue, in addition to hotel-motel, people would also be paying sales tax." According to Hinesville's Chief Financial Officer Kim Ryon, the city brought in \$251,000 in hotel tax revenue in the past year at a 5 percent rate. If that were increased to 8 percent, the city would have collected \$402,000. If City Council votes to pass the increase—half of the additional funds would go toward promotions to bring in tourists, conventions, and trade shows.... The other half would go toward building tourism infrastructure, like a new convention center. "Specifically for Liberty County, we've been really needing to build an event center. All the municipalities in the county have spoken about how much we need an event center." In order to increase the tax rate, city council must draft and pass a city ordinance... which officials say they're in the process of doing. LL TAG: If the increase is passed this month, it could take effect as early as September. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:26
7/7/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SAVANNAH NIGHTLIFE REPORT	<p>Looking ahead- The City of Savannah will present its findings from its nightlife report. And you can learn all about it next week. The office of special events, film and tourism will host two sessions next Thursday. One at 1 PM and another at 6 PM. It's happening at the Coastal Georgia Center's auditorium on Fahm Street. They will discuss strategies and goals recommended for nightlife activities in Savannah. Those ideas come from a consultant report based on 10 months of public input.</p>	00:00:29
7/10/2023 4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	BULLOCH ROAD NAME AGRIBUSINE SS	<p>(sot) For decades, Raybon Anderson has served the community. Organizers of this dedication say naming the road for him is more than deserved. (vo) Folks gathered in the neighborhood outside Statesboro where Anderson grew up. State lawmakers spoke about Anderson's service as a county commissioner, a commission chairman, and later a member of the Georgia D.O.T. board. They also praised his work in a number of civic groups and non-profit causes as well as serving the agribusiness community with his fertilizer and supply company. (sot) "I'd never even really thought about it not being named already. But I'm very honored that the legislature, the Governor's office and the state D.O.T. decided to name it E. Raybon Anderson Highway." (vo) He says the idea shocked and surprised him when they notified him of the renaming. (sot) In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:00:50
7/10/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	HOMELESS CAMPS CLEAROUT	<p>The city removed the homeless camp under the Truman Bridge last October. Since then--- smaller camps have been popping up. Police found more foot traffic in the area... searched beyond the tree line... and discovered a large camp. The camp has set up roots on undeveloped private property. The city has notified everyone there that the camp will be removed. Officials are waiting for a time to remove the whole setup at once.</p>	00:00:25

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			ISLAND CITY		
7/10/2023			COUNCIL	That resolution, along with the first reading of a change of pay for the mayor and city council are on the	
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7/11/2023			PUSHED	One of them is the hotel overlay district in Savannah. Three neighborhoods are requesting to be	
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BACK		included in the district. It exists to protect some residential areas from hotel development. The M-P-C	
				decision is just one step in expanding the district. If they approve it, the choice then goes to Savannah	
				City Council. The M-P-C meeting is already rescheduled for later this month on July 25th.	00:00:24

				"This moratorium going into effect all because of the construction you can see right behind me, at the	
				Hyundai Mega site." ("What resources are available? What, what resources can be installed in the near	
				future to make sure that we have those resources available for any new building." (VO) This moratorium	
				went into effect on June 13... and will continue putting a pause on any rezoning in part of the county until	
				December 31. Kent tells me, that six-month period is essential. "Giving us time to assess the studies,	
				assess the resources in the area and to make sure that we have enough resources and we're planning	
				properly for the future." (VO) Those studies are set to help the county manage different utilities in the	
				area. "To tell us, you know, to give us an idea of how much water and sewer and transportation we're	
				going to need on the area." (VO) The moratorium affects any properties east of Stubbs Road and North	
				of Highway 204 to the Bulloch and Effingham County lines... an area very close to the Hyundai mega site.	
			BRYAN CO.	Those who already put in a zoning application before June 13th, shouldn't have any issues. "If those	
			ZONING	applications are already in the system, we're going to go ahead and work to process those in whatever	
7/11/2023			MORATORIUM	way we need to." "Officials say those affected by this moratorium will be able to start submitting	
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	M		applications on the first of next year. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield WTOC News."	00:01:29

			The island saw an influx of nearly 40,000 people, which was something the island just simply was not prepared for. This created traffic backups for hours and overwhelmed many of the city's resources. Since then there has been a huge push for a resolution. And that's what they are hoping for tonight. If it does make it to state lawmakers State Representative Jesse Petrea says it will then be on him and other lawmakers to find the solution to help local governments.	
7/13/2023		TYBEE CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
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			(sot) County leaders say they had retrofitted and redivided the existing space for as much as they could until they needed to expand..for themselves and for the public. (vo) Back in the Fall, contractors tore out one side of the Commissioners Annex building on South Main and extended. Part of the \$1.9 million project has expanded the commissioners' meeting room by 50 percent to add more seating for the public. (sot) Growth started even before the Hyundai plant decided to come here. Not like it is now, but Bulloch County is really, really, really growing. (vo) In addition, they're centralizing one spot for people to file permits and other requests. The county moved into the former bank building back in the 90's. The next step will be reconfiguring the lobby. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
7/13/2023		DAL: BULLOCH CO. NEW OFFICES		
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			The District 2 race is a special election to fill the seat left by the late commissioner Gator Rivers. We know of one other candidate running - Ni'Aisha Banks her intention to qualify last month. The qualifying period for the special election is open just this week. It opened Monday and will end on Thursday at 5 p-m. Anyone looking to run can file paperwork with the Board of Elections. If you have questions, you're asked to call the Elections office. The Special Election is set for Tuesday, September 19th.	
7/18/2023		CHATHAM BOE NEW MEMBER		
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ALCOHOL
MEETINGS

LL: The city is meeting with managers and owners of businesses that serve alcohol. It's all in an effort to talk about the potential impacts those businesses could face after city council approved several changes to Savannah's alcohol ordinance earlier this year. VO: City council approved those changes back in January to bolster the licensing process and make the local ordinance agree with state law. Those changes include the creation of a committee to speed up the alcohol license application process and limit the size of pours and duration of tasting events. The changes also call for people who serve alcoholic beverages to obtain a server training permit card from the city. Today's public meeting is the first of several this week. You can see those dates and locations on your screen now. During his most recent news conference...Savannah mayor Van Johnson said these changes could be impactful for many businesses which is why there will be multiple meetings. SOT: "We want to make sure that we're communicating well and efficiently with our interests and stakeholders, particularly our owners and management about what those changes mean, how do you comply, and make sure they understand the implications of what was passed." LL: If you want to see a list of times for these meetings again...just look for this story on our website...WTOC.com. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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7/18/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT
HISTORIC
BOARD
DECISION
FOLO

Yesterday afternoon, Beaufort's Metropolitan Planning Commission voted 5-1 to formally recommend against changing the current structure of the Historic District Review Board. VO: As it currently stands, Beaufort City Council appoints five members to the Historic District Review Board. The Historic Beaufort Foundation, a non-profit that is not government-affiliated, is able to make a formal recommendation to city council for who they want to have one of those seats. "We just think that it's a good thing for the city to have a preservationist in one of the five seats on the review board to make decisions." VO: Even though these are just requests for who should hold a seat, the mayor says they hold some sway. "I don't want to speak for council, I'll speak for myself, I'll put a lot of weight on the recommendation of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. It doesn't mean I will agree, but I will definitely put weight on their recommendation." VO: Jenkins hopes that the public's showing at last night's meeting will impact city council's decision in the future. "We're very encouraged and hope that city council takes into consideration the fact that everyone spoke and there was such a huge turnout. I believe one of the planning commission members said it was the biggest turnout they'd ever had." VO: Murray says he is not against what the Historic Beaufort Foundation works towards, but is against what the current Review Board structure means for fairness. "I just want folks to know I think HBF, Historic Beaufort Foundation is a necessary and important organization, but from a city standpoint, we believe that fairness and objectivity in local government is really important, and we don't think any special interest group ought to have nominating ability on our regulatory boards." The official decision from city council will come after a public hearing and two readings in the late summer and early fall. In Beaufort Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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7/18/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	RINCON REC DEPARTMEN T FOLO	<p>"A sign here on the door at the Macomber Recreation Complex says "Sorry for the inconvenience but we are short staffed and don't have anyone in the building at this time. If you have any questions call City Hall." That's because the three people who worked here all decided to quit." "They all left within about a week of each other." City Manager Jonathan Lynn says right now they're gearing up for fall sports football, soccer and cheer leading. They will take all recreation related questions at city hall whether it be signing kids up for fall sports or renting facilities. He says he doesn't expect the lack of staff will harm programs to come. "We've got a lot of great volunteers and parents that support our recreation department and they want to have the kids focused as their priority." Lynn says it's not clear why the employees quit. "I think a few of them moved on to other opportunities but right now we have a department to run and kids to make sure that we are providing the maximum benefit to." We do know an investigation by the Effingham County Sheriff's Office into the Recreation Department's Director Mike Osborne is underway for an alleged theft of funds. Lynn says right now he is on leave for an unrelated, non-disciplinary matter. Garth Kullman says his grandson played a couple sports here last year. His reaction to the news of staff quitting... "Totally surprised, really I haven't heard anything about it and they always did a pretty good job when they were doing rec leagues here." Kullman says these situations combined do not paint a good picture of the city. "That's not good for the people of Rincon but there's always elections so we can change that." The recreation department is not closed. Again, if you have inquiries for the department, you're encouraged to call, email or come to city hall. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:48
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7/18/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD	SAV ALCOHOL ORDINANCE MEETING	<p>"Our goal is to create a safe environment for legal drinking for our citizens as well as tourists." There are more meetings coming up tomorrow and Thursday if you're interested in attending. You can find information on those on our website, wtoc.com.</p>	00:00:15
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7/19/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD CHATHAM BOE NEW MEMBER	<p>The District 2 race is a special election to fill the seat left by the late commissioner Gator Rivers. Ni'Aisha Banks also announced her intention to qualify last month. The qualifying period for the special election is only open this week. It closes Thursday at 5 p-m. Anyone looking to run can file paperwork with the Board of Elections. If you have questions, you're asked to call the Elections office. The Special Election will be Tuesday, September 19th.</p>	00:00:27
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Nat plane Vo St James Baptist Church has been here for 137 years. Nat this is our choir area Vo Bringing people together on Beach City Road through worship and music... Nat piano Vo For generations. Back in 1967 the airport opened up next door and eight years later the church's leaders tell me their new neighbor gave them a scare. Nat the plane ascended from the airport from the runway which is on the other side of these trees here Vo He says a crash happened right in their back yard.... but church leaders in the 70s refused to move. That changed in the last decade though. Sot: "The congregation keeps asking us when we are moving? Since we made the decision five years ago." Vo Ford tells me they changed their mind when larger planes started coming to the airport. Sot "The church made a decision for safety reasons that it was best for us to move to a new location outside of the runway protection zone." Vo Since that decision there's been no relocation, as planes continue to fly a few hundred feet overhead. Looking to take action, the church's trustees have a plan. Nat we hope when we move to the new location that we'll be able to accommodate 250-300 people Vo That'd be an increased capacity of about 100 folks. They also want the historic school across the street relocated with them. Sot "We had estimated that cost about two years ago to be about five million dollars." Vo To fund the project they need help and that's what is causing the several year-long delay. The FAA has to approve reimbursement for the project before work can begin and Beaufort County telling me the federal agency rejected their initial proposal. Sot "We want to make sure that what we submit gets the full 90% reimbursement that's allowed." Vo He's trying to schedule a face-to-face meeting with the FAA, church and county to iron out those details... leaving the situation unresolved until that meeting can get on the books. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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FAA WANTS TO RELOCATE HHI CHURCH
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"We have reminded all horse carriage tour companies of their responsibilities as it relates to these rules. We certainly ask them to be mindful of their investment and certainly to make sure they do what they can to make sure our four-legged friends remain cool." And if you were wondering where the horses are when it's hot - the city says they can be kept at the companies' yards or stands...but again, they just can't be in the streets.

7/21/2023
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD
HEAT & HORSES IN SAVANNAH
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MAX: CALHOUN SQUARE LAWSUIT
"I believe the City of Savannah has the right to change the name of squares that it owns."

7/21/2023
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7/21/2023
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CALHOUN
SQUARE
LAWSUIT Back in 2019, Georgia's law on public monuments was updated. It says, quote... "No publicly-owned monument erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies can be relocated, removed, concealed, or altered in any fashion..." Mayor Van Johnson says... there's a key difference here. 00:00:20

7/21/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MAX:
CALHOUN
SQUARE
LAWSUIT "The reality is there's a difference between a monument and a square. It's very clear that there's a difference between a monument and a square." 00:00:08

7/22/2023
6:00:00 AM 6AM MAX:
DAYBREAK CALHOUN
SATURDAY SQUARE
OD LAWSUIT David Tootle is asking a court to stop the city from moving-forward with plans to change the square's name... and put Calhoun's name, back up. Back in 2019, Georgia's law on public monuments was updated. It says, quote... "No publicly-owned monument erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies can be relocated, removed, concealed, or altered in any fashion..." Mayor Van Johnson says... there's a key difference here. 00:00:28

7/24/2023
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BEAUFORT
CO. ADMIN
SUSPENDED The council cited an "ongoing personnel matter" and said more details will come out at a later time. This - after they voted unanimously to put County Administrator Eric Greenway on leave. The assistant county administrator of Public safety will be the acting administrator in the meantime. While we don't know why Greenway was placed on leave, the council also voted today to bring in a third-party group to look at the purchases made this year, along with contracts for professional services and more. 00:00:30

7/24/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	BEAUFORT CO. ADMIN ON LEAVE	<p>Sot: "I'm going to ask a member of council to move and to second to place the county administrator eric greenway on administrative leave with pay until further notice." Vo That was the announcement after a two-hour private council session. The motion... approved unanimously in the ten minutes that followed. Our investigates team, digging into what's happened involving the county administrator in recent months, found a criminal incident report filed with the Beaufort county sheriff's office. It reads in part... GFX "On 5-11-23 a complaint was received at Beaufort County Sheriff's Office regarding activities that may constitute misconduct by Eric Greenway." The report continues... GFX "It was determined that the complaint will be forwarded to an independent agency for investigation." Vo We asked about that independent agency... the 14th circuit solicitor whose area includes Beaufort County telling us in a statement... GFX "Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner and I discussed the complaint and agreed that this matter requires an independent review. So it has been forwarded to the Public Integrity Unit." Vo That unit is a joint effort between the 14th and 1st circuits. The statement goes on to say about that unit... GFX "It examines cases from either circuit that entail allegations of public corruption, officer-involved use of force and other matters involving public officials." Vo The explanation continues, saying... GFX "An example would be misconduct cases, which could be covered by both statutory and common law. "</p>	00:01:32
7/24/2023 11:00:00 PM 11PM OD	PURTEE SOUTHSIDE TOWN HALL	<p>Savannah Alderman Kurtis Purtee is holding a town hall meeting tomorrow to discuss public safety. It will be held at the Windsor Forest Community Center off Briarcliff Circle. It's set to begin at 6 tomorrow night. Residents will be able to ask questions about public safety, the community center and overall Southside area.</p>	00:00:19
7/25/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SBORO ZONING OPEN HOUSE	<p>The city is hosting an open house about the changes in less than a week. That will be your chance to take a look at the finished plan - which the city says is a streamline and much needed update to the existing rules. They'll have experts on hand to answer questions about the changes. That's happening Monday night at the Statesboro City Council chambers from 6 to 8.</p>	00:00:21
7/25/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	MPC MEETING HOTEL DISTRICT LATEST	<p>"We are solidly in support of protecting residential communities. Unfortunately, this petition does broad prohibitions in areas that are not purely residential. That's really what we want to work out with folks.</p>	00:00:13

Tybee City Hall has been closed for renovations since late last year but.. "It's expected to be ready in mid October, November at the latest. If you're wondering how much progress they've made, let's take a look inside. One of the first things you'll likely notice is this door will be controlled access. It means someone will have to buzz you in but that's for safety measures." Those people will be the cashier or customer services rep sitting back here. "No one can just walk and come into the interior offices." Once you're buzzed in, straight ahead you have what used to be the auditorium "We're keeping these hard wood floors. We kept original windows." and will now be office space and a conference room. "It will be nice to have a conference room in City Hall. We haven't had a real conference room previously." Along with several offices, there are even more security measures. "It used to be a storage area but it will provide a second exit for the staff that's back here so in case of an emergency we'll have another exit to get out of the building." And while some changes are coming, other things are staying the same. "Anywhere in city hall where there's a floor board that looks out of place, it's not really out of place. It's just showing where an old historic wall is located." The planning and zoning department will work out of this room that will have a picture of a historic Tybee mural. Acting City Manager Michelle Owens says they have been able to stick to their budget and deadline. She says they're planning an open house for the community when City Hall open it's doors. "They'll be able to see the new spaces and learn about how staff will be using the spaces in the future." And Fourth Street is expected be open to the public then as well. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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NEW TYBEE
CITY HALL
CONSTRUCTI
ON UPDATE

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SBORO
ZONING
OPEN HOUSE

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"Don't Box us in", on t-shirts, on posters, and in speeches. ((natural sound)) "Please dont box us in" It was go time for the "Don't box us in" movement created by residents of Buckhalter Road. After months of meetings of their own, they came before the Metropolitan Planning Commission to express just what the long-term effects of saying yes to light-industrial rezoning would mean for them. Representatives with Long-standing family roots on Buckhalter stood up one by one from the sea of blue shirts. ((sound from meeting)) "Our church is 227 years old, we are the 3rd oldest black church in Savannah," "Surely, this is not what you intended for this area." "When you have this many people, that have lived in this area for this long, so if there is a chance we can collaborate or talk, it has to happen." Some landowners have decided that selling was the best option for them and their families while others feel as if this vote would take away a core part of them. Places like Old Missionary Church and Red Gate Farms have a history on Buckhalter, a History they feel as if they will be losing when industrial construction filters in. The Metropolitan Commission ultimately voted yes to rezoning the land from Residential-Agriculture to Light Industrial, with the stipulation of creating a 300 ft buffer. ((sound from meeting)) All in favor. I "I" All Opposed I "I" With two opposing votes, the amendment sought by the developers of Capital Development Partners, LLC passed . It'll change the city's Comprehensive Plan, now allowing Light Industrial zoning on Buckhalter Road.

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MPC
MEETING

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Check it out -- Savannah alderman Kurtis Purtee held a town hall meeting tonight! Sixth district residents met with him to discuss public safety and other concerns in the area. . Purtee says the city used to have these discussions with residents pretty frequently before the COVID-19 pandemic. He says he's excited to get back to having these in-person discussions with people in his district.

7/25/2023
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PURTEE
TOWN HALL

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New tonight -- we're learning about a new candidate for our local elections this year. Taylor Washington announced her bid for Savannah's District 2 seat today. She and her husband own 2 Chefs Gullah Geechee Soul Food Restaurant on M-L-K Boulevard. District One Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier turned up at the event to support Washington, who will face the incumbent - Alderman Detric Leggett in the election. Washington says she wants to make sure people in district 2 have a voice when it comes to the issues that are important to them.

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DISTRICT 2
CANDIDATE
ANNOUNCEMENT

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7/26/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD S CHATHAM DEMS BOE APPLICATION The party organization is responsible for recommending a replacement for a recently vacated spot on the board. That's after the Democrat currently serving stepped down to run for office. They're asking for people interested in the job to bring their resume to their meeting tonight. That starts in just a few minutes at 6 p-m. 00:00:19

7/27/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH MILLAGE RATE VOTE PKG: nats of gavel? Savannah residents giving their thoughts on a proposal from city council to maintain the millage rate. nats pop: "It's unjust for you guys to leave the millage rate what it is." The comments...delivered during a public hearing ahead of a vote...that if approved...would keep Savannah's millage rate the same. Doing so would increase some property taxes in the city by just over nine percent. nats of water? The city says maintaining the rate would provide an additional seven point eight million dollars for stormwater infrastructure improvements. During the hearing...city manager Jay Melder identified these three areas that money would be used for. "It's about how do we make sure we have the infrastructure in place to maintain safety and to increase stormwater and drainage improvements that we all know that we need." But not all council members are on board. At-Large Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter...speaking out this week...saying that maintaining the millage rate instead of lowering it...could have negative impacts on city property owners. "We will be taxing our citizens up and out of Savannah." Mayor Van Johnson later pushing back...saying the rate is the lowest in more than three decades and necessary for infrastructure improvement. "This is about governing. This is about making sure that Savannahians have a city that when it rains really, really bad, their community does not flood." 00:01:25

7/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD REMEMBERIN G TOM DURDEN (sot) Colleagues remember Tom Durden as a prosecutor who worked to get justice inside the courtrooms and out for the six counties he served. (vo) He spent close to 40 years trying cases in Bryan, Evans, McIntosh, Liberty, Long, and Tattnall Counties..first as an assistant district attorney back in 1984. Evans County's former long time sheriff remembers him being hands on in cases from the beginning. (sot) I remember him coming out to a drug investigation and walking the road looking for a pair of shoes someone had thrown out. I remember him coming out to a homicide. (vo) In 1998, he ran for the position formerly held by longtime DA Dupont Cheney. He served six terms, leading the prosecution of crimes across the region. (sot) ..even after he became DA, he still picked his cases and tried them himself. (vo) Those included the infamous Tomato Patch Murder in Long County and a group of Fort Stewart soldiers convicted of murdering two teens to hide their militia group. And played a role in getting the GBI investigation started into the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. Durden announced last year that he would retire and not seek reelection. (sot) Arrangements are still incomplete. We'll keep you posted. Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:11

7/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CO. ADMIN FIRED "Because this is a personnel matter, we can't talk about it yet. At some time in the future we may be able to talk about it. But we want to assure the public that in the meantime, those things that we said we wanted to do are going to be done. That is going to be carried on." 00:00:15

7/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CO. ADMIN FIRED The county plans to investigate every single purchase Greenway made this year with taxpayer dollars. It comes after council voted to put him on administrative leave on Monday during an emergency council meeting. After *that meeting, our investigates team found a criminal complaint filed back in May with the Beaufort County Sheriff's office... accusing Greenway of misconduct. The 'Public Integrity Unit' -- a third-party agency -- is reviewing that complaint. Passiment says, though they can't share much right now... taxpayers should have faith in this process. 00:00:34

7/31/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BRYAN CO. ROAD MAINTENANC E "Some of those improvements including resurfacing entire portions of roads, like what happened here on Clarence Smith Road." ((VO)) Several streets getting some much-needed maintenance. ((SOT)) "It was bad, like, it was potholes all through here, so bad that when cars came through here, they like bumped and jerked and stuff." ((VO)) Williams's family lives off of Beulah Church Road, and he says the potholes were unlike most. ((SOT)) "Cause they was long. They wasn't just like a little circle, they was like rectangular so your whole car would go under and up. Like dive like a wave, under and up." ((VO)) That's why, the chairman of Bryan County's Board of Commissions says Beulah Church Road, along with others, were on the county's radar. ((SOT)) "And those are roads, that when we did a study back in 2018 through 22 we looked at the roads, and which roads were the worst and we're beginning to work on those roads, and we do that every year with our LMIG funds." ((VO)) Those funds are what make these projects possible. ((SOT)) "Our local maintenance and approvement grant, we get matching dollars from the state, so this year we've had about, we've got about 1.2 million dollars to do projects." ((VO)) Along with Beulah Church Road... the county is also working on Clarence Smith Road, Cypress Bay Loop Road, Tony Branch Road, Oracle Parkway, Strathy Hall Road, Mill Hill Road, and Port Royal Road. Infinger says these projects shouldn't impact traffic in a big way. ((SOT)) "Usually, quick jobs with some lane closures, maybe one side they'll fix and then close it and put everybody on the other side. It's usually pretty quick to fix the roads here." ((VO)) Williams says he's appreciates the county is doing something. ((SOT)) "Now I feel like they showing love to us, now that they're fixing our road finally and I'm happy they're doing that now." ((ANNA)) "These improvements are set to continue throughout the county as the year goes on. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News." 00:01:51

7/31/2023
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BRYAN CO.
ELECTIONS
OFFICE

"That new elections and registration office is going to be right here at the Lanier Learning Center." ((VO))
The main reason for the temporary relocation is because construction on Bryan County's Courthouse is still ongoing, after it was hit by a tornado. The old office had some parts that were closed off, making the Lanier Learning Center a much more accessible location. Those living in Bryan County have until October 10th to register to vote... and the chairman of Bryan County's Board of Commissions says... other than the location, not much has changed. ((SOT)) "The processes won't change, it'll be the same. It's just a temporary office that we moved out there so they could finish the construction on the courthouse. If they have any elections issues, they can go to Lanier Learning Center and there will be an office there to answer any questions they have about elections." ((ANNA)) "Coming to this Bryan County Elections and Registration Office will be one of the best ways for you to register to vote or change your address before the upcoming election. Reporting in Brayn County, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."

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SAVANNAH
STVR
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New software promising to help Savannah leaders enforce short term vacation rental rules. City council recently approving a contract of up to 290-thousand dollars for a program called Rentalscape. The city manager says it scours the internet and helps code officers find properties that don't comply with current rules. It's something that the president of the Downtown Neighborhood Association...David McDonald...says residents have been pushing for. "I'm hoping that it does scrub and identify those short term vacation rentals that are illegal and unlicensed." He says illegal S-T-V-Rs have taken over parts of downtown neighborhoods...leaving permanent residents worried about a revolving door of visitors. "You need residents to have a vibrant downtown. It just can't be people just coming in for a couple days, or bridesmaids parties every weekend. You have to have a sense of community." Right now...the city manager's office says Savannah has issued more than 16-hundred STVR certificates. He says this new software will help improve code compliance...applications...licensing and hotel/motel tax collections. "...be able to bring all that administration into a digital platform, which will be able to streamline processes and also provide a 24 hour, seven day a week hotline for residents to call if they feel like they're experiencing an issue with a short term vacation rental or an illegal short term vacation rental." McDonald says it's ultimately up to the city to enforce the rules. "I'm hoping that the city will take the proactive approach and enforce the ordinance to make sure they're licensed or fine them for being an illegal operation."

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8/3/2023
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD DAL: TOM
DURDEN
FUNERAL

?(sot) Generations of colleagues gathered here in Hinesville to remember long time District Attorney Tom Durden. (vo) They gathered at the First Baptist Church for the funeral service. For many it was a reunion of folks from different eras to remember past cases and remember Durden's attention to every detail and his ability to communicate to a jury. (sot) Nobody had a bad word to say about Tom. You could call him in the middle of the night with a question and he would answer it. If he couldn't, he'd look it up and call you back. (vo) Durden prosecuted some of Coastal Georgia's most high-profile cases over the years - from the Tomato Patch murder to Fort Stewart soldiers who'd murdered one of their own to hide their militia group. But longtime friends say he knew when to seek mercy and when to see justice. (sot) He was always apt to give somebody who needed a boost a boost up. But he was also stern toward people who continued to reoffend and victimize people. (vo) Durden was elected in 1998 and served for 24 years before retiring in December. (sot) After the service today, tomorrow law officers from across the Atlantic Circuit will form a procession and escort Durden's casket through the six counties he served for decades one last time. In Hinesville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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8/7/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO.
STVR
PROPOSAL

((ANNA)) "The county says the main reason they wanted to introduce this first draft of the short-term vacation rental ordinance is because of the growth the area is seeing." ((VO)) The county's communications director says this ordinance will help them keep track of rental properties and make sure they can track down the owners if any complaints are made. As Bryan County continues to grow, the number of rental properties throughout the county have also increased. This is just the first draft of the new ordinance... so it could change as the community continues to provide feedback and as it faces the planning and zoning commission along with the county's board of commissioners. Right now, the county is looking to hear your thoughts. ((SOT)) "We've got quite a bit of feedback so far, to see what the public thinks, where the public thinks it should go and of course, you know, what to take in, what to take out and what to put in. The, the important thing right now is that we get comments from the public." ((ANNA)) "The county says the best way for you to give your feedback on this ordinance is to reach out to them on Facebook by the end of this month. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield, WTOF News."

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8/7/2023	6PM OD	BULLOCH TAX INCREASE PROPOSAL MEETING	County leaders have addressed what they say is an urgent need to increase public safety with more positions and more equipment. They base that on the industry already coming to Bulloch County to supply Hyundai's metaplant. They also expect developers to bring housing to Southern parts of the county and that will need more infrastructure.	00:00:20
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8/9/2023	5:30pm OD	HHI STRATEGIC PLAN CHECK IN	Standup Inside the ballroom behind me Hilton Head town council holding their annual strategic action plan workshop where they update each other and the community about how they're doing on the biggest priorities of the island. Sot: "I think we're doing really well. We've had some great land purchases; we've worked on some other issues and items that will come to fruition later but it's all about putting us in the best place." Vo The workshop lasts all day as they discuss individual plans in depth. We were able to catch up with the mayor halfway through and ask what had been focused on to that point. Sot "So far it's been about infrastructure, and it's been about housing and roads, and that's been really in line with what we decided about strategic action back in January." Vo He says other topics covered in this room are parks, stormwater management, and beach renourishment just to name a few. LL tag As the projects discussed today continue on their legislative path, we'll keep you updated on their progression air and online at wtoc.com. For now though reporting from Hilton Head Island, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	00:01:06
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8/10/2023	6AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SHEA AIRPORT RETENTION POND	The Savannah City Council will vote on whether to ratify the acceptance of that grant money at their meeting tonight. the Southwest Quadrant Drainage project has been going on since June of 2021. The project is happening right by the old terimal. According to Lori Lynah with the airport the old terminal has been torn down- and that's making room for new Gulfstream buildings, as well as FBO Signature Aviation. but officials have to make sure that the correct measures are in place before they can be built , and before they can ask the FAA for financial help.	00:00:33
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		5AM SHEA		
		SLOPPEE		
	6AM	TOPPEE		
8/11/2023	DAYBREAK	LICENSE	Instead, Derrick Law-Staton appeared and was applying for the liquor license that would be for a restaurant located at 1308 Montgomery Street. There were no concerns noted by the Code Compliance Department, but there were people there on behalf of the Vicotrian Neighborhood Association expressing concerns about the restaurant-specifically the hours of operation.	
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		5AM SHEA		
		SLOPPEE		
	6AM	TOPPEE		
8/11/2023	DAYBREAK	LICENSE	"We expect that any restaurant that comes into our neighborhood acts like a restaurent, and we welcome that as lon gas we've got restaurants that fit within the fabric of our residential neighborhood.	
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		530 SHEA		
		TYBEE CITY		
	6AM	COUNCIL		
8/11/2023	DAYBREAK	RAISES	Right now City Council members will get \$700 dollars a month. That's 300 dollars more a month and a 75 percent raise. As for the Mayorthe Mayor will get \$1000 dollars a month. That's 300 dollars more a month and a nearly 43 percent increase.	
5:59:00 AM	OD	APPROVED		00:00:24

		530 SHEA		
		TYBEE CITY		
	6AM	COUNCIL	"I think it's important that we earn our keep, right, that we do the work. And that people are well prepared	
8/11/2023	DAYBREAK	RAISES	for what that would llook like. I do second Monty's comments that we should have some sort of	
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			LL: Savannah's city council has held off voting to rezone this property for more than seven months. The district's alderman says determining whether or not people are buried here has been a long process. PKG: Fencing is up around this plot of land in Savannah's southside...as the race to figure out if anyone is buried here intensifies. "This was once a slave cemetery. Because of this, I have reached out to other people who grew up in the neighborhood before me and they all state the same sentiment." Marla Perry says she became concerned when nearby Savannah Country Day School bought the land and submitted plans to rezone the property. She's convinced it's a burial site. Perry: "If you were to talk in there, you can see big slopes of ground, you can still see stones." A 1959 plat from county records shows the land listed as a cemetery...but district alderman Kurtis Purtee says it's not clear whether anyone is actually buried here. "We don't have anything concrete that says there is, but we don't have anything concrete that says there isn't." Purtee says testing of the site did not find any abnormalities...and the school would not want to build on the land if researchers determined it to be a burial site. Purtee: "There's oral history throughout the community, there's what we can prove through records, and then there's what we can prove through ground penetrating radar. It's not something that's going to be easily proved or disproved." As the research continues...Perry says she's committed to preserving the site. Perry: "There is history all over Savannah, all over Chatham County. I believe that this is in fact a burial ground and we should keep them with the utmost respect, no matter who's back here." LL: Purtee tells me he's asked the developer to hold off on any work until researchers can get more verifiable information. He doesn't expect this rezoning decision to come before city council any time soon. We reached out to Savannah Country Day School but have not heard back yet. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	
8/15/2023		SOUTHSIDE ZONING CONCERNS		
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			((ANNA)) "Although Richmond Hill is proposing that the millage rate stays the same, councilmembers say taxpayers may still be seeing an increase." ((VO)) That's because millage rates are based on the property value of people's homes, and with inflation, along with sky high demand, property values for most homes in Richmond Hill have gone up... making the taxes you pay increase. Richmond Hill has had the same millage rate for years now, something councilmember Steven Scholar says the city tries to do to keep homeowners in the area from paying more in taxes than they need to. If this is approved, here's what Scholar says the increases might look like. ((SOT)) "If you live in a \$350,000 house for example, your taxes would go up about four to seven dollars a month, depending on what exemptions you've got, and at the higher end of that, of course, on a \$450,000 dollar home, those monthly taxes would go up anywhere between six and eight dollars a month." ((ANNA)) "Councilmember Scholar says they'll be hosting a public hearing about the millage rate sometime next week. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Anna Stansfield, WTOC News."	
8/15/2023		RICHMOND HILL PROPERTY TAXES		
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8/16/2023 SAV AQUATIC The city of Savannah says it's continuing to offer summer aquatic programs through August. They say
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD PROGRAM that's due to the hot weather and a growing interest from the community. Public pools along with splash
EXTENDED pads are free and open to the public. You can also pay to take adult swim lessons over the next couple
of weeks. You can get more information by calling the city's aquatics program. 00:00:22

8/16/2023 BRYAN CO. ((ANNA)) "The county looking for 70 residents to help out this election season." ((VO)) Prior to election
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD ELEX day... there are a few things those looking to become a poll worker would need to do. The first thing is to
WORKERS apply on the county's website. If you're approved, you would then need to attend a 3-hour training
session, regardless of if you've done this before. County leaders say volunteers should expect long
days. On election day, you could work around 14 hours. You would have to work about 170 hours in total
throughout the 3-week period if you help during early voting. In terms of your duties on election day...
((SOT)) "Some of the basic things that a poll worker would do during an election would be to make sure
that people are registered to vote, that they can vote, and that, then they would give them the cards and
tell them how to, how to run the machines and things like that." ((ANNA)) "The county will continue
accepting applications until all 70 spots have been filled. Reporting in Bryan County, Anna Stansfield,
WTOC News." 00:00:59

Chatham County Superior Court Judge Lisa Colbert says she doesn't expect the new court to end homelessness outright...but does hope it stops people from ending up back in court. PKG: It would be a first for the Chatham County legal system. Local leaders meeting this week to talk about implementing homeless court. It's a new legal option that would provide shelter caseworkers and other services to people in legal trouble who are also experiencing homelessness. "For us, it's a way to resolve the cases and hopefully help use the power of the court to bring agencies together and resolve them in a way that they don't come back." Superior Court Judge Lisa Colbert says it aims to close cases that could otherwise interrupt work participants are doing to become self-sufficient. Homeless court would only be for referred defendants charged with low-level...non-violent felonies and misdemeanors. Cases would be heard in a community space like a local homeless agency...instead of a traditional courtroom. Colbert: "Unlike here, when homeless individuals come to court, there's usually no service provider at the table. There, the goal is that there will be, maybe even multiple." Judge Colbert says homeless court could also help fix some legal backlogs. "Lots of failures to appear because they have no address to receive notice." "When the list keeps growing of people we can't reach, can't give them the notice that the law requires because they don't have an address, those cases just continue to grow, and they sit there." According to the American Bar Association...in cities like Charleston and San Diego that have homeless court...90 percent of cases are dismissed as defendants work to fix personal factors that lead to homelessness. Local shelter Union Mission would be one of the agencies helping here in Savannah. "Being able to remove those impediments does make it easier for those that have been homeless, who have faced struggles in the past, be able to find a path forward and be able to find that housing or even a job they need to be successful." Judge Colbert says the goal is to keep homeless defendants from reoffending and start a process to take back their life. Colbert: "To the extent that we can get cases resolved more efficiently, more effectively, and in a way that hopefully leads to those persons not reoffending, I think it's a win for everyone, especially the community." LL: Judge Colbert hopes that homeless court could start here in Chatham in at least six months. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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"This GDOT Transportation Study details about 20 projects needed to make getting around the Coastal Empire safer and easier and the projects will cost in total about \$1 billion." Getting ahead of the projected growth... "It was said that if we don't do anything, travel times here in Chatham County and this region are going to double." That's because of Georgia Port growth and the Hyundai EV Plant underway. The study looked at traffic will double, if not triple in Chatham, Bryan, Effingham and Bulloch counties by 2050. Chatham County Commissioners are starting discussions of expanding roads in our area. One of those roads.... (nat) being Quacco Road which right now is only two-lanes. (Chester sot) "Quacco Road, Little Neck Road, John Carter Road, 204." State road 204 where it meets I-95 and then goes towards Pembroke is also pointed out to need expansion. Chairman Chester Ellis says the study also pointed out the 204 and I-95 intersection is accident prone. "Safety is the most important article in the book. The safety of traveling from one end of Chatham County to another end of Chatham County and to minimize the interruptions in traffic is what we're looking for." (camille) "Chairman Ellis says all elected officials of the counties that will impacted by the Hyundai plant will be invited to hear from GDOT officials themselves about this study and that'll take place on September 6th. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOCN News."

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LL: Quiet zones are sections of track where a train would not blare its horn routinely. They're something many who live in Savannah have been wanting for years. PKG: Joe Shearouse with the City of Savannah says if the federal government gives its approval...quiet zones could take effect by year's end. "In the federally designated quiet zone, the train operator is no longer required by federal law to blow their horn while they approach each crossing." nats of train horn? That's good news for residents who live near the tracks like Stephen Theccanat. "Excessive noise effects cardiovascular health, effects stroke -- people get strokes from that, quality of life. So for us, we are hearing it day in and day out and it's right near us." City leaders say to get the quiet zones approved...crews had to upgrade lights and gates at all rail crossings in the proposed corridor. The first quiet zone would extend on the C-S-X line from Habersham to President Streets. That's about 18-hundred properties that would no longer hear train noises...according to the city. The next phase would go from 38th to 52nd with officials hoping to eventually have the zone extended to Bull Street and Victory Drive. nats of bells? The city says it used a one point five-million-dollar federal grant to work with partners on upgrading the crossings. That means potentially quieter streets for Theccanat. "It'd be nice not to have all this noise all the time so having a quiet zone would be so much helpful." But Shearouse cautions train horns wouldn't be eliminated completely from these zones. "In any situation where a train sees a threat to the safety of anyone involved, they will blow their horns to make sure everyone remains safe." LL: City leaders hope that the first phase of the quiet zone goes into effect by November. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

8/17/2023 SAV RAILROAD QUIET ZONES 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD 00:01:49

DAL: BULLOCH CO. If it matters that much to people, they heard the community and are saying "okay, we'll take the time to go back through this so we can have a hearing process that will be a little more formally structured than we did before". We'll let you know when they announce the schedule for those three hearings.

8/18/2023 BULLOCH CO. MILLAGE RATE 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD 00:00:17

DAL: BULLOCH CO. The board had planned to approve their millage rate at a meeting today, but two people filed an emergency injunction to block the vote. They contended the district's three hearings were void because board members did not attend. While a judge denied an emergency order this morning, board members decided to table their vote until they hold -and attend - three new hearings.

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 MILLAGE RATE

Sot: "My average sale went up 40% of price per sale." Vo That was from 2021 to 2022, as Sheri Nixon - whose been selling homes on Hilton Head since 2004 - says she's never seen property values go up like they have the last few years. Sot "Our lower end of the market, that lower price point, just disappeared." Vo A quick zillow search on the island backs that up, with a filter not even available for homes under half a million dollars. Sales prices aren't the only ones rising though. The county's tax re-assessment showed property values increased 7.4 percent in just the last year on Hilton Head... something the town watched closely. Sot: "It raised overall the values on the island and so what the town is doing is decreasing the tax rate to offset that increase." Vo Town Council dropped the millage by the exact rate property values went up, saying it's an attempt to help islanders deal with higher taxes from those new property values... still though, buying houses here in the first place is proving more difficult than before. Sot "It was that those higher end price points would just sit on the market, so now that they're selling so much its been a part of what raised that price so much." Vo With less supply she says home values will only continue to rise, likely leading to higher taxes next year and another decision for the town to make on millage rate. For now, they're happy to have balanced this year's budget while trying to help out their residents and are focusing on that. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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 SQUARE RENAMING
 LATEST

The City Council is set to discuss approving a name for the square between Abercorn and East Wayne Street. That's the square formerly known as Calhoun Square. You may remember - city council voted to remove the name last November. They then put 15 proposed names out to the public before narrowing the list down to 5.

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8/22/2023
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 JONES
 SWEARING IN

Glynda Jones was sworn at 2:30 this afternoon. The ceremony was held in Room 509 of the Chatham County Courthouse on Montgomery Street. Jones was appointed to finish the unexpired term of Malinda Hodge. Hodge left the seat to run in the special election for Chatham County District 2 Commissioner.

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8/22/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	CHATHAM CO. ELECTION INTEGRITY	Election integrity is top of mind as President Donald Trump is facing charges here in Georgia in connection to the 2020 election. Board of Registrar's Chairman Colin McRae says they make sure polling places and early voting locations are secure and can be locked. But it all starts when employees and volunteers first join the team. "We train our staff and our pole workers for early voting on election security. That's a significant part of the training because we have taken to heart the concerns that the public has about election integrity, and we make that a number one priority. He also says elections integrity goes hand and hand with voter suppression. That's something they've been tackling. "At our office we've tried to do whatever we can to address any concerns about voter suppression by getting the lines going quicker, by making voters more comfortable in line and trying to process them as quickly as we can so voters are no dissuaded from voting."	00:00:57
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8/24/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	GUYTON QUALIFYIING PERIOD	"Three positions are up for grabs...*two* city councilmembers and one for the mayor." This is one of the most important elections in recent history for Guyton. More than half of city council positions are open...and will be the ones navigating city's rapid growth. Nat sound: "We want to stay small, but we're going to have to grow some." COUNCIL-MEMBER POST TWO IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION. Incumbent Hursula Pelote SAYS the CITY has been WORKING ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO GUIDE GROWTH. "We can't keep things as they were, but we need to know how to grow and how to grow smart." "The city is at a critical crossroads as Hyundai and other major employers are moving to our area." RESIER'S ROLE IS ALSO OPEN. HE SAYS whoever holds his seat WILL MAKE DECISIONS ON HOW INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADWORK, JOBS, HOUSING, AND MORE WILL EXPAND. SOT: MARSHALL "The main thing we need to do in the next four years and beyond is mark growth to make sure we're doing and making the right decisions for our citizens so we can continue to enjoy the quality of life that we have here in Guyton." CITY council seats last FOUR YEARS...AND THERE'S NO TERM LIMITS. WITH A CRITICAL ROAD AHEAD...the MAYOR STRESSES how important this election is in deciding what Guyton's future holds. "We're going to pound the pavement and really encourage people to get out and vote. Regardless of who you vote for, we ask for you to vote and be heard. I mean, local politics affects your daily life significantly more than anything on the national stage." HE SAYS...CANDIDATES NAMES, AND POSITIONS THEY'RE RUNNING FOR, WILL BE POSTED LATER TODAY. We will follow up with everyone who makes the cut to be on the ballot. "Guyton Mayor says early voting opens October 16th and runs till November 3rd, with general elections happening November 7th. In Guyton, AB, WTOC News."	00:01:45
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Ni'Aisha Banks says she isn't your typical candidate for Chatham County commissioner. "I really understand what it's like to struggle. I understand what it's like to work hard everyday and barely make it." At 31 years old, Banks is young compared to her opponents...she says her lived experience makes her uniquely qualified for the position. Banks: "I've been in public housing. I've been on every form of government assistance...It taught me more critical thinking and problem solving skills because I have four kids. I can't afford to be homeless. I can't afford to not be able to feed them. So I had to figure things out and figure out how to make things work." A native of Savannah...Banks says she's running to restore hope in her community. If elected...she wants to work with the county's juvenile court to add more youth programming. Banks: "More prediversion programs, not programs for once they're already on probation and we have to figure out ways to help them. Let's do more now before we get to that point. Let's be proactive rather than reactive." She also aims to work with state and local leaders to make childcare and housing more affordable. Banks says she's still working towards getting her Bachelor's degree...but has spent years as a community organizer and working as a family peer ambassador in Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning. Banks: "We don't have to have this top notch degree to be an elected official, because an elected official is a public servant. I've been serving for years and I want to be able to show them that people like us deserve a seat at that table." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

CHATHAM
DISTRICT 2
CANDIDATE
FEATURE

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(sot) "There's a lot to tackle." David Tootle has had experience helping other people with their campaigns, but after Larry Gator Rivers' unfortunate passing, he says he decided it was his time to run for the Chatham County Commission district two seat. "This is going to be a huge undertaking for whoever gets this job. I just think we need more qualified people and that's why I threw my name in the hat." There are several issues Tootle says he hopes to tackle from emergency response delays to relationships between Chatham County and Savannah. (sot) "Well the main priority I think is we need to get the county and the city working together and I think that's what I've seen a lack of. Homelessness is a big problem, not only in the city but the county too." He says he hopes to find solutions to homelessness that will benefit those without a home along with the rest of the community. And how he hopes to take on these issues.... (sot) "I think first and foremost is being transparent, listening to the constituents. I'm going to represent district two. I think Gator Rivers did a great job. He did a lot of good things." He says his transparency may come with forums and making himself easy to reach. (sot) "We need to listen to the folks that we represent. I think there's been a lack of that all around." Tootle asks voters to give him a chance for the next year, as this seat will be up for another election in 2024. (sot) "I don't have time to mess around. I've got to get in there and do the job. That's what I intend to do. And you know what, let's reconvene in a year and if I've done my job, give me another opportunity. If not, get someone else in there." In Chatham County Camille Syed WTOCN News.

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2 CANDIDATE:
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((SIMONE ON CAM)) To understand the significance of renaming the square we need to take a trip to Liberty county where the journey begins for susie king taylor ((PKG)) Hermina Glass-Hill is the founder of the susie king taylor institute and ecology center in hinesville. She been studying and sharing the life of Susie King Taylor for nearly 15 years. "The significance of this marker today is that it represents centuries of overcoming the kind of racial discrimination that has been embedded in our history.... Taylor was born enslaved in 1848 her life's near midway she would go on to become An educator, a nurse, she was a nurse during the civil war, "During her involvement during the civil war she gets to see the world, she goes to beaufort south carolin she is in st simon she is in Florida after the war, she is experienceing the emcipation proclimation She returns to Savannah to open two schools... " And those would not be the only schools impacted by Taylor In 2017 a charter school opened named after Taylor. "Susie King Taylor was a wonderful nurse and teacher" "She was the first African American teacher to open a schoool in the Savannah area we are steps from where she learned herself." "Susie King Taylor is an incredible freedom seeker whose life continues to inspire many people across this country and certainly in Georgia and Savannnah and along the georgia coast and midway she continues to inspire even in death." "I think it is amazing how she finally gets good recognition so now other people will prosper to be just like her... " Simone mckenny wtoc

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The money headed to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund will focus on housing improvements in West Savannah neighborhoods. It will also help people make home repairs in the greater Savannah area, including Garden City and Port Wentworth, along with the Hostess City. The City says this is the largest outside investment in the program.

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HOUSING
PLEDGE

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LL: The owners of the Joiner House in Bluffton want to remove its designation as a contributing resource to the historic district. I spoke with them on why they wish to get rid of the designation, and also heard from the town's historic preservationist who says this rarely happens. SOT: Glen Umberger, Historic Preservationist, Town of Bluffton "If you think about Bluffton, these are the buildings that you think about." VO: That's how Bluffton's Historic Preservationist Glen Umberger describes Contributing Resources in the historic district. The designation means that owners of those buildings have extra steps to go through before making any changes. The Joiner house sits on a plot of land in the heart of Old Town Bluffton. SOT: Glen Umberger, Historic Preservationist, Town of Bluffton "The town of Bluffton was originally one square mile. Recently, we have grown to 54 square miles, so there's a lot of growth. With all the new development, it also puts development pressures here in the old town district, so there's always concerns on what happens to our historic resources." VO: Umberger says that even if a building is removed from the list or even goes away entirely, its history is still archived. The owners of the house, who say the home is a reconstruction using some original elements, say they wish to continue to preserve its history. SOT: Melanie Marks, Owner, Joiner House "We're not doing this out of spite or anything. Obviously we love this house. We wanted to honor the Joiner family." VO: The Marks couple, who own the house, told me they want to preserve the house, which they are currently renting out, and want to respectfully develop on the land surrounding it. SOT: Eugene Marks, Owner, Joiner House "There's a reality here as it relates to the town of Bluffton historic district. If the town and the citizens let these properties go completely into disrepair, and are unusable and condemned, this might happen more." LL Tag: The historic preservation committee meeting is set for tomorrow at 6pm. Reporting from Bluffton, RT, WTOC News.

BLUFFTON
HISTORIC
HOUSE
DEBATE

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PKG: According to the memo...70 million dollars for renovations have been committed with the project being 30 percent complete. The memo says another 25 million dollars needed to ensure the project's completion. In a statement...the Clerk of Court for the Southern District of Georgia says, "The memo was drafted by the Court in a response to a request for information from the City of Savannah regarding the Court's perspective on the background and status of the project." In the memo...staff say the federal administration overseeing the project...has found funding from other projects that wouldn't make up the gaps...but would keep the project moving. It comes as workers were evacuated in February after the memo says a monitoring system found a two-millimeter shift in a portion of the building. Then in April...a section of the third floor collapsed...which the memo says used the project's contingency funds and has halted the current construction phase...according to the General Service's Administration website. A G-S-A spokesperson telling WTOC in a statement: "GSA has worked diligently to develop a funding plan to complete the renovation of the Tomochichi Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, including addressing the floor system failure.." "Wright Square isn't what it used be. It isn't open. It's got signs and fences everywhere." Downtown Neighborhood Association president David McDonald says he meets with the G-S-A monthly. While he describes the project's timeline as fluid...he's confident funding will be secured for completion. McDonald: "They've assured me that they've identified funds within the U.S. current that it just requires a reallocation within the congressional budgeting process, which is not unusual."

FEDERAL
COURTHOUSE
PROJECT
TIMELINE

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CHATHAM
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RESOLUTION
FOR FIRE
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Recently, commissioners voted to approve a resolution to start up a new fire department that would be run solely by the county. Right now, Chatham County contracts with Chatham Fire and is run by Chatham Emergency Services. A county document shows Chatham Emergency Services has concerns about how they'll pay for the fire services they currently provide without increasing their budget. This all comes after Chatham Fire was \$3-million dollars in debt because thousands of residents weren't paying for the mandatory services. It's unclear how the county plans to move forward with this resolution.

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GULLAH
SAPELO
CONCERNS

I'm on the Ferry which takes people to and from Sapelo Island. Residents of the Island say a proposed zoning ordinance from McIntosh County threatens to erase their history and way of life. SOT: "17-18 hundreds. Generations" VO: That is how long Josiah Watts' family has been on Sapelo Island. The island is home to Hog Hammock, a predominately Gullah-Geechee community. The current zoning ordinance from McIntosh county states that the community has unique needs because of its history, and structures should not increase the cost of living so the indigenous population is not forced off the island. A new proposed Zoning Ordinance gets removes those statements entirely, instead mentioning that different dwellings and small commercial establishments are needed to support the island community, with no mention of the indigenous people. SOT: "It amounts to erasure, and that's what we're talking about. Some people say urban renewal, I say urban removal." VO: Watts and other residents told me a major concern with the proposed ordinance is changes to building sizes. Right now, the maximum size for a house is 1,400 square feet. The new ordinance would set the maximize size as a percentage of the land it sits on. They say the smallest pieces of land would be allowed to hold a home 4 and half times larger than the current maximum. SOT: Josiah "Jazz" Watts "But what you see is 'oh all of a sudden now, it's not 1,400 square feet, but it's gone to percentages, and now I can build a structure, you know, that can be over 6,000 square feet." VO: Another change is the ability to build golf courses on the island, Williams says changes like these were proposed without working directly with the community. SOT: "You don't just put your ideas and your things into motion without consulting the people, that's the entire thing this whole country was based off of. It's 'I want your input.' We want to be considered, and the island wants to be considered." VO: Residents told me these changes can greatly increase the cost of living, which is what the current ordinance is supposed to prevent. SOT: "I don't want to be a visitor to what's supposed to be my home, that's my main thing. I don't want to wind up being a visitor to my home because I lost land because I can't afford it." VO: The county is holding a public hearing about the proposed changes tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 in the McIntosh County Courthouse. Reporting from McIntosh County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.

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"According to the residents, what we are doing is not working so we are trying to find out why it's not working and then how do we correct it." A newly passed resolution by the Chatham County Commission could be one fix. "It may entail the county starting it's own fire division within it's own operations and that's what the resolution was about." The idea of a government run fire department branches from funding issues spanning years with Chatham Fire--an entity of Chatham Emergency Services. In 2021, C-E-S told WTOC they were \$3 million dollars in debt because some people living in unincorporated Chatham County weren't paying their fire subscription. The county then decided to enforce a fire fee in 2022. Chairman Ellis says as of last week, 11 percent of residents still haven't paid fees that went out in late 2022. (Ellis) "We're getting too many complaints about what's going on and how they're being billed." A county document shows Chatham Emergency Services has concerns about how they'll pay for the fire services they currently provide, without increasing their budget. (Ellis) "They're operating in the red and we can't continue this way because all it's going to do is cause the citizens more and more." We asked Chatham Emergency Services CEO Chuck Kearns about the resolution for a county-run fire service. He said the C-E-S quote "board of directors wants what's best for our employees and what's best for our community. I would tell you that if even one job would be lost, my board would probably be against it." Chairman Ellis says CES has been a part of conversations about a possible new fire division. (Ellis) "It's nothing we're trying to do in the dark. Everybody is included as to how we come up with what is the best plan for Chatham County."

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More than 100 people from all parts of Georgia... packed the McIntosh County Courthouse... to speak up for an island that's full of history. "I'm concerned about the Hog Hammock community. and the sizes of the houses that would be permitted under their recommendations." Previously, zoning had stated that structures should not increase the cost of living... so that the indigenous population is not forced off the island. Residents at tonight's meeting... say the new zoning would allow for larger buildings on the island... which is a concern for people who have lived there for generations. "If you build a 6,000 square foot house right next to my 1100 square foot or my 900 square foot house, my taxes go up too, because of your house." The zoning commission did add some specifications to how large structures would be ... lowering the percentage of the amount of land they're able to take up. Still – local officials and residents say that's not enough. "Some of the changes they made for lot size are good, but some of them are still too large." The initial proposal included the potential for golf courses and marinas on the island... after tonight's hearing – the zoning board removed that from the proposal. It's now in the hands of the county commission – the commissioner representing Sapelo Island... was in attendance tonight. ROGER LOTSON // MCINTOSH COUNTY COMMISSIONER} "I'm glad they came out in mass. I counted roughly 150-160 people in the room. I didn't hear one person who was in support of these changes. It's important that their voices are heard." Commissioner Lotson encouraged his constituents to attend future meetings about this as well.

9/8/2023 HAYLEY:
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ISLAND
MEETING

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"Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely says he's asking for patience as they figure out the best way to charge unincorporated residents for fire services. He says one change coming is they're taking away the \$100 land fee." Commissioner Whitely says fire fees are based on the square footage of your property plus the square footage of burnable structures you own. Burnable structures could be your shed or deck. Whitely says to calculate your bill, you add up your square footage and multiply it by 14 cents. People who just own land with no structures are the only ones who have to pay the \$100 land fee. He says they've also taken away the \$10,000 cap on fees for commercial properties. "There shouldn't have been one in the first place and we as a commission recognize that. Several people have reached out to WTOC because they saw a big increase in their bills. Whitely says that's because the formula changed when the county took over collecting fire fees. "We're an open book here. We're trying to figure it all out and be fair and equitable across the board and sometimes in government, it doesn't work out for everyone. I just ask for your patience and for your input." He says the bills will be addressed from Chatham County and if you don't pay it, Whitely says they will take you to court. Right now, if you want to appeal your bill, 85 percent of it has to be paid before doing so. The commission is actively deciding whether or not to take away that requirement. "He says bills for the 2023 fire fee cycle have already started going out. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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FUTURE OF
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"We're doing just fine financially." BUTTED TO: "We'd welcome a study because we think that it's going to show we are very fiscally efficient and provide a very good service to the unincorporated area." Chairman Chester Ellis says staff is beginning to collect data on the topic and they have hired a consultant to help find solutions.

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LL INTRO: Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead says he hopes the new ordinance will help them better serve the community by keeping apartment complexes safer. "In my mind, this is no different than requiring fire alarms, and those other basic safety features." The new ordinance, passed this week by Statesboro City Council... requires a camera system at every apartment complex... at entrances and exits to the complex. It also requires controlled access—that means a gate or tag readers at entrances and exits. "We want them to be very overt about it. We want them to make sure it's posted with signs, we have surveillance cameras on scene, we are watching your criminal behavior, in an effort to drive that criminal behavior out of multi-family housing." Broadhead says... this change... is because his department... responds to calls at apartment complexes often. "We know that density of housing is one of those drivers. Apartment complexes obviously fit right into that, because a whole lot of people live in a fairly small place." The ordinance grandfathers in current apartment complexes – and will be required for apartments that are newly constructed, being renovated to the extent a permit is required, or if it changes ownership. "Video has become so inexpensive and so good, that there really is no excuse for an apartment complex that really cares about its residents to not have some kind of security system that includes cameras." LL TAG: Now that city council has passed the ordinance, it takes effect immediately. In Statesboro, HB WTOC NEWS.

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9/11/2023 4:59:00 PM	VAN PRACTICE	CHATHAM CO. SPECIAL ELECTION	WTOC has interviewed all the candidates running for this seat. You can watch all of them by heading to the elections center on our website WTOC dot com. All you have to do is scan the QR code you see on your screen with your smartphone.	00:00:14
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9/11/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BEAUFORT CO. FORMER ADMIN HEARING TODAY	<p>Looklive: The Beaufort County Council voted to unanimously uphold former Administrator eric Greenway's firing this morning. I spoke with the County Chairman about the decision. SOT: "It's now official that Mr. Greenway has been terminated as the County Administrator of Beaufort County." VO: During the hearing, Chairman Passiment went into detail about the reasons for firing Greenway. The council says that Greenway intentionally violated multiple county ordinances related to a contract with a consulting firm, with various conflicts of interest and tens of thousands of dollars of unapproved spending. Chairman Passiment says Greenway did not follow the standard procurement codes. SOT: "Those were missed, and therefore that's a serious violation of his contract." VO: Greenway's representation said that before being hired as administrator, Greenway never said he was the right fit for the job. SOT: "He did not claim to have knowledge of procurement and finance, quite the opposite, he specifically told you he did not have knowledge in those areas." VO: The council says another major reason for Greenway's termination was creating a new job that wasn't in the budget for a woman he had a personal relationship with. They say she was also connected to the consulting firm with the conflicts of interest. According to the Council, the job Greenway created for the woman had a six figure salary. After a falling out with the woman, Greenway told her she was "now just an employee of the county." Chairman Passiment says the county will not dwell on Greenway. SOT: Joseph Passiment, Chairman, Beaufort County Council "It's an unfortunate situation. No one likes to go through anything like this, but we've gone through it. And now we move on. Looklive Tag: After the hearing, I talked with Greenway's representation, and while he didn't want to appear on camera, he says he stands by the comments he made. Reporting from Beaufort County, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:56
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9/11/2023 7:00:00 PM	JILL PRACTICE	5PM BREAK DOWN: FUTURE OF THE FEE	<p>"I really don't understand the context of that statement. We're doing just fine financially." BUTTED TO: "We'd welcome a study because we think that it's going to show we are very fiscally efficient and provide a very good service to the unincorporated area." Chairman Chester Ellis says staff is beginning to collect data on the topic and they have hired a consultant to help find solutions. WTOC will keep checking in as that conversation moves forward</p>	00:00:26
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9/12/2023 SAV MPC
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MEETING: SOT: "We are reducing the height of the building, we are adding additional green space, we are adding SCAD DORMS SCAD infrastructure to the site, and we are decreasing the number of units." 00:00:10

9/12/2023 SAV MPC
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MEETING: The units would be built across two buildings with above ground parking garages. The plan was originally voted down over pedestrian access and traffic concerns...but today developers made their case...saying they're committed to investing millions of dollars for maintenance of the nearby Springfield Canal and environmental cleanup costs. They also said that they addressed access concerns by adding space for SCAD buses...with the site having just over 160 parking spaces plus spots for bikes and mopeds. The plan also means that part of the "Head House" freight depot built in the 1920's that sits on this site would be preserved but it would be moved to another part of the property. A representative for SCAD DORMS the petitioner thinks this plan is better than what could be built here by another developer. 00:00:48

9/12/2023 MPC VOTES
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD ON SCAD "We are reducing the height of the building, we are adding additional green space, we are adding SCAD HOUSING infrastructure to the site, and we are decreasing the number of units." M-P-C staff says the new dorms PLAN would be placed near other SCAD living facilities. The plan now heads to city council for final approval. 00:00:18

Leaders looking to address homelessness in Savannah are hoping these new signs will help get those out of panhandling and into city support services. "Instead of giving a five or a ten for one meal, that'll last that one time, consider making a contribution to day centers that would literally provide services throughout the week for people experiencing homelessness, and those who feel the need to panhandle." The Give Change that Counts initiative started in 20-21...but these signs with the Q-R codes have only recently been put up around the city. The goal...to encourage would-be donors to give money to day centers as a way to better help solicitors on the street. Dulong: "Some people who panhandle in our community are transient citizens and they're here for just a short time. They don't know where to go. They don't know where to take those next steps." Union Mission is one of those day centers supporting those who experience homelessness. Data from the group shows over the last nine months...the center served over 13 thousand people day in and day out. "With the number that we're helping, all this support makes a difference in terms of how we move forward. I think it's also important to educate the community about how these dollars can go to work." City leaders call the new initiative an alternative to panhandling...and hope to fill what some call a gap in services for those in need. "You know exactly where that money is going. You don't have to determine if this is a person who needs it, doesn't need it, one way or another. This is a much safer way, much more reliable way, and you know where the money goes."

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"A gross injustice is what many of the onlookers at tonight's meeting said this vote was. A split vote to adopt an ordinance that would nearly double the size of homes that currently sit on the island. Ultimately the Commission Chairman broke the tie and voted to move forward with the ordinance." For the past 3 meetings, the McIntosh County Courthouse has been packed with Sapelo Island residents and support as a conversation about a new ordinance happened. However, At the County Commission Meeting, a vote to pass the previously amended ordinance passed. Commissioner Lotson and Commissioner Harrell voted against the ordinance splitting the vote which left it to the Commissioner Chair who voted in favor. Passing the motion 3-2 ((ROGER LOTSON##COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3)) "This proposal helped those individuals who recently moved to McIntosh County, at the expense of those who have been here for more than a century and because of that, I could not go along with it. Within minutes of exiting the courthouse, petitions began to be passed around, racking up nearly 80 names within the hour. Outro: "The people of Sapelo Island walk away disappointed but not shattered they say that this fight is far from over." In McIntosh County, Lindsey Stenger, WTOC news.

9/13/2023 4:30AM
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SAPELO
ISLAND
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Following Tuesday's vote, a McIntosh County Commissioner who voted against the zoning, is speaking out in support of his concerned constituents. It was a packed meeting Tuesday night – ultimately ending in a 3-2 vote in favor of the new ordinance. It raises the maximum home size in Hog Hammock, a Gullah Geechee community, to 3,000 square feet. Previously, it was 1,400 square feet. Commissioner Roger Lotson --- represents Sapelo Island and is of Gullah Geechee heritage himself. He voted against the ordinance and says passing it... will only create problems down the road. "That vote last night, invited multiple lawsuits. It invited protest marches. It invited negative attention to McIntosh County that will hurt our economy. At the end of the day, we, the taxpaying citizens, are the ones who have to pay for those lawsuits and all of the extra security that go with protests." In a statement posted to the county's website-- McIntosh County Manager Patrick Zoucks says they've had issues enforcing the past ordinance and that the changes are "in the best interest of the residents of Hogg Hammock and all of the citizens of McIntosh County. These regulations provide the best protection that any county in Georgia can provide to similarly situated communities." LL TAG: Coming up on The News at 6, we'll hear from the state lawmaker who represents Sapelo Island... as well as break down some more changes in that ordinance. 00:01:24

9/13/2023
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SAPELO
ISLAND NEXT
STEPS

LL INTRO: McIntosh County commissioners voted to move forward with rezoning on Sapelo Island. People who live there say they're frustrated with the decision. "It's my home. So, it's very important. I don't have anywhere else, I'm retired now, so I'm back home." Merden Hall, who asked not to be on camera, has lived on Sapelo his whole life. He says he's worried about the sizes of homes now allowed on the island. "I'm not comfortable with this. They approved the 3,000 square feet, that's the only thing I disapprove of, because that's going to raise property taxes." The new ordinance now allows for homes to be 3,000 square feet. Previously that number was 1,400 square feet. The final ordinance does add back a clause regarding the history of Hog Hammock the commission considered removing-- that the "community has unique needs in regards to its historic resources, traditional patterns for development, threat from land speculators and housing forms." Still – Commissioner Roger Lotson, who voted against the ordinance, says he still doesn't support it. "While I was trying to protect the culture and the history, and keep the land in the descendants' hand, the other thing I was trying to do as a county commissioner, is to protect the county against the negative publicity, and all the consequences that go along with it." Now, advocacy groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center are eyeing potential litigation—if that's what Sapelo residents want. They have 30 days to appeal the decision in McIntosh County Court. "We know what the legal grounds for a challenge would be. We know that the complaint will outline due process violations. The key is, naming the remedy, what is the fix this community wants? And that's not ours to say." However, if a lawsuit is filed – it would put the current ordinance on pause until it gets figured out in court. Georgia state Rep. Buddy DeLoach's area includes Sapelo Island. He says he doesn't expect any statewide legislation to come out of this issue. "I believe if you left this issue to the local folks, and kept these outsiders from interfering, the people of McIntosh County would sit down together and work out this issue to everybody's satisfaction." Meanwhile, Sapelo residents say... they're hoping for common ground. "My hopes moving forward is that things will get better. We'll just have to wait and see if that happens." LL TAG: Members of the Southern Poverty Law Center say they'll be representing Sapelo Island residents, if any of this results in litigation. In McIntosh County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:02:29

<p>9/15/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>BEAUFORT MAYOR RESIGNS</p>	<p>This morning, Stephen Murray announced his resignation as mayor of Beaufort after more than two years in the position, stating that he does not feel like he is currently up to the task of the mayor he wants to be, nor the one Beaufort deserves. I spoke with Beaufort's new interim mayor to hear his reaction to the decision, and how he believes the city is in good hands. "Surprised... a little shocked, but understand Stephen's desires and respect those, so we're moving forward." That's how Interim Mayor McFee describes initial reactions this morning. In a lengthy Facebook post, former Mayor Stephen Murray announced his immediate resignation. Throughout the post, Murray highlighted the changes that he and the council brought about that he was most proud of accomplishing. But then said the progress of city government was not easy....saying quote "I've been actively fighting against some of these folks and the status quo for almost nine years. And while I'm proud of the work and I know there is still much to be done, I'm tired. I'm tired of the daily barrage of uncivil and rude people accusing me of impropriety without a shred of proof," he went on to say, "I'm also tired of prioritizing my civic job at the expense of my health, my family, my friends, my businesses, and my reputation." With Murray gone, city council will temporarily have four members, instead of five. Interim Mayor McFee says this shouldn't be a concern. "Because we've been an integral team and we've been working together. There won't be any major changes as far as the city's concerned." While McFee is confident in Beaufort's City Council, he says Stephen Murray will be missed. "Nobody would spend the energy and time that Stephen Murray spent as being Mayor of the City of Beaufort. He was very accomplished at what he did and he was extremely good at what he did." Murray said he is excited to watch the continued progress that Beaufort makes as a private citizen. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:57</p>
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<p>9/15/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>TZ: BEAUFORT MAYOR RESIGNS</p>	<p>Tonight on THE news at 6-- The Mayor of Beaufort steps down. We're talking to the man whose temporarily taking over the position about Stephen Murray's decision.</p>	<p>00:00:10</p>
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<p>9/18/2023 3:00:00 PM 3PM</p>	<p>CHATHAM CO. SPECIAL ELECTION VOTING</p>	<p>Voters are determining who will fill the seat of the late Larry Gator Rivers. Right now, his wife is temporarily in the position. Tomorrow is election day. If you plan to vote, you will go to your regular voting precinct. WTOC has interviewed all the candidates that are running. You can watch all of them by heading to the elections center on our website WTOC dot com.</p>	<p>00:00:22</p>
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9/18/2023 CHATHAM CO 3 weeks since Hurricane Idalia made its way through the coastal empire . This week, Chatham County is
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD IDALIA helping residents remove some of that debris caused by the storm. The county started sending out
CLEANUP crews today. 00:00:13

9/18/2023 FORMER New tonight -- we're learning a former mayor of Tybee Island has passed away. Current Mayor Shirley
11:00:00 PM 11PM OD TYBEE Sessions posted about the passing of Walter Parker today, saying it happened after a brief illness. Parker
MAYOR served as mayor for 16 years, as well as filling multiple terms on city council. The county also renamed
PASSED what was formerly the Chatham County Pier and Pavillion in Parker's honor. Mayor Sessions said in part
AWAY quote, "The ultimate southern gentleman, his dignified presence and sense of humor made him truly an
original!" 00:00:31

9/19/2023 5AM SHEA Chatham County's second district covers a large portion of the City of Savannah. Speaking to Colin
4:59:00 AM DAYBREAK CHATHAM CO McRae with the Board of Registrars last month, he said that high turnout wouldn't surprise him, given the
EARLY VOTE location of the district, as well as how beloved Gator Rivers was. Early turnout numbers- however- don't
NUMBERS reflect that. Billy Wooten, the Chatham County Board of Elections supervisor- says there are about
24,000 eligible voters in District 2- so far, fewer than 200 of them have cast a ballot in this election. 00:00:30

Sot: "Why am I involved with this? Because it's important." Vo She's one of five on this Gullah Geechee focused board. Sot: "We've had some initial conversations about stabilizing the historic neighborhoods on Hilton Head and now we need someone to run the ship." Vo Alex Brown is another member and as he said, they're now getting close to finding a leader. Sot "We've gone through about 90 some odd applicants, interviewed over 10 and now we're down to the final two." Vo As far as what their looking for in the person who eventually becomes executive director... Sot "The goal is for this person to unite." Sot "Someone that really understands the significance of culture here in our country, in our state, throughout the Gullah Geechee corridor and particularly here on Hilton Head." Vo In many places on the island historic communities are split in half... Nat car Vo So the board chair says ensuring the native community is heard will be crucial. Sot "It is important that all people have a voice and that no one's left behind." Vo The hope inside council chambers is that an agreement will be reached with one of the final candidates soon, and from there it's time to get to work. Sot "We need to go through sort of a strategic planning session so we can understand what we're trying to get done in the first 60 180 2 year 3 year." Vo When an executive director for this Gullah development group is hired, we'll let you know. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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During the two-year term... Exley says he wants to focus on adjusting term limits, updating ordinances, and adding some neighborhood safety measures. After losing the run for mayor...he says winning feels good.

9/21/2023
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

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MEMBER

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SOT: "Matthew 21 verses 12-17 says that Christ went into the temple and turned the tables over because of the corruption. That's no more than what we're doing downtown, is letting individuals know what's going on with their tax dollars and what's happening under that gold dome." "Savannah does not need to be seen as the place where you can turn on the Thursday night TV and see a reality show where bickering and fighting and screaming is going on. Treating people in a respectable manner is critical..."

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PKG: On a crowded debate stage...candidates gave their thoughts on a wide range of randomly selected topics including crime... "Education instead of incarceration is the answer to our recidivism." ...transportation... "We need to look at TSPLOST and examine the viability of streetcars and light rail." ...and historic preservation. "...and make sure that the growth and development doesn't taint and take anything away from what we have achieved." The debate was hosted in part by the Tourism Leadership Council. Several topics centered on economic development and the potential impacts to some current city residents. "The best way to mitigate gentrification is to give housing to the people coming in so those that are here are not displaced. Or if they are displaced, hopefully they have somewhere close by they can go." "Residents in low...poverty areas are feeling like they're being pushed out of their homes." "They are moving us out." Candidate Carol Bell is looking to be elected to the Post 1 spot again after serving two-terms in the role until 20-19. Controversial candidate Tony Thomas is hoping for a political comeback. He served Savannah's Southside on council for two decades but lost reelection amid a slew of legal battles. Candidates...now delivering their pitch to voters...with Election Day just 47 days away. "We need to ensure the streets are fixed, that they have adequate medical, and eliminate food deserts."

9/21/2023 SAV POST 1 & 00:01:25
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD 2 DEBATE

As it stands now, people that live in the unincorporated part of the county are billed for fire fees based on the square footage of their property. However- property owners do have the ability to appeal their bill if they believe it's too high. Right now, before filing an appeal, you would have to pay 85 percent of your bill. If an amendment is passed today, however, that requirement would be removed and you could file an appeal without paying your bill.

9/22/2023 5AM SHEA 00:00:27
 5:59:00 AM 6AM OD FIRE FEES
 DAYBREAK APPEALS

9/22/2023 12:00:00 PM	NOON OD	5AM SHEA FIRE FEES APPEALS	The process of appealing a bill could change if an amendment to the fire fee ordinance passes today. As it stands now, people that live in the unincorporated part of the county are billed for fire fees based on the square footage of their property. However- property owners do have the ability to appeal their bill if they believe it's too high. Right now, before filing an appeal, you would have to pay 85 percent of your bill. If an amendment is passed today, however, that requirement would be removed and you could file an appeal without paying your bill.	00:00:33
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9/22/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CHATHAM CO. FIRE FEE MEETING	"Before now, if people wanted to appeal their fire fee, they would have had to at least have paid 85 percent of it, now that's no longer the case." The commission's unanimous vote to get rid of that requirement means you don't have to put anything towards your bill to request an appeal. According to county leaders, fire fees are calculated based on the square footage of your property plus the square footage of burnable structures you own. Assistant County Attorney Reginald Martin says staff and the commission decided to make these changes so the process can be smoother for any residents with concerns. "We're not here to try to hurt the citizens or hurt the people of Chatham County. We really want to make sure that as we address the fire fee and the fire needs in this community, that the citizens have a right to be able to appeal any concern they have regarding their billing." "County officials tell me fire fees for this billing cycle should be going to out within the next few weeks. Camille Syed WTOC News."	00:00:59
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9/23/2023 6:00:00 AM	OD	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY HERB JONES PASSING	We're learning about the passing of a former state representative. Herbert "Herb" Jones Junior passed away at his home on Saturday. He spent the majority of his life in the Coastal Empire, living in Savannah for 29 years and Rincon for over 30. Jones served 14 years in the Georgia House of Representatives -- he was house minority leader for 6 of those. He supported several projects in Chatham County, including building the Truman Parkway and the Abercorn extension, before serving on the Chatham County Commission. He was 93 years old.	00:00:32
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		5AM SHEA TYBEE CANDIDATE	There are four council seats up for grabs. Three of those come with a four-year term. The other comes with a two-year term that'll be decided by a special election. That's because Councilman Brian West vacated his council seat to run for mayor- so someone has to be elected to finish out the rest of his term. Other than West- Julia Pearce and Mack Kitchens are running for Mayor. The majority of those running will take part in a candidate forum later today- where they'll be discussing questions submitted by people that live on Tybee.	
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		5AM SHEA TYBEE CANDIDATE	"The forums are really an opportunity for voters to learn about the issues and hear from the candidates directly about their opinions and views about the issues that affect the island."	
9/25/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM OD DAYBREAK	FORUM		00:00:11

		530 SHEA TYBEE CANDIDATE	"How do you balance the quality of life and the interest and needs of the residents, with the benefits that tourism brings to the island? That means that topics such as short-term rentals, parking, traffic, are all really important. It's also gonna be really important for the candidates, my guess is that this will come up at the forum, are issues of sustainability and safety."	
9/25/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM OD DAYBREAK	FORUM		00:00:22

		TYBEE ISLAND CITY MANAGER	Shawn Gillen has been serving as Tybee's city manager since August of 2017. His resignation letter starts by saying in summary that he's sad to be submitting his resignation and that he was fortunate to serve Tybee. Gillen says due to circumstances with his health, he must step down and focus on his recovery. He says Tybee is a special place and his family will be sticking around for many years. Michelle Owens has been acting as interim city manager. She was an assistant city manager before Gillen went on extended leave during the summer. Tybee's mayor sent WTOC a statement on his resignation sent to her and city council members. Mayor Shirley Session says in summary that Owens will stay in the interim city manager role until further notice. Sessions says while the city council decides its next steps, Tybee is in capable hands. She goes on to say, no matter what happens, they are grateful to Gillen for six years of leadership and wish him and his family the best.	
9/25/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	RESIGNS		00:00:57

9/25/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	TYBEE CANDIDATE FORUM	Happening tonight-- The people running for a four-year seat on Tybee City Council will be part of a candidate forum. There are nine candidates and just three seats up for grabs. The forum is being sponsored by Forever Tybee and the League of Women Voters. The questions that are going to be asked are from people who live on Tybee Island. Tonight's forum starts at 6:30 p.m at the Public Safety Building.	00:00:24
9/25/2023 11:00:00 PM	11PM OD	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TYBEE ISLAND	Check this out -- people on Tybee Island discussing important topics ahead of city council elections. 16 people are running for office on Tybee Island during this municipal election season -- and just three seats up for grabs. Earlier tonight, Forever Tybee and the League of Women Voters hosted a two-hour forum for candidates to discuss important issues in the community. Some of tonight's topics included increases in tourism, city expansion, and how the island is accomodating that growth.	00:00:30
9/25/2023 11:00:00 PM	11PM OD	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TYBEE ISLAND	"That's been the main changes, the development of more apartment buildings and condo's and compacity for tourism which has been good for our business but harder for our residence."	00:00:11
9/26/2023 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TYBEE ISLAND	Candidates and voters gathered for forum Monday night. 16 people are running for office on Tybee Island this season -- for only three seats. Forever Tybee and the League of Women Voters hosted the forum. Some of the topics included -- increases in tourism, city expansion, and how the island is accommodating that growth.	00:00:19
9/26/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TYBEE ISLAND	people on Tybee Island discussing important topics ahead of city council elections. 16 people are running for office on Tybee Island during this municipal election season -- and just three seats up for grabs. And -- LAST NIGHT -- Forever Tybee and the League of Women Voters hosted a two-hour forum for candidates to discuss important issues in the community. Some of those topics included -- increases in tourism, city expansion, and how the island is accomodating that growth.	00:00:29

9/26/2023 4:00:00 PM	4PM	SAV POST 1 AT LARGE FORUM TODAY	Happening *today--- Everyone is invited to a free public forum for candidates running for the Savannah City Council's At-Large, Post 1. The League of Women Voters of Coastal Georgia will host the forum. Candidates will be asked voter submitted questions. The forum -- from 6:30 to 8:30 P-M -- will be at The Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street.	00:00:20
9/26/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM	EFFINGHAM WATER & SEWER UPGRADES	U-S Senator Jon Ossoff says the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority is getting 2 point 5 million dollars. The money will go toward upgrading water infrastructure around a new manufacturing facility. The Georgia Democrat says the federal dollars will be matched with 4 point 4 million dollars in local money. The project is expected to create more than 700 new jobs and create 300 million in private investment.	00:00:26
9/26/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm	BEAUFORT TOWN COUNCIL PREVIEW	Currently in Beaufort, city council is discussing topics from Oyster Recycling to Special elections. Let's start off with tonight's work session, where two new police K9s are being recognized and council is viewing a presentation on a proposed oyster recycling bin in the city. VO FS Bullets: Moving forward to the city council meeting, a new city-only planning commission is up for consideration. This would separate the city's planning from the current Metropolitan Planning Commission that serves Port Royal and the county. There will also be a first reading on some special election changes. Speaking of special elections, filing to run for Mayor will start on October 6 and go until the 16th. LL Tag: Tonight's city Council meeting starts at 7 pm. Reporting from Beaufort, Ryan Tisminezky, WTOC News.	00:00:48
9/27/2023 4:59:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK	RINCON GOLF SUPER FIRED 5 PM	City manager Jonathan Lynn released a statement saying quote.. "We have taken swift and immediate action to address the city's liability as soon as we were able to confirm the allegations regarding the background of Mr. Watkins" The City of Rincon is now working to finalize an updated policy regarding background checks for anyone associated with the city.	00:00:21

9/28/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK N 5AM SHEA TYBEE CITY MANAGER RESIGNATIO Gillen has been on medical leave since June of this year. His resignation letter doesn't specify what medical issues he's having. In the interim- former assistant city manager Michelle Owens is now acting City Manager. City Council is set to decide tonight whether to accept or deny Gillen's resignation. 00:00:18

9/28/2023 5:59:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK SAVANNAH INITIATIVE 530 LIVE SHEA LIGHT UP They would be helping with the first phase of the initiative, which is to audit the number of street lights that are already in the city. With that information, the City would be able to determine where more lighting needs to go, based on crime rates and number of car crashes in the area. They'd also be able to identify what existing lights are in need of repairs or upgrades, or need to be replaced altogether. 00:00:24

9/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm RYAN: JASPER CO. TREASURER Thanks for joining us on THE News at 5:30- I'm Madeline Hunt. I'm Sam Bauman. Over in the Lowcountry, Jasper County's new treasurer Michael Skinner is bringing changes to the county's financial system. It's all to address issues that he says he found when he took office. Our Ryan Tisminezky met with him to learn what's next for the County. 00:00:20

9/28/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM	CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TONIGHT	The network was formed almost three years ago...thanks to a two year grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. In that time - local leaders were looking at ways to better the area's ability to withstand disaster. Savannah City Council will get that update during tonight's meeting. That starts in less than 30 minutes.	00:00:20
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9/29/2023 5:59:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK	BUDDY CARTER CONGRATUL ATES DAL	"Mr. Cannady worked 27 years at WTOC providing fair and accurate coverage as WTOC's Bureau Chief. During his time at WTOC, he covered very important stories, such as, Fort Stewart in Hinesville having to fight the War on Terror, the tomato patch murder in Long County, the Sanata Claus mini mart murder in Toombs County and many other stories. His work at WTOC was defined by compassion, intelligence, and kindness. WTOC labeled him as the person who knew things before anyone else, the person who knows who to call, and the person who knows how to ask tough questions respectfully. I know WTOC and their viewers will miss Dal's expertise, but we are thrilled to see him move on to a new role in the Bulloch community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I yield back."	00:00:44
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9/30/2023 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY	ANNA: HINESVILLE CANDIDATE FORUM	"Hinesville is hosting a town hall, allowing the community to hear from all election candidates." Nat sound: "So, we could have complete turnover." *All* council positions are up for re-election in the city... And with Mayor Allen Brown leaving office...Hinesville will also have a new mayor. Now, two candidates are running for the seat...Karl Riles and Liston Singletary III. "This is a pivotal time in the region. I mean with the Hyundai plant; it has the entire region buzzing. So, we want to make sure we're well-positioned to capitalize on that while still maintaining that small-town feel." Riles says he's been with the city council for several years... But it's his first time running for mayor. The other candidate for mayor says...it's his *third* time running. "Economic development is at the top of my list, as well as affordable homes. We have a very lackluster approach to getting affordable homes. So, that's going to be one of the priorities that I have on my list. He says he's also focusing on Hinesville's youth and veterans. Both candidates say...they want what's best for the community." SOT: KARL "We just have a lot of people running that really have the best interest of the city at heart. I think a lot of people could learn from what we do here." SOT: LISTON "We can come together, brainstorm, and find some ways to advance our city forward." "In Hinesville, AB, WTOC News."	00:01:20
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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
JULY 1, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

July-September PSA'S on WTOC 11.1 BOUNCE 11.2

NATIONAL PSA'S

PSA'S that include topics about Make A Wish and Ronald McDonald Charities, getting a colonoscopy, Sandy Hook Promise organization, Middle School health, Stand Up to Cancer, helping kids with math, Americorp, Fentanyl, United States Marines, etc.

FIRST TEE

PSA's on what First Tee means to kids in the Community. First Tee is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges by seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum.

GAB-

A variety of PSA's distributed by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters on dangers of texting and driving, importance of wearing seatbelts, Highway Safety, 811, pedestrian safety, water safety, National Preparation month, hospital careers, Fireworks Safety, Human trafficking, Summer construction and energy tips, Oral Cancer,

Gray Television

Gray Television PSA's on the benefits of filming in Georgia. Also, in partnership with the Salvation Army and raising money for the victims of the Hawaii Wild Fires.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

PSA'S letting viewers know they can roundup their bill at McDonald's to benefit the organization. Plus, how WTOC took time out to make a meal for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

ST. JOSEPH'S/CANDLER

PSA promoting the annual Smart Women Expo.

UNITED WAY OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

A variety of PSA's promoting the annual campaign in the coastal empire.

WTOC

Promos to alert viewers they can find Back to School information on THE News, First Alert Weather Apps and Weather team spots, Hurricane preparedness, Community Calendar, Books to kids, hurricane Idalia wx, Rescue Me Friday, CEMA Rebies clinic, Asked and Answered segments, Also, through a partnership with City of Savannah, WTOC talent are featured in a PSA's asking parents where their kids are at 11pm.

WTOC 11.1
PSA REPORT
3RD QTR 23

Channels (Placed)	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
WTOC	8/18/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	1st Alert WX Day	SAV302503-04	102
WTOC	7/3/2023-9/29/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	74
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/21/23	:30,:15	Ahead of the Storm NOW St	SAV302429-30	93
WTOC	7/6/2023-9/29/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	5
WTOC	8/16/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	Asked and Answered	SAV302497-98	175
WTOC	7/30/2023-8/3/23	:30	Back to School Daybreak23	SAV302469	15
WTOC	7/19/2023-7/28/23	:30	Back to School	SAV302451-52	54
WTOC	8/3/2023-9/22/23	:15,1:00	Bedtime Math	SAV400420	10
WTOC	7/13/2023-9/22/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	4
WTOC	7/1/2023-7/15/23	:30	Books to Kids POP	SAV400484	76
WTOC	9/19/2023-9/21/23	:15	CEMA Rabies Clinic	SAV400510	25
WTOC	9/3/2023-9/29/23	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking-Sept	SAV400336,503	46
WTOC	9/1/2023-9/22/23	:30	DOT-Heroes	SAV400506	5
WTOC	7/1/2023	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	1
WTOC	7/3/2023-9/22/23	:15,:30	FA WX APP F&F--23	SAV302270-71	32
WTOC	7/2/2023-8/16/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	25
WTOC	8/7/2023-8/10	:30	Fake Lease	SAV302475-76	20
WTOC	7/1/2023-7/31/23	:30	Fireworks Safety	SAV400482	22
WTOC	9/28/23-9/30/23	:30	First Tee Golf	SAV400511-12	7
WTOC	7/27/2023-9/27/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	8
WTOC	9/7/2023-9/29/23	:30	GAHwySafety-Seatbelts	SAV400505	5
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/29/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectTheMoments	SAV400308,504	24
WTOC	9/1/2023-9/28/23	:30	GHA-NatPrepMo	SAV400507	14
WTOC	7/2/2023-8/27/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	6
WTOC	8/16/2023-8/31/23	:05,:15:30	Hope for Hawaii Relief	SAV400495-97	72
WTOC	8/31/2023-9/7/23	:30	Idalia POP 1	SAV302511,15	40
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/10/23	:05	It's 11-Where-Are Your Kids?	SAV400473-81	69
WTOC	7/6/2023-9/14/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	10
WTOC	7/20/2023-7/30/23	:30	Mallory Beach Exc Intv POB	SAV302454	43
WTOC	8/3/2023-9/29/23	:30	One Pill Killed-Fentanyl	SAV400494	23
WTOC	9/22/2023	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	1
WTOC	7/17/2023	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	1
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/29/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Vaden	SAV302431	206
WTOC	7/2/2023-7/30/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	7
WTOC	9/29/2023	1:00,2:00	Sandy Hook Promise-Just Joking	SAV400514-15	2
WTOC	7/3/2023	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osmond	SAV400466-67	14
WTOC	8/2/2023-8/26/23	:30	Summer Construction	SAV400493	12
WTOC	7/14/2023-8/28/23	:30	Summer Energy Tips	SAV400486	29
WTOC+A29A276:	7/1/2023-8/18/23	:15,:30	Summer Severe Weather-	SAV302383-84	193
WTOC	7/23/2023-9/27/23	:15,:30,1:00	SUTC-Colonrectal Cancer	SAV400487-89	43
WTOC	8/29/2023-8/30/23	:15	Tracking IDALIA	SAV302505	8
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/22/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	7
WTOC	9/8/2023-9/29/23	:15,:30	United Way 23	SAV400498-500	91
WTOC	7/23/2023-9/29/23	:15,:30,:1:00	USMC-Full Circle	SAV400490-92	32
WTOC	7/1/2023-8/10/23	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	11
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/29/23	1:00	Why GA 1	SAV400469-71	58
WTOC	7/1/2023-7/15/23	:15	WTOC Cares-Helps RMHC	SAV400483	53
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/29/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	136
WTOC	7/6/2023-7/10/23	:15	WTOC Invest-Cntrctor Beware	SAV302437-38,40	35
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/24/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert	SAV301574-75	342
WTOC	7/22/2023-9/16/23	:10,:30,:15	WTOC Why GA special-ran 3 times	SAV302441-46,91-93,96	143
WTOC	7/1/2023-9/24/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302268-69	257

WTOC 11.2(BOUNCE)
PSA Report
3rd QTR 23

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
DTOC	8/22/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	1st Alert WX Day	SAV302503-04	90
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	145
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/29/23	:30,:15	Ahead of the Storm NOW St	SAV302429-30	156
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/28/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	23
DTOC	8/17/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	Asked and Answered	SAV302497-98	94
DTOC	7/19/2023-8/2/23	:30	Back to School Daybreak23	SAV302451-52,69	43
DTOC	7/7/2023-9/25/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	11
DTOC	7/12/2023-9/24/23	:15,:30,1:00	Bedtime Math	SAV400420	14
DTOC	7/7/2023-9/26/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	17
DTOC	7/1/2023-7/15/23	:30	Books to Kids POP	SAV400484	14
DTOC	9/19/2023-9/21/23	:15	CEMA Rabies clinic Thurs	SAV400510	4
DTOC	7/4/23-9/27/2023	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking-Sept	SAV400503, 400336	74
DTOC	9/2/2023-9/25/23	:30	DOT-Heroes	SAV400506	16
DTOC	7/3/2023-9/24/23	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	16
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/24/23	:15,:30	FA WX APP F&F-23	SAV302270-71	92
DTOC	7/1/2023-8/16/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	66
DTOC	7/1/2023-7/28/23	:15	Fa&FA Groc.Giveaway	SAV302155	7
DTOC	8/8/2023-8/10/23	:30	Fake Lease	SAV302475-76	10
DTOC	7/1/2023-7/29/23	:30	Fireworks Safety	SAV400482	29
DTOC	9/30/2023	:30	First Tee Teach Golf	SAV400511-12	5
DTOC	7/12/2023-9/28/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	20
DTOC	9/2/2023-9/27/23	:30	GAHwySafety-Seatbelts	SAV400505	15
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/27/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectMoments	SAV400504,400308	51
DTOC	9/2/2023-9/26/23	:30	GHA-NatPrepMo	SAV400507	25
DTOC	7/11/2023-9/25/23	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety	SAV400244	13
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/25/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	18
DTOC	8/17/2023-9/5/23	:30,:15,:05	Hope for Hawaii Relief	SAV400495-97	62
DTOC	7/7/2023-9/26/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	22
DTOC	9/2/2023-9/4/23	:30	Idalia POP	SAV302511	11
DTOC	9/2/2023-9/24/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	5
DTOC	7/21/2023-7/29/23	:30	Mallory Beach Exc Intv POB	SAV302454	13
DTOC	8/3/2023-9/30/23	:30	One Pill Killed-Fentanyl	SAV400494	32
DTOC	7/7/2023-9/25/23	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	12
DTOC	7/12/2023-9/25/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	7
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/26/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Vaden	SAV302431	40
DTOC	7/3/2023-9/13/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	19
DTOC	9/30/2023	1:30,2:00	Sandy Hook Promise-Just Joking	SAV400513-14	3
DTOC	7/1/2023-7/6/23	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osm	SAV400466-67	11
DTOC	8/1/2023-8/27/23	:30	Summer Construction	SAV400493	14
DTOC	7/14/2023-8/31/23	:30	Summer Energy Tips	SAV400486	44
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/20/23	:15,:30	Summer Severe Weather	SAV302383-84	134
DTOC	7/23/2023-9/27/23	:15,:30,1:00	SUTC-Colonrectal Cancer	SAV400489	64
DTOC	8/29/2023	:15	Tracking IDALIA	SAV302505	4
DTOC	7/12/2023-9/24/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	11
DTOC	9/8/2023-9/30/23	:30	United Way 23-Mike&Dawn	SAV400500	55
DTOC	7/28/2023-9/27/23	:15,:30,1:00	USMC-Full Circle	SAV400490-92	44
DTOC	7/2/2023-9/26/23	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	33
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	1:00	Why GA	SAV400469-71	59
DTOC	7/2/2023-7/13/23	:15	WTOC Cares-Helps RMHC	SAV400483	2
DTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	38
DTOC	7/6/2023-7/10/23	:30	WTOC Invest-Cntrctor Beware	SAV302437,40	6
DTOC	7/25/2023-9/24/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert	SAV301574-75	11
DTOC	7/22/2023-9/16/23	:10,:15,:30	WTOC Why GA Fri	SAV302443	44
DTOC	7/23/2023-9/25/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302268-69	15

WTOC 11.3(CIRCLE)
PSA REPORT
3RD QTR 23

Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	Order #
HTOC	8/20/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	1st Alert WX Day	SAV302503-04	143
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	231
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	Ahead of the Storm NOW St	SAV302429-30	292
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/25/23	:30	Americorp	SAV400460	36
HTOC	8/17/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30	Asked and Answered	SAV302497-98	195
HTOC	7/19/2023-8/3/23	:30	Back to School Daybreak23	SAV302451-52,69	54
HTOC	7/4/2023-9/25/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	28
HTOC	7/7/2023-9/26/23	1:00	Bedtime Math	SAV400418	45
HTOC	7/4/2023-9/25/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	41
HTOC	7/1/2023-7/16/23	:30	Books to Kids POP	SAV400484	35
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/25/23	:30	DDS-Human Trafficking	SAV400503,400336	93
HTOC	9/2/2023-9/24/23	:30	DOT-Heroes	SAV400506	26
HTOC	7/2/2023-9/24/23	:30	FA WX APP F&F23	SAV302270-71	92
HTOC	7/1/2023-8/19/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	112
HTOC	8/8/2023-8/10/23	:30	Fake Lease	SAV302475-76	6
HTOC	7/1/2023-7/29/23	:30	Fireworks Safety	SAV400482	32
HTOC	9/30/2023	:30	First Tee Teach Golf	SAV400511-12	8
HTOC	9/2/2023-9/28/23	:30	GAHwySafety-Seatbelts	SAV400505	24
HTOC	9/2/2023-9/25/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectMoments	SAV400504	12
HTOC	9/2/2023-9/27/23	:30	GHA-NatPrepMo	SAV400507	36
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/25/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	29
HTOC	8/16/2023-9/4/23	:05,:15:30	Hope for Hawaii Relief	SAV400495	74
HTOC	7/4/2023-9/24/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	25
HTOC	9/2/2023-9/5/23	:30	Idalia POP 1	SAV302511	14
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/25/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	117
HTOC	7/21/2023-7/31/23	:30	Mallory Beach Exc Intv POB	SAV302454	33
HTOC	8/3/2023-9/25/23	:30	One Pill Killed-Fentanyl	SAV400494	48
HTOC	7/4/2023-9/25/23	:30	Oral Cancer	SAV400445	29
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Vaden	SAV302431	169
HTOC	7/7/2023-7/12/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	12
HTOC	7/1/2023-7/6/23	:15,:30	Smart Women-Marie Osm	SAV400466-67	23
HTOC	8/1/2023-8/27/23	:30	Summer Construction	SAV400493	29
HTOC	7/14/2023-8/31/23	:30	Summer Energy Tips	SAV400486	73
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/20/23	:15,:30	Summer Severe Weather	SAV302383-84	327
HTOC	7/23/2023-9/30/23	:15,:30,1:00	SUTC-Colonrectal Cancer	SAV400487-89	281
HTOC	8/29/2023-8/30/23	:15	Tracking IDALIA	SAV302505	9
HTOC	9/9/2023-9/30/23	:15:30	United Way 23	SAV400498-500	149
HTOC	7/23/2023-9/25/23	:15,:30,1:00	USMC-Full Circle15	SAV400492	113
HTOC	7/2/2023-9/30/23	1:00	Why GA	SAV400469	484
HTOC	7/1/2023-7/15/23	:15	WTOC Cares-Helps RMHC	SAV400483	23
HTOC	7/1/2023-9/30/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	379
HTOC	7/6/2023-7/9/23	:15:30	WTOC Invest-Cntrctor Beware	SAV30237-38,40	20
HTOC	7/5/2023-9/24/23	:10	WTOC news App News	SAV301574	85
HTOC	7/22/2023-9/16/23	:10,:15,:30	WTOC Why GA Fri (3 Airings)	SAV302441-46,85-96	125
HTOC	7/5/2023-9/24/23	:10	WTOC WXAppFcstsF&F23	SAV302268	72

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SPECIAL WTOC PROGRAMS
JULY 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

M-F 9-10:0AM

MORNING BREAK-- 9AM

A weekday talk show airing at 9am featuring guest interviews, performances, weather and news.

M-F 3PM-4PM(ENDED 9/8/23)

AFTERNOON BREAK

This WEEKDAY hour features today's talk about hot local topics, the latest on entertainment and lifestyle segments including cooking, home improvement, parenting, travel, health and more.

7/28 7:30PM, 8/19 12:30PM, 9/16 12PM

WHY GEORGIA

A look at why Georgia is experiencing major growth in the tv, film and gaming industries.

8/18-09/29-11:20PM-11:35PM-EVERY FRIDAY

WTOC END ZONE

WTOC takes a look at high school football show with highlights from all the high school games of the region.